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In the northern hemisphere we are just starting our racing programmes, whereas the southern hemisphere and the Mediterranean, warmer climates have been enjoying their sailing for some time.

Val Provoost's Technical Committee has been actively working on interpretations and submissions for rule changes and amendments to terms and conditions.

Roy Granich and his racing team have posted the current issue of the Championship Regulations 2013, effective from 1st January 2013 and the 2013 revision of the System for Reducing Protest Hearings (SYRPH) has also been posted and is effective from the 1st March 2013. The Championship Questionnaire document has been revised and was posted on the 26th February.

We welcome the Czech Sailing Association and their contact Ladislav Jares, Mark Harris and Lawrie Neish the new contacts for Australia and Canada respectively their details have been added to the members list on the website.

In 2012 we held a successful Marblehead Championship at Club Nautique, Ploermel in the Lac au Duc region of France and the IOM European at the Croatia Sailing Club of Rijeka in Crez Croatia, both events being won by Brad Gibson of GBR.

We have received an application from the Netherlands to hold a Marblehead World Championship in 2014 and if approved the event will probably take place at the waters of Reeuwijk (Gouda) at the yacht club 'Roei- en Zeilvereniging Gouda' during the second week of July 2014.

It is pleasing to see the German, Maltese, Croatia and French DNM's posting details of their National Championships on the website. France has made their National Championships open events for the first time. Hopefully other DNM's will follow suit and post their events encouraging greater participation in our popular sport.

Australia reported that the Australian National Championship Regatta for all International Classes was held on the Gold Coast, Queensland from 7th - 19th January. Graeme Howie of Western Australia successfully defended his International A Class Championship. The New 10 Rater Champion is Scott Condie of New South Wales. Mark Patterson of Queensland is the new Marblehead Champion. The largest fleet of 57 competitors was in the IOM Championship and Michael Grieve of Queensland retained his title.

The Constitution amendments following the request at the 2012 GA are close to being in a position to take back to the membership. David Coode and his team are also working on further policy developments to encourage additional member countries and classes to our expanding family.

Richard Rowan has been updating the IRSA website and posting the changes made to the IRSA teams and the DNM Forum established last year is starting to take its place in generating feed back to the relevant IRSA officials.

Enjoy your sailing whether it is in International, National or Club events.

"Tight sheets and full sails to you all"

Robert Hobbs, Publicity Officer 8th March 2013