



Activity Report for the International Sailing Federation taken from the IRSA Press Release from September 2011

You will note from the top of this press release we have a new logo; it is colourful, simple and enables us to promote ourselves as IRSA.

This year we have held an IOM World Championship; this was successfully run by the UK with more than 60 skippers attending from many countries, this highlights the continuing success of the IOM Class. See the event website for more details <http://iomworlds2011.wordpress.com/>

We have granted permission for France to host a Marblehead World Championship in 2012 from the 14th to the 21st October at Ploermel. This Championship is being held on the back of the newly created European Grand Prix, with Marblehead Regattas being hosted in the UK, France, Netherlands and Germany. IOMICA are proposing a European Championship in Malaga in 2012, however we are concerned over the closeness of the two events and as yet have not received their official application. Bernard Merlaud the European officer informs us that the RG65 Class is growing rapidly and is hoping to promote a Regatta for this exciting and possible new International Class

The Permanent Committee has been working on a new Constitution that it will be submitting to ISAF. The PC will be considering where possible the development of mutual Class activity with NAVIGA in the lesser active Classes in an attempt to stimulate frequent competitions, which in turn should stimulate growth in these lesser frequented classes. The PC has held a general assembly meeting and voted on administrative issues that will enable our continual development and control over all aspects of radio sailing. The 15th of March during even numbered years has been set for these meetings. Discussions concerning a conflict of interest policy, the possible training of judges and umpires for specific radio control sailing are to be investigated and long term planning for international events are some of the major points under consideration by the Committees. It is important that Divisional Members, now called Delegated National Members recognise that they are the only ones entitled to endorse skippers entry applications and apply to host international events. National Class Associations must apply through their Delegated National Member bearing in mind the correct time scale and written application.

The Technical Committee have been very busy, especially in the IOM Class, reference rudders and moulded sails, both quite exciting developments that highlight exactly how our sport is on the forefront of technologies cutting edge. There have been rulings on sail configuration for Marblehead (double luff sails) and the A Class.

The Rules Committee have been very busy recently working with the ISAF Racing Rules Working Party and then within an ISAF / IRSA sub-committee on the proposed amendments to Appendix E for the 2013 / 2016 Rule Book. This is a splendid opportunity for you through your Delegated National Member and IRSA to have an input specifically on our future Rules of Sailing. The ISAF / IRSA sub-committee still has some work to do to reach agreement on an interim Appendix E. Once that stage has been reached it will be possible to obtain feedback and possible further refinements rather than wholesale changes

Addendum Q, HMS 2007 and SYRPH were formally recognised and were updated for use in the Association Championship Rules for the 2010 IOM European Championships.

For the future this Committee is looking at the official recognition of other racing systems and protest hearing procedures that will enable a wider range of practical choices appropriate to the level of an event.

It feels like yesterday when we were getting the new Permanent Committee together but it will soon be our third year and when considering the possibilities for our sport it looks like an exciting one. Please keep feeding back information to your Delegated National Members who in turn feed IRSA, this way we will all benefit and help develop the super sport of radio sailing worldwide. Tight sheets and full sails to you all.

See www.radiosailing.org for more details on IRSA

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