

# INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



I S A F  
AFFILIATE MEMBER

## Minutes of the Permanent Committee Meeting

Held at – 26 Ovington Street, London

8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> January 2000

<b>Present:</b>	John Cleave	Chairman
	Jan Dejmo	Vice Chairman
	Keith Skipper	General Secretary / Treasurer
	Nick Weall	Racing Rules Committee Chairman
	Graham Bantock	Technical Committee Chairman
	David Coode	Organisation & Policy Committee Chairman
	Zoran Grubisa	International Regatta Officer
	Ron Watts	Regional Officer Americas
	Bernard Merlaud	Regional Officer Europe
	Ken Roberts	Regional Officer Oceania

### 1) Apologies For Absence

Larry Robinson

### 2) Formal approval of the Agenda

Proposed: Ron Watts, Seconded: Jan Dejmo - all agreed

### 3) Approval of the Minutes of Previous meetings

January, April (after GA), May, June and July (electronic meetings). All were signed as a true record.

### 4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

### 5) Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out his report a copy of which is included with these minutes.

From his report there followed a discussion on: -

The costs involved in a PC meeting and the possible alternatives including, telephone conferencing, Internet meeting or reducing the number of people attending the meeting.

How to make more use and what other material could go onto the web site, one suggestion was a calendar of events that were open to members of other DMs, another to encourage all members of the PC to provide material for the web site.

### 6) Secretary / Treasurer's business

The General Secretary / Treasurer's report is included with these minutes.

#### Accounts

Bank accounts have been rationalised to a current account and a savings account.

The RSD accounts were audited at the change over from KR to KS and again at the new year end 30<sup>th</sup> October. A vote of thanks was given for the auditor Mrs Pat Fogarty, who would be asked to audit for the 2000.

### Subscriptions

After discussing the report, a proposal by KS and seconded by GB that, except for those DMs that agree to accept all information from RSD by electronic mail, the 2001 DM subscriptions be increased by 10%, was approved. 8 for - 2 against.

Proposed by DC and seconded by RW that race levies be increased from £6 to £10 for Continental Championships and from £10 to £15 for World Championships the vote was unanimously in favour.

### Membership

It was agreed that we would seek clarification from ISAF regarding applications from countries that have no MNA.

It was propose by DC and seconded by GB that membership of Romania, Russia, Barbados and Fiji is cancelled. 7 for - 3 against.

### Budget

The treasurer asked at what size a reserve should be maintained in order to set a budget. It was decided that it should be set at the equal of one year's expenditure, which at present is circa £3500.

### Trophies

It was agreed that, in order to keep track of perpetual trophies, if the trophy had not been competed for in five years, the trophy should then be returned to the General Secretary.

## 7) Organisation and Policy

Organisation and Policy Committee Chairman's Report is included with these minutes.

### Terms of Reference for PC Members

Apart from minor wording changes the T of R for IRO PO & RO were all adopted. The T of R for O&PC, TCC and RRCC were discussed but the feeling was that the T of R should also include the members of the relevant committee.

### Procedure for Electronic Meetings

A lengthy discussion took part on this subject it was decided to continue with them and two dates were proposed, one in May and the second in September. Items for the agenda of these meetings must be submitted two weeks prior to the meeting.

### Revisions to the Regulations

A few modifications were needed to take in amendments mentioned elsewhere in these minutes and to include the use of electronic mail as an acceptable method of communication. The revised Regulations will be issued when ready.

### Rules and Recommendations for the Adoption and Control of International Classes

A revised document was presented the main revision was the introduction of Recognised Classes, as stepping stone to obtaining full International status. All new classes will require an ICA before they are granted International or Recognised status. It was suggested that existing classes will be required to have an ICA within a specified period. After a suggestion that the RRACIC should more closely reflect ISAF RRACIC plus some further proposals submitted by the USA, it was decided that the O&P C be asked to further review the current draft and prepare a revised document.

## 8) ISAF business

Jan Dejmo informed the committee of the ISAF Council Meeting in Sydney and his discussions with various delegates at that meeting.

He also reported that the French submission P98 - 3018 to ISAF, had been rejected.

The PC took the opportunity to discuss with the ISAF Representative the possibility of whether the RSD could be included on the ISAF liability insurance policy.

## 9) Technical Committee

Technical Committee Chairman reported  
There were no requests for interpretations in 1999.

## One Metre Class

### Rule Revision

A revised draft class rules document was available during October. As this was too late to permit adequate consultation between the DMs and their members the decision was made to delay attempting to do this until year 2000. This puts back implementation until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2001. The DMs have been advised of this and the PC has been copied with the notice.

Submissions to amend the class rules have been received from CRO and GBR. Both have agreed that their submissions can wait and go out to the DMs with the draft rule.

### Bent Swinging Wire

There was a proposal from the Class Secretary that this be permitted as an interim measure with immediate effect. It was felt that as the rule revision had been delayed for a year that there should not be any further delay in introducing this rule as a revision to the current rule.

JD proposed and RW seconded that the proposal put forward by the Class Secretary should be adopted with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March '00 - 7 for 1 against and 2 abstentions

### Sail Measurement Templates

These were approved last year but as no progress had been made; it now seems reasonable to wait until the new class rules are near to ratification.

## Marblehead Class

The TCC informed the PC that the DMs had been notified of the proposed class rule change introducing the depth limit. A letter from FFV indicating there was no support for a depth limit in France was read to the PC.

It was proposed that the rule amendment, diagrams and measurement form be ratified. NW seconded and the proposal was ratified. Effective date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2000

## Ten Rater Class

The TCC informed the PC that the DMs had been notified of the proposed class rule change introducing the depth limit and proposed that the rule amendment be ratified. NW seconded and the proposal was ratified. Effective date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2000.

## Sail Marks in App E

The TCC gave a report (attached) on the Sail Marks rule and its future in taking it out of the initial measurement and registration procedure and including it in the next issue of RRS.

## In House Certification

The TCC reported that the draft IOM rule would permit a sailmaker to measure and certify sails made in house, subject to a licence which would be awarded from the MNA, who would administer and police the scheme. The next draft of the M and 10R class rules may also permit in house measurement.

## Advertising

A new advertising code is under discussion at ISAF. It is thought that the final code will allow classes to decide which level of advertising they permit. In the absence of an ICA the DMs will be asked what category of advertising they wish to permit when the rule revisions go out.

## One Metres built under licence

The concept of mass-produced IOM built to an agreed building specification and under licence granted subject to contract was described. The purpose would be to permit the mass producer to use materials more suited to his production methods, on the basis that the unit costs would be lowered without permitting any performance gain. The current draft class rules contained a clause permitting such a licence to be granted subject to PC approval. The TCC asked if it was acceptable to pursue this avenue now in response to a specific application.

It was proposed by RW and Seconded by NW that we approve the concept of mass producers using non-permitted materials subject to a building specification as approved by the PC. 8 for – 2 against  
The Chairman and TCC are to negotiate with the manufacturer and if they are of the opinion that it is an acceptable process then it will be presented to the PC.

## Single Digit numbers

DC raised the idea of removing the prefix zero from sail numbers in order to improve identification of boats. The TC is to consider this proposal.

#### Distribution of Revisions

From discussions regarding the distribution of the various rule revisions it was proposed by NW and seconded by JD that all communication goes out via General Secretary this was agreed.

### 10) Racing Rules

The Racing Rules Committee Chairman expressed concern over the policing / enforcing of the use of the approved N of R and SSI asking how can the PC make certain that approved version of SSI are used. It was decided after much discussion that a PC member attending the event would be made responsible for checking the event copy of SSI against the authorised version.

#### Approval of HRS 2000

The wording of the tiebreak and redress clauses were modified to improve the clarity. It was decided after some discussion that a working party would be set-up to rewrite the clause on tie breaks and the effect on other clauses.

#### Alternative Race System

HMS was adopted for use in place EORS, subject to the same restrictions on heat size and number. It was agreed that we now ask more DMs to try HMS in it's unrestricted format and report back to the International Regatta Officer on it's suitability for RSD major Championships.

The working party would also look at the possibility of using a schedule system for RSD events.

#### DIRBOS

Approval given for some wording clarifications, revised document will be issued with these minutes.

#### Appendix E 2001 – 04

JC and RRC are working to include all the rule amendments and any further amendments required from the latest RRS amendments.

E4.4 Some conceptual changes to this rule as proposed by the RRC were discussed it was felt that further discussion on the subject was needed and ZG was to collate ideas and offer further proposals.

### 11) International Regattas

International Regatta Officer's reported

Reports on and from '99 events

- i. Malta – The report was discussed and the necessary points, some of which have already been discussed under item 10, were taken on board.
- ii. Singapore – The PRO report was discussed and the necessary points were taken on board. They were to modify the Questionnaire, and the question on the class rule regarding the legality of the inset transom.

The IRO suggested that a delegate of the PC be a representative at RSD events either as a member of the RC or Jury, although desirable the expense of this was considered to be prohibitive. There was also some discussion on the make up and approval of the jury.

#### Progress on future events

France N of R has been issued.

Spain N of R almost ready for issue.

There are no applications for any events for 2002 onwards.

#### Championship Regulations

There are some minor modifications to the Championship Regulations and the Championship Application Questionnaire.

Concern was expressed over the adherence to time scale for approval and notification procedures of future events. Part of the difficulty was felt to be in encouraging people to come forward to host events at an early stage.

There was a lengthy discussion on the subject of insurance. It was decided that there is no obligation on RSD or the organisers for any losses incurred if an event is cancelled.

However concern was expressed over the need for 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance or liability waiver for members

of the PC. If it is not possible to link in with ISAF (see minute 8) then RSD will have to attempt to get it's own cover although the current quote exceeds £1000pa.

Frequency bands availability at international events.

Concern was expressed on the restriction of frequency bands available for the European IOM in France this year. The Secretary had written to the organisers highlighting the concerns. The Chairman is contacting the European and International Radio Authorities.

Team Race

The IRO put forward an idea for organising a Team Race of 3-boat teams. ZG asked for support on promoting an event in early September with the N of R issued in May and entries in for July. The IRO had agreement to pursue his idea and investigate the possibilities of sponsorship etc.

## **12) Publicity**

JD reported for LR that they are discussing with ISAF to standardise their use of the corporate logo etc. in order that we can standardise the RSD corporate design manual.

## **13) Regional Officers Reports**

Americas

RW gave a report on Radio Sailing in the America's, he also reported that CAN had been contacted by their MNA regarding the proposed amendments to the RRS App G advertising code and how it would affect radio sailing. This was dealt with under technical business.

Europe

BM gave a report on the contacts he had made with the DMs of his region and raised a query from SUI regarding RSD rules in regard to NAVIGA.

Members of RSD DMs can enter NAVIGA events providing the event is not called a World Championship.

Oceania

KR reported that in July he had sent out a letter of introduction and asking the DMs of his region to contact him with any queries and to encourage them to seek a local representative in time for the next GA.

## **14) General Assembly**

The next General Assembly will be in Croatia during the IOM World Championship in May 2001, precise date & time will be announced when the details of the event are published.

## **15) Date of next PC meeting**

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January '01. Location to be decided.

## **16) Any other business**

On behalf of the members of the PC the Secretary thanked the Chairman for the use of his house for the meeting.

The meeting closed at 17:15hrs