

# IRSA Activity Update: 2015

## Summary

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*IOMICA*

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### **1. Introduction**

2015 has been a varied and busy year. Some of the highlights include:

- The new IRSA Website and Forum went live.
- Approving the formation of International Class Committees for Marblehead, 10R and International A.

- Approving the combined 2016 Marblehead and 10R Worlds for Lake Garda, Italy. Preparations are well advanced.
- Racing Committee: App E update submitted to the ISAF for the 2017-20 Rules.
- Technical Committee: Updating of the Marblehead, 10R and International A Class Rules to final draft forms. Currently with the DNMs for comment.
- Racing Committee: Case Book published and working party being set up to manage it in the future.
- New IRSA logo approved.
- The 2016 General Assembly planning and process is underway.

Following is a broad outline of the 2015 activities of the various IRSA committees along with the results of the decisions made by the Executive Committee. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the Acting General Secretary at: [selwyn.holland@gmail.com](mailto:selwyn.holland@gmail.com)

## 2. The Statistics

The new IRSA website has been busy from when it first opened at the beginning of 2015. It would be impossible to list all items under discussion, so here are a few statistics to help you understand the "activity" within the Forum and various Boards. As of the end of December:

2326 Messages and discussions on  
 285 Topics over  
 16 Categories with  
 23 Volunteers

## 3. 2015 Executive Committee Decisions (this also contains the decisions from the second half of 2014)

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Result</b>
2015-R-4: Creating a permanent Case Book Working Party  December 2015	Establish an independent Case Book Working Party reporting to Racing Committee.	<b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, TC Chairman, RO Europe, EC Publicity Officer, R Chairman <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> OP Chairman, EC Vice Chairman, RO Americas  <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
2015-E-6 To award the 10R WC to Italy	Italy applied to host the 10R World Championship at Lake Garda in October,	<b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Europe, Publicity Officer, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, R Chairman, OP Chairman

September 2015	2016.	<b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> EC Vice Chairman, RO Americas <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
2015-E-6 To award the M WC to Italy  September 2015	Italy applied to host the M World Championship at Lake Garda in September, 2016.	<b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Europe, Publicity Officer, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, R Chairman, OP Chairman <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> EC Vice Chairman, RO Americas <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
2015-S-8 Reconsider plans for 10R Worlds  August 2015	The plans to be allowed to move forward, and arrangements to approve the plans to be put into place promptly.	<b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Europe, Publicity Officer, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> EC Vice Chairman, RO Americas, R Chairman, OP Chairman <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
2015-T-IOM-1 IOMICA class rules change  August 2015	Clarification and decision on gooseneck and kicking straps. IOMICA proposal to change class rules.	<b>Agree:</b> RO Europe, Publicity Officer, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, EC Vice Chairman, OP Chairman <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> R Chairman <b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, , TC Chairman <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
2015-R-3.8 Changes to E8  July 2015	<b>Changes to rule E8</b> Rule G1, except the table of National Sail Letters, is replaced by:  G1 ISAF and IRSA CLASS BOATS  G1.1 Sail Identification Except where specified otherwise in the class rules a boat of an IRSA Class shall display: - on her mainsail her class insignia and national letters as in (a) and - on all sails a sail number as in (b) in accordance with G1.1(c), G1.2 and G1.3.	<b>Agree:</b> RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, EC Vice Chairman, OP Chairman, TC Chairman <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> <b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, RO Europe, R Chairman, Publicity Officer <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Proposal to Refer 2015-R-3.7 (i) and (ii)  June 2015	The EC Chairman proposed a referring of the vote and proposal for further discussion and clarification	<b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, RO Europe, R Chairman, EC Vice Chairman <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Proposal 2015-R-3.6 Change to Rule E4.2  May 2015	It is proposed to change rule E4.2 to read:  Rule 41 is changed to:  <b>A boat or the competitor controlling her shall not receive help from any outside source, except</b>  <b>a) help needed as a direct result of a competitor becoming ill, injured or in</b>	<b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, R Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> RO Americas <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>

	<p><b>danger while racing;</b>  <b>b) when her hull rig or appendages are entangled with another boat, help from the other competitor;</b>  <b>c) when a boat's hull rig or appendages are entangled, or she is aground or in danger help from a race committee vessel;</b>  <b>d) help in the form of information freely available to all competitors</b>  <b>e) unsolicited information from a disinterested source</b></p> <p><b>When appropriate, in order that a disabled competitor may be able to compete on equal terms, the Race Committee shall make as fair an arrangement as possible.</b></p> <p><b>However, a boat that gains a significant advantage in the heat or race from help received under rule 41 may be protested and penalised; any penalty may be less than disqualification.</b></p>	
<p>Proposal 2015-R-3.4          Change to Rule E3.5</p> <p>May 2015</p>	<p>Add 'If rule 30.3 applies, this rule does not' to rule E3.5.</p> <p>The rule will now read:          Individual Recall          Rule 29.1 is changed to:          When at a boat's starting signal any part of the boat is on the course side of the starting line, or when she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly hail 'Recall (sail numbers)' and repeat the hail as appropriate. <b>If rule 30.3 applies, this rule does not.</b></p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, R Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2015-R3.5          Change to Rule E1.2(b)</p> <p>May 2015</p>	<p>Change rule E1.2(b) to read:  <b>'Competitor' means the person designated to control a boat using radio signals.</b></p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, R Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Subsidiary Proposal          2015-R-3.2-LG3: Refer</p> <p>April 2015</p>	<p>Propose that we formally refer Proposal 2015-R-3.2 to The Racing Committee. The proposal to Refer is that the RC shall, after reworking the original proposal, return an amended version for consideration and approval.</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, R Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2015-R-3.1</p>	<p>The current rule E6.6 Redress creates a</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman,</p>

<p>Change rule E6.6</p> <p>April 2015</p>	<p>rule 62.1(f) that permits a boat that becomes disabled and as a result retires to seek redress. This rule replaced in 2013 a previous rule that allowed for redress only after entanglement or grounding.</p> <p>Proposed solution/Proposal: Remove the words '<b>and as a result retiring</b>' from rule E6.6 (62.1(f))</p>	<p>Publicity Officer, R Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, OP Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2015-R-3.3 Change Rule E3.6</p> <p>April 2015</p>	<p>E3.6 General Recall</p> <p>Rule 29.2 is changed to: When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may hail and repeat as appropriate 'General recall' and make two loud sounds. The preparatory <b>warning</b> signal for a new start will normally be made shortly thereafter.</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, Publicity Officer, R Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, OP Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Amendment LG2 to Proposal 2015-R-3.2</p> <p>April 2015</p>	<p>(i) In (a), replace the words, "Help shall not include controlling the competitor's boat using radio signals" with the words, "<b>Help shall be consistent with E1.2(b).</b>"</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, , RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> Publicity Officer, R Chairman</p> <p><b>Abstain:</b> RO Oceania/ Secretary,</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, OP Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b><u>Amendment Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Amendment LG1 to Proposal 2015-R-3.2</p> <p>April 2015</p>	<p>(i) In "(a) when the competitor is ill, injured, disabled, or in danger", remove "disabled,". The revised wording is, "<b>(a) when the competitor is ill, injured, or in danger</b>".</p> <p>(ii) Add a new sub-section (d), ""<b>(d) launching, retrieving, and re-launching while racing when the competitor has any mobility impairment.</b>"</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, , RO Europe,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> R Chairman, EC Vice Chairman RO Oceania/ Secretary</p> <p><b>Abstain:</b> Publicity Officer</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas, OP Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b><u>Amendment Defeated</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal I-3.2 Approve revised IRSA Web site</p> <p>March 2015</p>	<p>The proposal is to approve the new Web site</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> TC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, R Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Election: A Class Committee Chairman</p> <p>March 2015</p>	<p>To elect Lester Gilbert as the International A Class Committee Chairman.</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> in favour 6</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> 3</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Election: 10R Class Committee Chairman</p> <p>March 2015</p>	<p>To elect Selwyn Holland as 10R Class Committee Chairman</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> in favour 6</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none    <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> 3</p>

		<b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Election: M Class Committee Chairman  March 2015	To elect Matteo Longhi a M Class Committee Chairman	Agree: in favour 6 Disagree: none Abstain: none Absent: 3 <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
I-3.1 Proposal IRSA Logo and Design Guide  February 2015	To approve the new IRSA logo	Agree: TC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, Disagree: none Abstain: none Absent: RO Americas, R Chairman <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Proposal 2014-E-1c: Appointing Official IRSA Representatives  January 2015	IRSA Official Representatives are appointed by following the IRSA Committee Elections guidelines for nominating, considering, and voting on candidates.  The guidelines are provided in the "Guidelines for committee elections" discussion thread of this forum.	Agree: RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, R Chairman Disagree: none Abstain: none Absent: RO Americas, TC Chairman, <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Amended Proposal 2014-S-3b-LG: Electing Class Committee Chairmen  January 2015	<b>Proposal.</b> (a) Candidates. While we could have class committee chairmen who were not EC Officers, I do not think this would be the best way forward. Because of the importance of class committees to IRSA, existing EC Officers shall be class committee chairmen until the next General Assembly. (b) Procedure. Class Chairmen are appointed by following the IRSA Committee Elections guidelines for nominating, considering, and voting on candidates. The guidelines are provided in the "Guidelines for committee elections" discussion thread of this forum.	Agree: RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, R Chairman, TC Chairman, Disagree: none Abstain: EC Vice Chairman, Absent: RO Americas, <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Amendment LG to Proposal 2014-M-1  December 2014	After a measurement question from ESP and proposed answer an amendment arose to vary the original answer.	Agree: RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, , Publicity Officer, EC Vice Chairman, R Chairman, TC Chairman, Disagree: RO Europe Abstain: none Absent: RO Americas, OP Chairman <b><u>Amendment Passed</u></b>
Proposal 2014-S-7c  December 2014	Approve Racing Committee membership Geoff Appleton GBR Glenn Dawson AUS Patrice Montero FRA Nigel Winkley GER Mirko Ukas CRO	Agree: RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, R Chairman Disagree: none Abstain: none Absent: RO Americas, TC Chairman, OP Chairman <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Proposal 2014-E-1B  December	Funding IRSA Official Representatives at events	Agree: RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman, Disagree: none Abstain: R Chairman

		<p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-R-1</p> <p>November 2014</p>	<p>Adopt the Radio Sailing Case Book</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, R Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-S-7b</p> <p>November 2014</p>	<p>Approve Organisation and Policy Committee membership: Lindsay Walker AUS Ted Flack USA</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> RO Oceania/ Secretary, EC Chairman, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-S-7a</p> <p>November 2014</p>	<p>Approve Technical Committee membership: Val Provoost NED Warren Norrie AUS Robert Hales AUS Michel Brun FRA Henry Thorpe GBR John Simpson GBR Gerd Mentges GER Roberto Zanassi ITA Andrea Roveccio ITA Bill Hagerup USA</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania/ Secretary, OP Chairman, Publicity Officer, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-S-6c</p> <p>November 2014</p>	<p>Approve Selwyn Holland as Acting Secretary</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-S-6b</p> <p>November 2014</p>	<p>Approve co-option of Gordon Davies as Chairman Racing Committee</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-S-6a</p> <p>November 2014</p>	<p>Approve co-option of Henning Faas as Publicity Officer</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-S-5</p> <p>October 2014</p>	<p>Approve revised IOMICA Agreement</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman,</p> <p><b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> RO Americas,</p> <p><b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b></p>
<p>Proposal 2014-T-IOM-2</p> <p>IOM</p>	<p>Approve the IOM Emergency Rule Change to be effective before the</p>	<p><b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman, RO Americas,</p>

September 2014	European Championships	<b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> none <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Proposal 2014-T-IOM-1 IOM July 2014	IOMICA has asked the EC, through the Technical Committee, to approve a class rule change	<b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman, RO Americas, <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> none <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Amendment RR to Proposal 2014-S-3 June 2014	This amendment resulted from a proposal on the setting up of IRSA Class Committees to represent 10R, A Class and Marblehead	<b>Agree:</b> Publicity Officer, EC Secretary <b>Disagree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, RO Europe, TC Chairman, EC Vice Chairman <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> OP Chairman, R Chairman, RO Americas, <b><u>Amendment Failed</u></b>
Proposal 2014-S-1	Publishing voting records	<b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman, RO Americas, Publicity Officer, EC Secretary, R Chairman <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> none <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>
Proposal 2014-I-1	Approve the establishment of a dedicated website to communicate IRSA business	<b>Agree:</b> EC Chairman, RO Oceania, OP Chairman, RO Europe, EC Vice Chairman, TC Chairman, RO Americas, Publicity Officer, EC Secretary, R Chairman <b>Disagree:</b> none <b>Abstain:</b> none <b>Absent:</b> none <b><u>Proposal Passed</u></b>

## 4. 2014 Formal Meeting Decisions

Overlaid on the general meetings and decisions going on in the Forum was a rather lengthy Formal Meeting following the 2014 General Assembly. This was delayed until the end of 2014 due to the 3 resignations from the Executive Committee in July. This Formal Meeting concluded after 4 months. The full Minutes have been published elsewhere.

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>P1-</b> 2014-ECFM- August: <i>Proposal for IRSA            Guidelines for            Formal Meetings.</i>	EC Chairman Lester Gilbert	A suggested process to carry out the Formal Meetings of the EC and of General Assemblies	<b>The proposal succeeds.</b>  In favour were: Chairman, OP Chairman, RO Europe, RO Oceania, Technical Chairman  Not present were: Vice-



			Chairman, RO Americas
<p><b>P1b-</b> 2014-ECFM-August: <i>Proposal to suspend rules, add missing agenda item</i></p>	<p>EC Chairman Lester Gilbert</p>	<p>A missing item required by the Regulations was added after the original Formal Meeting started.</p>	<p><b>The proposal succeeds.</b></p> <p>In favour were: Chairman, OP Chairman, RO Europe, RO Oceania, Technical Chairman</p> <p>Not present were: Vice-Chairman, RO Americas</p>
<p><b>P2-</b> 2014-ECFM-August: <i>Proposal for IRSA Guidelines for EC Committee Meetings.</i></p>	<p>EC Chairman Lester Gilbert</p>	<p>A suggested process for ongoing EC Meetings including discussions and voting on proposals</p>	<p><b>The proposal succeeds.</b></p> <p>Yes: Chairman, OP-Chairman, RO-Europe, RO-Oceania, Technical-Chairman, Vice-Chairman</p> <p>No: None</p> <p>Abstain: None</p> <p>Not present: RO-Americas</p>
<p><b>P3-</b>2014-ECFM-August: <i>Proposal to ratify Decision 2014-S-1 Publish voting records</i></p>	<p>EC Chairman Lester Gilbert</p>	<p>That the voting records from the General Assembly and Formal Meetings of the IRSA be published on the IRSA site for member and stakeholder viewing</p>	<p><b>The proposal succeeds.</b></p> <p>Yes: Chairman, OP-Chairman, RO-Europe, RO-Oceania, Technical-Chairman</p> <p>No: None</p> <p>Abstain: None</p> <p>Not present: Vice-Chairman, RO Americas</p>
<p><b>P4-</b>2014-ECFM-August: <i>Proposal to ratify Decision 2014-I-1 Establish a webpage to communicate IRSA business on the web site</i></p>	<p>Richard Rowan General Secretary (now resigned)</p>	<p>To establish an addition to the IRSA web site that can be used to highlight ongoing IRSA business for the members and stakeholders</p>	<p><b>The proposal succeeds.</b></p> <p>Yes: Chairman, OP Chairman, RO Europe, RO Oceania, Technical Chairman</p> <p>No: None</p> <p>Abstain: None</p> <p>Not present: Vice Chairman, RO</p>

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<b>P5-2014-ECFM-</b> August: <i>Proposal to amend P6- 2014-ECFM-August Class Administration -- Revised text for Decision 2014-S-3 Class Administration</i>	EC Chairman Lester Gilbert	An amendment that is being proposed to vary the original Class Administration Proposal (a) that a chair of a class committee shall be a member of the EC only if they already hold an office in the EC;  (b) including other technical adjustments to the wording.	<b>The poll result is "Yes"</b> from Chairman, OP-Chairman, RO-Europe, RO-Oceania, and Vice-Chairman. On this basis the proposed amendment is passed, and there is no need to open a formal vote.  Our next proposal for consideration is P6-2014-ECFM-August, as modified by P5.
<b>P6-2014-ECFM-</b> August: <i>Proposal to ratify Decision 2014-S-3 Class Administration</i>	EC Chairman Lester Gilbert	To form a new set of EC committees for the promotion and administration of each of the international classes for which the IRSA is responsible. At present these are the 10R, M Class, and A Class.	<b>Proposal P6 is approved.</b>  Yes: Chairman, OP-Chairman, RO-Oceania, Technical-Chairman, Vice-Chairman  No: None  Abstain: None  Not present: RO Europe, RO Americas
<b>P7-2014-ECFM-</b> August: <i>Proposal for IRSA Guidelines for Representatives at IRSA Events</i>	EC Chairman Lester Gilbert	An initiative to send an observer to represent the IRSA at major IRSA approved events such as World Championships. These are the suggested guidelines for the observer(s) to follow.	<b>The proposal is passed.</b>  Yes: Chairman, OP-Chairman, Publicity-Officer, RO-Europe, RO-Oceania, Vice-Chairman  No: None  Abstain: None  Not present: Technical-Chairman, Racing-Chairman, RO-Americas
<b>P8-2014-ECFM-</b> August: <i>Proposal to accept IRSA Representative Report on M Worlds</i>	EC Oceania Officer Selwyn Holland	Lester Gilbert was sent by the Executive Committee to be an official observer/representative	<b>Proposal passed.</b>  Yes: Chairman, OP-Chairman, Publicity-Officer, RO-Europe, RO-Oceania, Vice-Chairman

2014		at the July 2014 M Worlds in the Netherlands. His observations and discussions with officials resulted in this summary of the event and suggestions for the future. Proposal 9 was a direct result of this initial action.	<p>No: None</p> <p>Abstain: None</p> <p>Not present: Technical-Chairman, Racing-Chairman, RO-Americas</p>
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## 5. IRSA Agenda Overview

The Executive Committee maintained a list of the constitutional, regulatory, and structural topics to address in the period following the General Assembly of 2014, adding to it as was appropriate. These issues were the big picture "headline" matters. Other day to day topics also attracted discussion as they occurred. Topics were listed in a rough order of priority.

As of January 2016, topic status is as follows:

Status of the item:

"-" To do

"+" In progress

"\*" Completed

### **Executive Committee (from Chairman)**

- \*S-1. Publish EC and committee officers voting records
- \*S-2. Set guidelines for committee operations
- \*S-3. Establish class committees, one for each of the M, 10R, and A International classes
- \*S-3b. Elect Class Committee Chairmen
- +S-4. Provide a first version of the IRSA Regulations (Phase 1)
- \*S-5. Review the IOMICA Agreement

- \*S-6a. Approve co-option of Henning Faas as Publicity Officer
- \*S-6b. Approve co-option of Gordon Davies as Chairman Racing Committee
- \*S-6c. Approve Selwyn Holland as Acting Secretary/Treasurer
- \*S-7a. Approve Technical Committee membership
- \*S-7b. Approve Organisation and Policy Committee membership
- \*S-7c. Approve Racing Committee membership
- S-8. Establish an Events Committee (essentially reviving the position of "International Regatta Officer")
- S-9. Establish an Infocomms Committee
- S-10. Review the establishment of a Measurement committee
- +S-11. Establish an IRSA EC blog
- S-12. Establish the Treasurer terms of reference, co-opt the Treasurer
- S-13. Review the office of Vice Chairman
- S-14. Revise EC and Officer terms of reference
- +S-15. Establish an independent Elections Officer who is not an interested party to manage the EC election process
- S-16. Revise the IRSA Regulations (Phase 2)
- S-17. Review the incorporation of IRSA as a charity under UK law
- +S-18. Revise the IRSA Constitution

### **Class administration (From Class Committees)**

- \*C-1. Set guidelines for class committee operation for class management and promotion
- C-2. Confirm International class status and any appropriate changes to regulations
- +C-3. Revise M and 10R Class rules, and rewrite A Class rules in ISAF Standard Class Rules format

### **Racing administration (From Racing Committee)**

- \*R-1. Adopt the first version of the Radio Sailing Case Book for Judges and Umpires
- +R-2. Establish regulations and processes to manage input into the ISAF four-year cycle of rule changes to Appendix E
- \*R-3.1. Change rule E6.6 Redress

- \*R-3.2. Change rule E4.2 Outside Help
- \*R-3.3. Change rule E3.6 General Recall
- \*R-3.5. Change rule E1.2 Terminology
- \*R-3.7(i). Change rule E6.7 Right to be present
- \*R-3.4. Change rule E3.5 Individual Recall
- \*R-3.7(ii). Introduce new rule E3.9 Disabled Competitors
- \*R-3.8. Change rule E8 APPENDIX G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS
- +R-4. Accelerated procedure for any rule change proposals following IOM Worlds 2015 experience

### **Events administration (From Event Committee)**

- \*E-1. Establish guidelines for IRSA Official Representatives as IRSA-approved events
  - \*E-1c. Appoint Official IRSA Representative
  - E-2. Establish regulations for managing changes to and improvement of the IRSA recommended racing system, IRSA SSIs, IRSA Addendum Q, guidelines for event management, competitor eligibility, and Championship Regulations
  - E-3. Establish regulations for a Worldwide ranking list of radio sailors
  - E-4. Set guidelines and possibly regulations for an IRSA recommended race scoring software system
- \*E-5. Award 2016 M WC to ITA
- \*E-6. To Award 10R WC to Ita.

### **Information and Communications (From Infocomms Committee)**

- +I-1. Establish a process to communicate on-going EC business to stakeholders
- +I-2. Review IRSA communications and recommended IRSA and executive committee processes and structures, and recommended processes for radio sailor and DNM input
  - \*I-3.1. IRSA Logo and Design Guide
  - \*I-3.2. IRSA Website structure
  - \*I-3.3. IRSA forum
  - +I-3.4. IRSA blog site
- \*I-4. Establish the IRSA Brand/Vision/Slogan

### **Technical administration (From Technical Committee)**

- +T-1. Establish regulations to explicitly manage the integration of interpretations into class rules.
- +T-2. Establish regulations to explicitly provide for class rules revision cycles.
- T-3. Provide ISAF Standard Class Rules version of the current RG65 class rules.
- +T-4. Review rules and certification for Ten Rater sail measurement.
- +T-5. Provide an International Class Rule for a foiling rc boat.
- +T-6. Revise sail identification rules.
- +T-7. Provide a guidance document, "Guide for IRSA Event Measurement".
- \*T-IOM-1 IOMICA class rules change
- \*T-IOM-2 IOM emergency rule change September 2014

### **Measurement (From Measurement Committee)**

- \*M-1. Answer measurement question from ESP.
- M-2. Guidelines for event measurement.
- M-3. Establish regulations, tools, and procedures to support electronic measurement certificates acceptable internationally as well as nationally.
- M-4. Set guidelines for improved and cost-effective measurement for IRSA and other radio classes.
- M-5. Set guidelines and possibly regulations for In-House Certification of sails.
- M-6. Set guidelines and possibly regulations to develop International Measurers in liaison with ISAF.
- M-7. Set guidelines and possibly regulations for liaison with ISAF on the Equipment Rules of Sailing as they may affect radio sailing.

### **Finance (From Treasurer)**

- F-1. Investigate and report on the proposed incorporation of IRSA as a charity under UK law.
- F-2. Propose budgets for EC committees, with particular attention to publicity, information, and communications.
- F-3. Propose business development strategies for income, expenditure, and investment.
- F-4. Propose closure on the IOMICA loan -- write-off or demand repayment.

## 6. The Latest Topics on the Forum

There is a constant flow of interactions, discussions and debates going on in many parts of the Forum. To give you an idea, the topics considered recently include:

***Membership Application from Korea (EC vote)***

***RG65 Class Rules Draft***

***HMS 2016***

***Case Book being translated into Catalan***

***Use of the word "shall" in the rules***

***Case Book working party (EC vote)***

***Guidance for equipment inspectors at IRSA events***

***Discretionary Penalties Guidelines***

***Sail Marks Rules for RG65***

***Race management practice at starts***

***General Assembly April 2016***

***DNM Review of Updated Class Rules, Nov 2015***

The Forum has evolved into a very productive and energetic environment.

## 7. The General Assembly, April 2016

By now the DNMs should have all received their initial information pack and timetable leading up to the General Assembly in April 2016. The nominations for representatives (one each) is nearly finalised and thank you for the prompt replies on those. Again here is the timetable for the GA.

### **2016 General Assembly Timeline**

1. 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015: Call for nominations to the Executive Committee positions and submissions of motions (20 weeks out)
2. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016: Final date for motions (12 weeks out). Disperse to members for consideration.
3. 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016: Final date for Executive Committee nominations (8 weeks out).
4. 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Last chance for amendments (6 weeks out)
5. 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Final Agenda published (4 weeks out)

6. **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016: GA starts**
7. 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016: Minutes of meeting published (+8 weeks)
8. 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016: Closing date for comment and approval of minutes (+12 weeks).

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