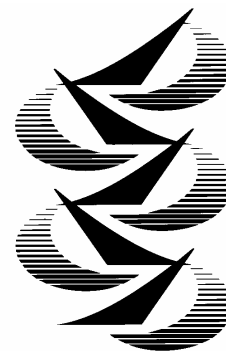


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Chairman's report to the Permanent Committee
January 2004

The highlight of 2003 was undoubtedly the IOM World Championship held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in June last year. The setting was magnificent with snow covered mountains in the background and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the RVYC, and those members who so kindly donated airmiles so that the umpires could fly there, the CMYA and all those involved in organising this regatta, especially to Don Martin, who must be singled out as the person, who pulled the whole event together. The winner was Trevor Binks (GBR), who only secured his victory in the final heat of the last race. David Coode was the principal race officer for the event and you have already received his report.

The agreement with IOMICA was finally signed in October and credit is due to our Vice Chairman Jan Dejmo and Lester Gilbert, IOMICA's Chairman for their part in this. The future and direction of RSD is uppermost in my mind, but it does seem that there is not enough manpower on the organisational side of radio sailing in general, since not even IOMICA has a full complement of officers.

I am pleased to have received reports from our three subcommittees and hope that Robert Grubisa will find his workload a little depleted since the departure of the IOM from his care. Our submissions to the ISAF racing rules committee were sent in on time and now form part of the draft RRS 2005/8. As you will see from Zoran Grubisa's report one of submissions was rejected, which, on balance, I am pleased about. David Coode's committee has done valuable work on the lengthy IOMICA saga. Thanks must be given to Ron Watts, for it was during his stewardship of the Canadian Model Yachting Association that the above-mentioned event was first mooted. Finally, on this subject, I would like to thank our General Secretary/ Treasurer Keith Skipper who as usual has done an excellent job, not only in keeping us all in control, but also for maintaining our website.

On a sadder note, I must unhappily report that at the time of writing no one has come forward to hold the Marblehead World Championship this year. This is a great pity for what is the 'Formula One' class of radio sailing.

I have now been involved in the organisation of Radio Sailing for in excess of twenty-five years and feel that it is time to stand down at our next General Assembly. I trust that our Nomination Committee under the chairmanship of Torvald Klem will find a suitable successor and I wish him or her good fortune.

John Cleave. January 2004