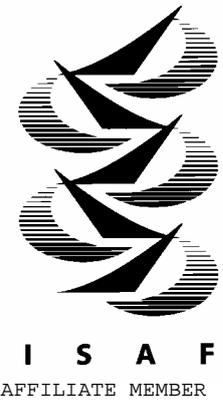


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Two great events this year in Europe : One Meter European Championship in Fleetwood (UK), and Marblehead World Championship in Porto Corsini (Italy).

Participation : EC 79 skippers (10 non European), 14 countries (5 non European) NB 32 GBR !!!
WC 76 skippers (8 non European), 13 countries (4non European)

These two events used HMS. I was not in Fleetwood but in the report of the race committee we can read some difficulties to apply this system, and in Italy it was very hard. HMS need umpiring with many umpires having a good experience of RC sailing . This is rather expensive, perhaps sometime it is better to race with HRS and skipper as observer than HMS with bad umpire or inexperienced race committee.

Activity in Europe : not enough data to have a good overview of radiosailing in Europe. Marblehead seems equal as the past year, and one meter continue to grow. No evolution for the other classes. Some countries to have an interest in commercial kits as Victoria (77cm) or Micro-Magic (55cm) for beginners. It is certainly a good way to have a first experience in radio sailing at low cost (150 to 200 Euros with transmitter).

The few answers to my question form show fear or hostility to national class association. Fear of increasing cost and increasing administrative time. I think this is due to a lack of information about the aim and the function of class association.

In countries where radiosailing is a part of the national sailing authority, class association give more freedom to skippers and more representativity.

Where radiosailing association is the national authority it can act as class association but certainly need to be closer to their national sailing authority.

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