

Technical Committee Chairman`s Report to the Permanent Committee Meeting, January 2003

Tasks performed by the RSD TC since the last Permanent Committee Meeting:

2002

January

- Proof reading of the new International Class Rules text was done after the January 2002 RSD PC Meeting in London.

February

- Measurement Forms and Certificates for International Classes were produced in electronic format. (PDF and active XLS formats) Certificates were sent to the Certification Authorities only. Class Rules and Measurement Forms were sent to the RSD Secretary and posted on the RSD Internet website.
- Class Rules texts and diagrams were incorporated in PDF formats with Jan Dejmo and Kjell Marthinsen (SSF – Sweden) help.

March

- International Marblehead, International One Metre and International 10R Class Rules become effective from 01 March 2002.
- Clarification requested by the MYA (GBR) in January 2002 regarding the deck limit marks on International Marblehead and International One Metre boats was issued.

May

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules requested by the AMYA (USA) in April 2002 regarding the use of spreaders working in tension was issued.
- Changes to the International One Metre Class Rules were proposed by the TC and approved by RSD PC

July

- The ISAF RSD comments signed by Chairman RSD TC on article written by Ralph Kelly in AMYA Magazine (Spring 2002, Issue 127) about changes in 2002 Edition of International Class Rules were sent to IOM Class Secretary in USA.

August

- Clarification requested by the designer of IOM Class Doug Lord (USA) in April 2002 was given to him. ISAF MC was asked to clarify ERS definitions of spreader and rudder. Answer was never received.
- Unofficial discussion about servos and winches as hull fittings in International One Metre Class Rules was held. This subject will be solved in the next issue of the Class Rules.

November

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules requested by the MYA (GBR) in September 2002 regarding the method of mainsail luff attachment and cringles/eyes that project outside the edges of the sail was issued.

December

- The work on revised text of the IOM Class Rules has started.

TC work - General

In year 2002 the TC activity was concentrated on various clarifications, interpretations and informal answering on International Class Rules. Mistakes in Measurement Forms and Certificates for International Classes in electronic format were fixed and new versions were posted on RSD website. (PDF and active XLS formats).

An active ICAs (specially in the IOM class) will make the RSD TC Chairman and members life much easier in the future because the need to read the mind of the owners is not always easy job.

Class Rules – First year of the new Class Rules and issuing of Interpretations

The future ICAs will have easier task if they want to become ISAF International Class. The new International 10R, International Marblehead and International One Metre class rules, entered into force on 1 March 2002, have been re-drafted in accordance with the ISAF SCR format.

One clarification and two interpretations were issued in the first year of the new International Class Rules life. This is not strange, as people become familiar with the new class rules. Three International One Metre Class rules were changed in May 2002 as a result of omissions in the 2002 edition of the class rules. It is very difficult to write the closed class rules and to mention all possible items, methods etc. for which some or even majority of the owners thinks that they have to be permitted. The concept of the closed class rules such as International One Metre class rules is to prohibit any solution, however inexpensive and practical it may be and to permit only items, methods etc. mentioned in the class rules.

Various informal questions regarding class rules from various individuals

Many informal answers have been sent to GBR, AUS, JPN, RSA, USA and CRO. All of them have been informed that the correct route for official answer is to ask the authority, which issues certificates in their countries. If the authorities cannot answer for any reason they will consult the TC, which will be able to do so.

TC tasks in the future

The relationship between future ICAs and ISAF-RSD should be clearly established. The role of the TC Chairman, Class Secretary and whole TC on ISAF-RSD side and relevant ICA technical bodies have to be defined in the way that future class amendments and interpretations on Class Rules can be effected smoothly and without unnecessary delays.

Rijeka, 10th December 2002.

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