

## **Report to ISAF Radio Sailing Division Permanent Committee**

**January 2003**

### **1. Organization and Policy Committee**

The Organization and Policy Committee comprises Professor Ron Watts ( Canada), Ken Dobbie ( Australia), Jack Gregory ( USA) and myself as Chairman. I would extend my thanks to the members of the committee for their guidance during the year.

### **2. Regulations**

The Regulations have fully covered in the O&P Committee report to the General assembly and no further comment is really warranted here. The current Regulations and Rules and Recommendations for the Control and Adoption of International Classes are significantly out of date and have to be brought into line with the current state of our sport.

### **3. International A Class**

The Regulations sent to the General Assembly include for the introduction of a new classification, the classic class. This class is for boats that may have a niche or special following and offer a form of sailing that is not readily available in other classes, the current International A Class is an example of this.

The A Class has strong following in the Australia and Great Britain, where the number of boats continues to grow, and there are also fleets in Denmark, Italy, and the United States, although in the case of the USA the class has been de-registered not through a lack of numbers but because the owners have not renewed their registrations. One New York Club has some 30 boats of which more half are actively raced.

***The recommendation to the Permanent Committee is that the International A Class be granted Classic Class status subject to the new Regulations being adopted by the General Assembly. This would allow the class to maintain its current traditional rules and still permit it to hold world Championships should the class so desire.***

### **4. International Class Associations**

The progress with finalizing the formation of IOMICA has been a little disappointing; it had been the wish of the O&P Committee that the organization would be ready to take over the administration of the class by the end of 2002. Concerns has been expressed in some quarters that the organization structure is too big and it will not be possible to find the officers in the DMs to establish the national class associations.

The role of the class association will become an essential part of radio sailing as these groups may well be directly affiliated to ISAF and the role of RSD will diminish. These are decisions that still have to be taken in conjunction with ISAF. The coming years could see some significant changes in the way our sport is run and we need to be ready to meet the challenges of these changes.

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