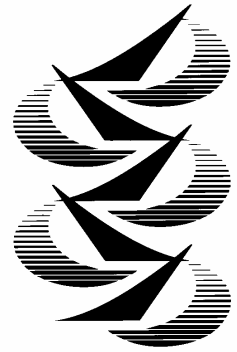


# INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



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During 2003 the only official contact with DM's in my Region was with the DM for South Africa regarding the future of the Radio Sailing Division, more on this matter later in my report. I do however maintain personal contact with sailors in the various countries within the Region and so have an awareness of any issues which may arise.

I can report that Australia has had a most successful year culminating in an entry of more than 100 boats for the National Championships held in Victoria. The IOM Championship was sailed in three fleets for the first time since gaining a National Championship in 1994. The IOM-ICA has awarded Australia the 2005 World Championship and this should see further growth of the class in the Oceania Region.

Sailors from the four major DM's in the Region have competed in World and Regional Championships during the period of this report and an entrant from South Africa competed in the Australian Nationals in Perth in January 2003.

The IOM-ICA has recognised the Australian Radio Yachting Association as the NCA for Australia and the Japan Association has an application for recognition before the ICA. The intentions of the remaining DM's in the Region is not known at this stage.

Two DM's, South Africa and Australia, have submitted papers on how they see the future of RSD. Informal comment from other sailors in the Region appear to mirror these submissions.

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