

EC MEETING APRIL 2013

RACING CHAIRMANS REPORT

The past twelve months have been hectic at times and as usual not everything hoped for has been achieved.

Probably the most significant theme over the last year has been the relationships developed with ISAF and IOMICA. While ISAF disbanded the formal working party arrangement they have asked the ISAF members of that group to maintain a watching brief and be available to IRSA. As a result, currently in progress is a dedicated Radio Sailing Case Book and some well overdue changes to our Addendum Q, both of which are planned to be in place before the IOM Worlds in Israel.

To Barry Fox, chairman of IOMICA, I must extend my appreciation for the time spent chatting on Skype working towards normalising relationships between our two organisations. The outcome is very pleasing and will only strengthen all classes of radio sailing.

The past year has seen another new member join IRSA with a second waiting in the wings. Welcome to Israel and we all wish you the best in hosting the IOM World Championship.

A lot was learnt from the Marblehead World Championship in France and the changes being examined for Addendum Q mainly result from these. It is in this area where the ISAF help is really helping IRSA look at things from a slightly different angle and realise that where in the past there has been a tendency to do certain things “because that is the way they have always been done” can actually detract what we all want – example Umpires/Juries and attitude to Observers.

I am sure all will welcome NED being awarded the 2014 Marblehead World Championship and I am confident they will do a superb job and make it a memorable event. However, we do need to look at ways where countries outside of Europe and the British Isles can afford to host major regattas. To this end I will shortly be circulating a discussion paper with the aim of investigating procedures that might help reduce hosting costs dramatically.

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