

Report to ISAF Radio Sailing Division General Assembly

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1. Organization and Policy Committee

The Organization and Policy Committee comprises Professor Ron Watts (Canada), Ken Dobbie (Australia), Jack Gregory (USA) and myself as Chairman. I would extend my thanks to the members of the committee for their guidance during the year.

2. Regulations

The attached Regulations have been amended to cater further for the establishment of International Class Associations, particularly the way in which the class rules can be amended. The most significant change is the inclusion of the Rules and Recommendations for the Control and Adoption of International Classes.

Two new levels of status have been included, these are the 'Recognised Class' and the 'Classic Class'. The Recognised Class are for classes of boat that are growing but may not have achieved the minimum numbers required for full international status. However it should be noted that once international status has been granted, a class couldn't return to recognized status, if numbers dwindle.

The classic class is for boats that may have a niche or special following and offer a form of sailing that is not readily available in other classes, the current International A Class is an example of this. The classic status will also permit the boats to retain their rules in the more traditional format of the class.

These changes whilst far reaching bring the radio sailing classes into line with the full size boats. They will also hopefully open the door to more classes seeking recognition by the Radio Sailing Division.

3. International Class Associations

The International One Class International Class Association (IOMICA) continues to develop; it had been the hope of the O&P Committee that this would have received full recognition by RSD during the year.

At the Marblehead World Championship a sub committee was formed under the chairmanship of Roger Stollery to look into the establishment of a Marblehead International Class Association (MICA)

The role of the class association will become an essential part of radio sailing as these groups may well be directly affiliated to ISAF and the role of RSD will diminish. These are decisions that still have to be taken in conjunction with ISAF. The coming years could see some significant changes in the way our sport is run and we need to be ready to meet the challenges of these changes.

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