

Technical Committee Chairman's Report to the Permanent Committee Meeting, January 2005

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

2004

February

- Interpretation (2004-10R-1) on International 10R Class Rules requested by the ARYA (AUS) regarding yachts having dual certification as a Marblehead and a 10R and the certification of a number of rigs, none of which were to the dimensions shown on the certificate, was issued.
- Start of the work on amendment and approval of International "A" Class active spreadsheet for MFs and Certificate originally prepared by the MYA (GBR).

April

- A formal request by the Model Yachting Association (GBR) for rule changes to the 'A', 10 Rater and Marblehead classes were received.
- The PC notifies the DMs that only class rule changes that are deemed urgent by the PC will be made until the DMs have decided on the future international organisation of radio sailing. Reason being that changes other than attending to rule deficiencies ought to be initiated by class associations.

May

- New International "A" Class Measurement Forms and Certificates in Excel and PDF format were finished and published including explanatory notes.
- Interpretation (2004-IOM-1) requested by the AMYA, U.S.A. regarding tension a jackstay of an IOM mast enough to hold a pre-bent mast straight was issued.
- Interpretation (2004-IOM-2) requested by the IOMICA regarding various design of headsail boom swivel was issued.

July

- Interpretation (2004-IOM-3) on International One Metre Class Rules requested by the German IOM NCA regarding bow bumper and U-shaped nails used for mainsail attachment to the mast was issued.
- Interpretation (2004-A-1) requested by the ARYA Inc, (AUS) regarding proper way of measuring the measurement "B" on the International "A" Class boat taking account of discrepancy between text and diagram in Class Rule was issued.

August

- Interpretation (2004-IOM-4) requested by the Portuguese IOM NCA regarding using "Texalium" in the IOM moulding hulls was issued.
- IOM ICA emergency class rule change of IOM class rules regarding the time limited use of existing IOM hulls made of "Texalium" reviewed by the RSD TC and approved by the RSD PC.
- Interpretation (2004-IOM-5) requested by the Australian Radio Yachting Association regarding a "belt drive sheet control line/unit" and the headsail boom topping lift construction on IOM class boat was issued.

September

- Interpretation (2004-A-2) requested by Graham Bantock, designer regarding the measurement of cross widths on International "A" class mainsails having pocket luff with mast inside the pocket and on mainsails having pocket luff with a jackstay inside the pocket was issued.
- Request for interpretation on International "A" class rule regarding the mainsail boom measurement was received from MYA (GBR). Final interpretation is missing due to the working load on other technical matters having higher priorities.

November

- Emergency IOM class rules changes due to the new Appendix E of RRS 2005-2008 and ERS 2005-2008 proposed by the IOM ICA were discussed and amended by the RSD TC. Final draft was sent to the RSD PC for approval and publishing.

December

- Interpretation (2004-M-1) requested by the Model Yachting Association, GBR, regarding the use of depth restriction gauge on a International Marblehead class boat with beam of 100 mm was issued.
- RSD PC approved IOM class rules emergency changes due to the new Appendix E of RRS 2005-2008 and ERS 2005-2008 proposed by the IOM ICA and amended by the RSD TC.
- Emergency changes on International Marblehead and International 10R Class Rules due to the new Appendix E of RRS 2005-2008 and ERS 2005-2008 was discussed inside the RSD TC. Final drafts were sent to the RSD PC for approval and publishing.

TC work - General

In year 2004 the TC activity was concentrated on various interpretations, emergency class rules changes and informal answering on International Class Rules.

International Class Rules

Nine interpretations were issued in the year 2004. The IOM Class rules interpretations were decided by the sub committee composed of RSD TC Chairman and Vice Chairman and IOM ICA technical representative.

Emergency class rules changes to IOM, 10R and Marblehead class rules due to the new editions of the RRS 2005-2008 and RRS 2005-2008 were prepared and sent to the RSD PC for final approval.

Various informal questions regarding class rules from various individuals

Many informal answers have been sent to AUS, GER, 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 RSD TC, which will be able to do so.

RSD TC Chairman

The role of RSD Technical Chairman is very demanding and I was aware of it when I have decided to seek election in 2001. I have worked very hard in order to provide best possible service to the radio sailors/designers/officials worldwide.

My heavy workload in the Shipyard where I work and other of my personal commitments prevent me from spending enough time for RSD technical issues. Therefore I have decided to stand down at the next RSD GA. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all RSD TC and PC members for the job done so far and I am quite sure that my successor will successfully continue my work and my predecessors' work and I wish him/her the best of luck in his/her new position.

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 relevant ICA and ISAF committees without the ISAF RSD Technical Committee.

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