



International Radio Sailing Association



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Chairman's report

The 2012 GA proved to be a learning curve for all involved especially as several EC positions did not have nominations by the deadline. After several co options were accepted we ended up with all positions except vice-chairman being filled. Subsequently the RO Americas resigned and this position has been vacant for some time now. This looks set to be filled shortly. With the IRSA banking accounts being in the UK we tried to co opt a dedicated treasurer and thus split the Secretary Treasurer position but this has not materialised. The finances are still creating some challenges and David Coode has been working hard trying to reach a workable solution.

The relationship between IOMICA and IRSA proved to be very challenging initially but both organisations are now working together and this can only bode well for Radio Sailing in general. Hopefully other classes will see the benefit and join the ranks of IRSA.

Our Constitution was approved subject to certain issues being re looked at and our position with ISAF was re enforced although we did not quite achieve utopia. David as Organisation and Policy Committee chairman has put in a lot of time trying to finalise these issues.

The Racing Committee under the Chair of Roy Granich has done sterling work and has covered a huge amount of ground. I am sure Roy will fill us in on the various projects undertaken.

The Technical Committee under the Chair of Val Provoost has handled numerous technical interpretations which I am sure she will summarise.

Robert Hobbs has been driving our publicity portfolio and has at times become frustrated but until we have our finances properly under control it is difficult to allocate funds for his various projects. He has kept the website up to date and produced numerous Press Releases.

Whilst the EC has been working on numerous projects and addressing many issues there are times when I felt it was taking longer than it should however I would like to thank every member of the EC for their support and input.

I will leave the detail to the various IRSA Sub Committee Chairperson to report on.

Going forward we need to:

- finalise our current set of changes to the constitution.
- work towards encouraging other classes to join the IRSA fold.
- filling those EC positions which are vacant
- resolving our financial issues
- investigate ways to reduce the cost of hosting Worlds and Intercontinental Events.

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Chairman IRSA

Note - a correction referring to the year of the GA plus some other minor changes were made to the first paragraph of this document and it was republished on 30th September 2013.

Chairman: Des Fairbank (RSA), Secretary: Bruce Andersen (USA), Racing Chair : Roy Granich (NZL).
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