

# **Chairman's Report to RSD General Assembly**

## **Croatia 2001**

I would like to thank the Division Members from Singapore, France and Spain and of course Croatia who have held Championships during the last two years. Division Members who would appear to be overdue to host an event include Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom and I hope that at least two of these will come forward to hold the Marblehead Worlds and the International One Metre European events.

David Coode's Organisation and Policy Committee has produced new improved regulations and also produced the motions to amend the Constitution that you will shortly be voting upon.

Zoran Grubusa's Racing Rules Committee has rewritten Appendix E to the Racing Rules of Sailing and is hoped that there will be no potential last minute hiccoughs next time as ISAF will have appointed a liaison member of their full size RRC to ensure that our interests are noted; as at the moment, we have no ability to enter a submission to change Appendix E

The Technical Committee chaired by Graham Bantock has done sterling work in rewriting the class rules of the 10 Rater, the Marblehead and the International One Metre. These will now be in the Standard Class Rules format and work with the Equipment Rules of Sailing. The only current hold up is the diagrams. However it is my intention to publish these rules in the very near future with or without the diagrams.

I am sure that all of you, who have access to our website, will agree that Keith Skipper, our General Secretary has done an excellent job in maintaining this to a very high standard. In addition, you will hear from him that although we are solvent, our finances can only be described as satisfactory. We do not have a big enough surplus each year to pay for any liability insurance for the Permanent Committee or RSD itself; this is one thing that will, I hope, will lead us shortly to becoming an ISAF Committee as opposed to an ISAF Division of which we are the only one!

Finally we say goodbye at this meeting, to two members of the PC who have contributed much over the last few years. Joyce, Ken Robert's wife, who I suspect does or did a lions share of his work, tells me that he has been involved as General Secretary for over 28 years, many of them, when we were known as the International Model Yacht Racing Union. Graham Bantock is also retiring after 8 years as Chairman of the Technical Committee. Both of these have, in their own, but different ways have spent many hours of their time working hard for this organisation and I would like you to give them a standing ovation.

Thank you!