

## Technical Committee Chairman's Report to the General Assembly, January 2003

Tasks performed by the RSD TC since the last General Assembly:

### 2001

#### July

- new TC Chairman was elected
- list of proposed TC members was sent to ISAF-RSD PC
- starting of reviewing the latest drafts of Class Rules and discussion about finalising diagrams in electronic format
- cover page illustration for IOM, Marblehead and 10R were produced in electronic format

#### August

- JPN question regarding IOM boom holes was discussed within TC and the answer was given to JPN representative
- requirements for Class insignia of IOM, Marblehead and 10R were removed from Part G and put in Part C
- unofficial request for clarification of tabling/reinforcement on IOM Class sails discussed

#### September

- unofficial comments from IOM ICA Interim Committee Chairman were discussed and necessary minor amendments to draft of IOM Class Rules were made
- draft of IOM Class Rules was amended, so it is clear that luff wire and luff tabling are permitted on mainsails
- Marblehead MF and certificate in electronic format (EXCEL spreadsheet) were improved to make them full complied with Class Rules requirements (input data in the required format, rounding up of decimals, etc)
- list of proposed TC members with Commercial Interest declarations for each of them was sent to ISAF-RSD PC

#### October

- latest drafts of IOM, Marblehead and 10R Class Rules with cover page illustrations, without diagrams in electronic format, were sent to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of ISAF RSD
- information received from the Vice Chairman of ISAF RSD that redrawing in the electronic format of Class Rules were in the process and that the deadline for termination of class rules is January 2002 PC meeting
- 10R Measurement Form and Certificate in the electronic format (EXCEL spreadsheet) were improved and brought to full compliance with Class Rules requirements (input data in required format, rounding up of decimals, etc)
- test with time needed for downloading the Class Rules with scanned hand made drawings from ISAF RSD web site was made – no significant time delay in downloading and/or poor quality printing was found

## November

- the format of questions and answers in IOM MF was unofficially discussed regarding compatibility with ISAF standard practice
- MYA request for interpretation of RC pot material discussed

## December

- Interpretation of IOM Class Rules regarding RC container was sent to PC
- IOM spar material (aluminium) content has been discussed within TC
- final draft versions of IOM, Marblehead and 10R Class Rules were finished
- final versions of IOM, Marblehead and 10R Certificates and Measurement Forms were finished

**2002**

## January

- Proof reading of the new International Class Rules text was done after the RSD PC Meeting in London.

## February

- Measurement Forms and Certificates for International Classes were produced in electronic format. (PDF and active XLS formats) Certificates were sent to the Certification Authorities only. Class Rules and Measurement Forms were sent to the RSD Secretary and posted on the RSD Internet website.
- Class Rules texts and diagrams were incorporated in PDF formats with Jan Dejmo and Kjell Marthinsen (SSF – Sweden) help.

## March

- International Marblehead, International One Metre and International 10R Class Rules become effective from 01 March 2002.
- Clarification requested by the MYA (GBR) in January 2002 regarding the deck limit marks on International Marblehead and International One Metre boats was issued.

## May

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules requested by the AMYA (USA) in April 2002 regarding the use of spreaders working in tension was issued.
- Changes to the International One Metre Class Rules were proposed by the TC and approved by RSD PC

## July

- The ISAF RSD comments signed by Chairman RSD TC on article written by Ralph Kelly in AMYA Magazine (Spring 2002, Issue 127) about changes in 2002 Edition of International Class Rules was sent to IOM Class Secretary in USA.

## August

- Clarification requested by the designer of IOM Class Doug Lord (USA) in April 2002 was given to him. ISAF MC was asked to clarify ERS definitions of spreader and rudder. Answer was never received.

- Unofficial discussion about servos and winches as hull fittings in International One Metre Class Rules was held. This subject will be solved in the next issue of the Class Rules.

#### November

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules requested by the MYA (GBR) in September 2002 regarding the method of mainsail luff attachment and cringles/eyes that project outside the edges of the sail was issued.

### **TC work - General**

I was elected Chairman of ISAF RSD TC on 3 July 2001. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Graham Bantock and all TC members for all the tremendous work in the past years.

Members of Technical Committee proposed by the current TC Chairman in July 2001 were approved on the PC Meeting in January 2002.

The most important part of TC activity from July to December 2001 was finishing of Class Rules, Measurement Forms and Certificates for Marblehead, International One Metre and 10R and answering various informal questions concerning class rules from various individuals.

In year 2002 the TC activity was concentrated on various clarifications, interpretations and informal answering on International Class Rules. Mistakes in Measurement Forms and Certificates for International Classes in electronic format were fixed and new versions were posted on RSD website. (PDF and active XLS formats).

An active ICA will make the RSD TC Chairman and members life much easier in the future because the need to read the mind of the owners is not always easy job.

### **Class Rules – Finishing of final drafts and issuing of Interpretations**

In the moment when I was elected Chairman of TC (July 2001) I found completed text of Class Rules for Marblehead, IOM and 10R with certificates and MF with only remaining problem – diagrams in electronic format. Only hand made diagrams which may be scanned exist. Unfortunately the problem with diagrams in electronic format has not been solved since summer 2001 and final draft in electronic format (cover page-text-diagrams) were ready for January 2002 PC Meeting.

The work on redrafting the IOM Class Rules started on the late 1998 and finished in March 2002. In the future this situation must be avoided and ISAF RSD have to define a deadline for that task and necessary action should be taken including outside

professional paid help for producing diagrams or whatever other task which RSD officials, as volunteers, are not able to do.

The future ICAs will have easier task if they want to become ISAF International Class. The new International 10R, International Marblehead and International One Metre class rules, entered into force on 1 March 2002, have been re-drafted in accordance with the ISAF SCR format.

One clarification and two interpretations were issued in the first year of the new International Class Rules life. This is not strange, as people become familiar with the new class rules. Three International One Metre Class rules were changed in May 2002 as a result of omissions in the 2002 edition of the class rules. It is very difficult to write the closed class rules and to mention all possible items, methods etc. for which some or even majority of the owners thinks that they have to be permitted. The concept of the closed class rules such as International One Metre class rules is to prohibit any solution, however inexpensive and practical it may be and to permit only items, methods etc. mentioned in the class rules.

### **Various informal questions regarding class rules from various individuals**

Many informal answers have been sent to GBR, AUS, JPN, RSA, USA and CRO. All of them have been informed that the correct route for official answer is to ask the authority, which issues certificates in their countries. If the authorities cannot answer for any reason they will consult the TC, which will be able to do so.

### **TC tasks in the future**

The relationship between future ICAs and ISAF-RSD should be clearly established. The role of the TC Chairman, Class Secretary and whole TC on ISAF-RSD side and relevant ICA technical bodies have to be defined in the way that future class amendments and interpretations on Class Rules can be effected smoothly and without unnecessary delays.

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