

# IRSA Report to ISAF 2015



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## Radio Sailing within ISAF

The International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA) is an Affiliate Member of ISAF, with a membership of 31 countries from 5 continents. It is the International class authority for the Marblehead, Ten Rater, and "A" Classes, and has devolved administration of the IOM Class to the International One Metre International Class Association (IOMICA).

Radio sailing is an excellent way to enjoy the sport, and is an ideal way for sailors at all levels to quickly develop knowledge and understanding of tactics, racing rules, and boat setup. It is also an excellent way for sailing officers to develop umpiring, judging, and race management skills. IRSA seeks to develop radio sailing worldwide, particularly in those countries who are not national members.

## Events 2015

The 2015 IOM World Championship was held in Foster City, California, USA, from May 8th to 16th 2015, with 84 entrants from 21 countries. The event was won by Brad Gibson (GBR), with Peter Stollery (GBR) second and Zvonko Jelacic (CRO) third. More details can be found on the event website <http://www.usaiomworlds.com/>.

## Scheduled Events 2016

25 Jun-02 Jul 2016 IOM European Championship Vitoria (ESP)

23-30 Sep 2016 Marblehead World Championship Limone sul Garda (ITA)

01-05 Oct 2016 Ten Rater World Championship Limone sul Garda (ITA)

## Interpretations, Class Rule Changes

Interpretation 2015-T-IOM-1 was approved for the IOM Class for issue by IOMICA.

## IRSA-ISAF Matters

The IRSA Executive Committee is keen to develop with ISAF a more transparent formal process for managing input into Appendix E. While the relationship with ISAF has been positive, it has relied on personal contact or grace-and-favour privilege. A number of valid concerns were raised about changes made to the 2013-2016 edition which illustrate the need for a better system.

While the “system” of personal contact and grace-and-favour support has provided the necessary submissions to manage Appendix E for 2017-2020, these arrangements have no basis in ISAF or IRSA Regulations. The IRSA seeks a more formal route for submissions so that Appendix E development is properly structured and carried out more publicly and with broader stakeholder engagement, and the Chairman, IRSA, would appreciate an appropriate connection within ISAF to initiate such a project.

## IRSA Achievements

**Internal Administrative Reform:** We now have in place: Publishing officer voting records; Guidelines for IRSA committee operations.

**IRSA Classes and Racing:** We have now: Established class committees for each of the RM, R10R, and RA Classes; Adopted the Radio Sailing Call Book for Judges and Umpires.

We are currently: Revising RM and R10R Class rules; Rewriting the RA Class rules in ISAF Standard Class Rules format.

**IRSA Promotion & Publication:** We have completely redeveloped the IRSA Website to better serve members and sailors.

## IRSA Objectives

While the list of future objectives remain under review, priorities are as follows:

**Internal Administrative Reform:** Establish an independent Elections Officer to manage the IRSA EC election process; Consider the incorporation of IRSA as a charity under UK law.

**External Administrative Reform:** Develop with ISAF a structured formal method for IRSA submissions concerning the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix E; Develop with ISAF a formal way of liaison regarding the effects on radio sailing of changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing; Develop with ISAF a formal way of liaison regarding the effects on radio sailing of changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing (apart from Appendix E).

## Executive Committee 2015

The Executive Committee comprises:

<b>Chairman</b>	Lester Gilbert (GBR)
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Federico Breuer Moreno (ARG)
<b>General Secretary / Treasurer</b>	Selwyn Holland (AUS)
<b>Racing Committee Chairman</b>	Gordon Davies, IJ (IRL)
<b>Technical Committee Chairman</b>	Graham Bantock (GBR)
<b>Organisation &amp; Policy Committee Chairman</b>	Terry Rensch (GBR)
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	Henning Faas (GER)
<b>Regional Officer Americas</b>	Jim Atkinson (USA)
<b>Regional Officer Europe</b>	Matteo Longhi (ITA)
<b>Regional Officer Oceania</b>	Selwyn Holland (AUS)