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IRO Report to the ISAF - RSD General Assembly

RSD Championships in 2000.

Two RSD Championships were held in 2001. IOM European Championship in St. Cyr, France was held from 01 - 08. 07. 2000. and gathered 72 competitors from 9 countries including 2 Non-Europeans. No report was received from the organiser. The winner was Martin Roberts, GBR. The event was well organised, although there were some problems with applicable frequencies approved few months before the start of the event. Situation like this should be avoid in the future by giving RSD approval to the organisers that clearly states in Championship questionnaire enough frequency bands to be used for all 80 competitors.

World Marblehead Championship was held in Los Narejos, ESP from 22 - 30. 09. 2000. with 72 boats from 13 countries including CHN as Non-RSD country. No report was received from the organiser. The winner was Guillermo Beltri, ESP. Chinese participation was a step forward for RSD development on the world level, even there was a problem with certificate issued that should be solved by the new class rules or championship regulation if necessary. However, PC should decide future directions regarding Non-RSD members participation on RSD Championship.

Future RSD Championship

Confirmed event is IOM World Championship in Croatia, 12 - 19. 05. 2001. Application has been received from CAN to host IOM Worlds on 2003. There was interest for the same event from RSA but no official application was received. ITA expressed wish to organise Marblehead Worlds in 2002, and POL did the same for 10R Worlds in 2001, but except CAN no application was received.

Letter of invitation to host future RSD championship was sent to all DM's, but with very low response. SUI expressed concerns about cost of the event and too much bureaucracy, while BRA stated that they don't expect to host any RSD event in the next years. GER also put high cost of judge's expenses as a main obstruction. There are several solutions of these problems. RSD should try to find general sponsor on the world level that will be advertised on each RSD event. From the sponsorship RSD will get the money for its work and also can help organisers by covering some judging expenses. Judges expenses can also be reduced if an event is part of EUROSAF exchange program, where judges are paid by their National Authority. However, this program is currently available only in the Europe.

Team Racing Championship

Unfortunately, due the lack of sponsorship it was not possible to host such event in 2000, but I think that this event should be in RSD plans in the future. It is worth to notice that on both events in 2000. in FRA and ESP trophy for the best nation was awarded even RSD withdraw such a trophy. PC should take position about this.

Continental and World Championships

During the PC May Electroning meeting, an idea that RSD should administer only World Championships, while class associations should take care of Continentals was presented. There was also idea for the World Cup Series events. In each case we need clearer situation about class associations and RSD relationship with ISAF when making decision about this.

Future IRO Position

It was also noticed that IRO function could be merged with RRC. Such a solution will decrease PC expenses and it will give more efficiency as IRO's business is closely related to the RRC's. The suggestion is to make one sub-committee of three members of RRC that will continue to do IRO's business.

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