

INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



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Technical Committee Chairman's Report to the Permanent Committee Meeting, January 2004

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

2003

January

- Interpretation on International Marblehead Class Rules 2003-M-1 requested by the MYA (GBR) and designer Graham Bantock regarding the maximum permitted value for the boom spar cross section was issued and ratified.
- Drafting of the 2003 Edition of the International One Metre Class Rules was in progress.

February

- Drafting of the 2003 Edition of the International One Metre Class Rules was in progress.

March

- Drafting of the 2003 Edition of the International One Metre Class Rules was in progress.

April

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules (Edition 2002) 2003-IOM-1 requested by the AMYA (USA) regarding the use of headsail swivel attached inside the watertight tube was issued and ratified.
- Final draft of the 2003 Edition of the International One Metre Class Rules was finished.

May

- The International One Metre Class Rules 2003 became effective 15th May 2003.

July

- Interpretation on International "A" Class Rules 2003-A-1 requested by the designer Graham Bantock regarding one or more appendages placed aft of the aft waterline ending was issued and ratified.
- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-3 requested by the MYA (GBR) regarding sheets and sheet control line was issued and ratified.

August

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-2 requested by various designers and manufacturers regarding the aluminium grades (sub grades and temper variants) was issued and ratified.
- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-3 requested by the MYA (GBR) regarding sheets and sheet control line was issued and ratified.

October

- Marblehead hull weight and thickness was discussed after RSD Chairman asked the report on the matter before the RSD PC Meeting in January 2004.

November

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-4 requested by the MYA (GBR) regarding various questions asked by the MYA Technical Team was decided for the first time by a RSD – IOM ICA sub committee.
- Answer to Interpretation 2003-A-1 query was sent to the MYA (GBR).
- Explanation how to properly use the MFs and Certificate as active spreadsheets was given to the AMYA (USA) the International 10 Rater Class Secretary.
- Answer regarding the use of the ball bearing in rudder trunks was sent to the GER IOM representative.

TC work – General

In year 2003 the TC activity was concentrated on various clarifications, interpretations and informal answering on International Class Rules, mainly for International One Metre Class. The International One Metre Class Rules 2003 became effective 15th May 2003 after time consuming consultation between TC members. The decision stated in the Interpretation 2002-IOM-2 was challenged by some IOM skippers, mainly from the USA. The TC proposal to grandfather the mainsails affected by the Interpretation 2002-IOM-2 was not supported by the RSD PC so the mainsails in question need relatively simple corrections in order to be made to comply with the class rules.

Skippers from various countries took the opportunity to discuss the International One Metre Class Rules and recent interpretations during the World Championship in Vancouver – June 2003.

International Class Rules

Six interpretations were issued in the year 2003. Four of them are interpretation on the International One Metre Class Rules. The latest one, asked by the MYA (GBR), was decided by the sub committee composed of RSD TC Chairman and Vice Chairman and IOM ICA technical representative.

The Interpretation on the International "A" Class asked by the MYA (GBR) was challenged a few months later by the MYA. RSD TC Chairman replied to the query submitted by the MYA.

Various informal questions regarding class rules from various individuals

Many informal answers have been sent to SUI, AUS, GER and USA.

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. Also, the questions regarding the International One Metre Class Rules have been forwarded to the IOM ICA Technical representative due to the fact that the IOM ICA is recognized by the RSD started from October 2003.

TC tasks in the future

The relationship between the IOM ICA and the ISAF-RSD is defined by the ISAF RSD Regulations and the Agreement signed by the RSD and IOM ICA. The remaining International classes have not the international class associations so the TC role regarding the class rule changes and interpretations are different in comparison to the International One Metre Class Rules.

Future role of the RSD TC will be decided mainly by the future status of the ISAF RSD. Depending on the final decision, the International Class Associations may decide in the future to become the integral part of the ISAF so the class rule changes and interpretation will be decided by the respective ICA and the relevant ISAF committee without the ISAF RSD Technical Committee.

Rijeka, 4th December 2003.

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