

Organisation and Policy Committee

REPORT TO THE PC MEETING JANUARY 2002

The Organisation and Policy Committee currently consists of two people and attempts to recruit additions to the committee and have so far proved fruitless. It appears that this is a side of the sport that very few have any interest in. There is little doubt that for this committee to function effectively in needs additional members.

The following sets out the main items that have been considered during the past year.

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

This item has been on the agenda for the past two years and it was my clear understanding that this was to be presented to the General Assembly in Croatia, in fact the O&P committee to the GA made specific reference to this issue.

The current RRACIC are now hopelessly out of date and we clearly need to move forward on this issue. The change of the RRACIC needs approval from the Division Members, however I do not consider that this can wait for another 18 months and would recommend that a final draft be circulated to DMs for comment and then a postal vote be held so that the new RRACIC can be introduced no late than January 2003.

As I have previously explained the most significant change to these is the inclusion of the Recognised Class, this is an approved ISAF category and these classes are permitted to hold Championships.

A table is included in the RRACIC with the suggested numbers required to achieve International and Recognised class status. These number requirements appear to be somewhat more onerous than ISAF's requirements as is shown in the table below.

Item	International Class	Recognised Class
Number of Countries	6	4 3(ii)
Number of Continent	3	- 2
Boats Actively Racing (i)	20	20
Sailboards	100	30
i) Actively Racing is considered to be a minimum of twenty boats registered with a National Owner's Association or Member National Authority if acting as the National Owner's Association.		
ii) Number of countries varies with the size of boat.		

The text of the RRACIC was agreed with the former Technical Committee Chairman who assisted in preparing the draft.

Recommendation: adopt the RRACIC .

International One Metre International Class Association

Members of the PC have been circulated during the year with the various papers. A further submission was received from the IOMICA this week and will be the subject of discussion at the PC meeting. The PC members' views have been canvassed and will hopefully be summarised by the Chairman.

There are a number of key issues regarding the establishment of ICAs in general which still have to be resolved, a number of these relate to the precise relationship between the ICA and the RSD. Also we will need to establish whether it is our intention to amend our Constitution and regulations to suit the ICA's or require them to change theirs to suit the RSD's.

Constitution

The constitution currently requires the PC to hold a committee meeting immediately after the General Assembly, as happened following this GA at the One Metre Worlds it is not always possible to have a quorum at such meetings. This is likely to be a continuing problem particularly where the GA is held at a championship event.

The options appear to be either delete the requirement or change the requirement and conduct the meeting electronically within say 2 weeks of the GA. The views of the PC are sought on this, once a consensus is obtained the necessary clauses in the Constitution will be re-drafted.

There are also some clauses that may need to be re-drafted depending on the finally accepted version of the IOMICA constitution and regulations.

Regulations

The Regulations as they currently stand are generally adequate but they may need some change to accommodate the One Metre ICA depending on how their Constitution deals with the issue of class rule changes.

International A Class

There have been a number of exchanges during the year regarding the International A Class including the hosting of a World Championship or world Cup event for this class.

Had the new RRACIC been available then it would have been the recommendation that this class now be classified as a Classic class.

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