

Chairman's Report to the ISAF RSD Permanent Committee January 2002

I would first of all like to thank all members of this committee for their input throughout the year. A lot has been achieved; we are about to have the first of a new generation of Class Association and this is due initially to Chris Jackson and latterly to Lester Gilbert and his committee. I wish them well. At this meeting, we shall further discuss our future with ISAF, so that we may become more integrated with this body.

On the racing front, I am pleased to say that our decision last January to have umpiring at the International One Metre World Championship in Croatia proved a great success. Skippers were able to enjoy more sailing and less time waiting for Jury decisions. Although a few umpire's calls were questionable because of the viewing problem, probably 95% or higher were correct, and as we all know, when we go into a protest room there is only a 50% chance of winning. The worthy winner of the event was Martin Roberts (GBR) and I congratulate him. The sun shone and this as a generally happy event ably organised by Zoran Grubisa and his team.

On the technical front, I would like to pay tribute to Graham Bantock who retired as Chairman at the General Assembly and thank him for diligent hard work over the years. I am pleased that he is remaining on the Technical Committee. He has been succeeded by Robert Grubisa, who with aid of our Vice Chairman Jan Dejmo (who thought he had retired) has put our class rules into the very latest ISAF format.

We welcome Ken Dobbie (AUS) to the permanent committee; he has taken over from Ken Roberts, who has been involved with RSD, MYRD, and IMYRU. Ken was General Secretary for many many years and we owe him a great debt of thanks. He has not really retired and now moulds the winning boats of his son Martin.

Looking forward to the future, I am glad that we will have two events this year and also possibly in 2003. This bodes well for the future.

Mention should definitely be made of our General Secretary and website master Keith Skipper, he has toiled nobly throughout the year, looking after our finances, keeping minutes of our meetings and reminding me of things, that I should have done.

On one subject, we have been less successful. Our electronic meetings have not run as smoothly as I might have hoped. We have investigated ways of having us all on line at the same time, but have yet to come up with a solution.

John Cleave
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