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RRC Chairman Report to the ISAF - RSD Permanent Committee

The ISAF - RSD Racing Rules Committee was composed as follows; Zoran Grubisa (CRO), chairman, John Whitfield (AUS), vice-chairman, Luca Babini (ITA), Fulvio Becagli (ITA), Bernadette Delbart (FRA), Paul Chisholm (NZL), Klaus Schroder (GER), Peter Valentino (MLT). In 2003. Eva Anderson (SWE) was co-opted as a new member, while John Whitfield (AUS) resigned for personal reasons. I would like to thank all the members for their work and spent time, but I also hope that there will be more active work from all committee members in the future. Racing Rules Committee is always open for the new members with judging or umpiring experience nominated by their DM's who wants to help in work in our committee.

Appendix E

Final submissions for changes in Appendix E were prepared and submitted to ISAF through Croatian Sailing Federation as ISAF-RSD can't make submissions according to the ISAF Regulations. Four submissions of five are accepted by ISAF and following changes will be introduced in new version of Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005 - 2008.

- In E1.2 words "or sailing instructions" are added what will allow other sounds that replace race signals to be defined in Sailing Instructions
- E4.5(a) is reworded to clarify the procedures with launching and taking ashore between preparatory and starting signal
- E4.7 is deleted as moving of ballast is now defined in class rules
- E6 is completely rewritten in order to make rule clearer, make it workable for small sails and to comply with old Sail Identification Rules.

Submission to change E5.2 by adding "or words to that effect which shall include the word "protest" or its declensions and conjugations" was rejected by the ISAF Racing Rules Committee.

All submissions are attached.

Standard Sailing Instructions

Standard Sailing Instructions were not changed.

Standard Notice of Race

Standard Notice of Race was only updated with last decision of PC meeting to include type and size of Control Area in order that disabled competitors can be aware before deciding to enter.

HRS

No changes were made.

HMS

HMS was introduced in 2002 for RSD events. HMS was proposed by the GBR DM. Working group nominated by the PC in 2002, composed of John Cleave, David Coode and Zoran Grubisa reviewed proposed draft and last version of HMS was adopted by some changes requested by the working group. However, working group also prepared new text for HMS that clarify some rules and makes it more understandable without changing principles of HMS. New text was also reviewed by the Racing Rules Committee and it was proposed for use in Fleetwood in Vancouver and both times it was agreed that it is not good to make any changes in short time before the event. Therefore, Racing Rules Committee is proposing final text of HMS 2004 for approval to the PC. Attached is new text with explanation of proposed changes.

Class championship rules

No changes were made.

Umpiring

On the last PC meeting it was decided that working group should be formed to check current Radio Sailing Umpiring System (RSUS) based on some concerns expressed by the organizers on IMS Worlds in Vancouver in their letter on the beginning of 2004. I asked organiser of IOM Worlds to propose changes in current RSUS, but unfortunately no proposal was received before the start of championship. Therefore, Sailing Instructions were approved in Standard SI format with current RSUS. However, it looks from Race Officer's report that some other principles were used, but this will probably be explained on the PC meeting.

Racing Rules Committee strongly recommend current version of RSUS as combination of pro-active and re-active judging that was proved as a system that can work.

RSD events

IOM World Championship 2003 was held in Vancouver with 82 participants from 16 countries. Trevor Binks (GBR) took a title ahead of Craig Smith (AUS) and Paul Jones (AUS). This was only RSD event in 2003. Race officer's report is received.

For 2004 an offer to host Marblehead World Championship is received from France (Viry Chatillon) and it was offered to Greece as they applied for some RDS events in last years.

IOM Europeans will be held in Arcos dela Frontera, Spain and it will be for the first time under the jurisdiction of IOMICA.

Australia made application for IOM Worlds 2005.

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