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International One Metre Class Association

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To Bruce Anderson,

ISAF Comments on One Metre Class Rule Change for the RSD

The acting chairman of the ISAF radio sailing division has asked ISAF to review the class rule changes as agreed at your AGM together with a number of other issues regarding your interpretation request.

Before doing this may I remind the class association of what the IOM constitution says regarding rule changes.

8.8. Resolutions

8.8.1. *Proposals for amending this Constitution, or the IOM Class Rules, shall be by Special resolution to a meeting of the World Council. All other resolutions to the World Council shall be ordinary resolutions.*

8.8.2. *A Special resolution shall be passed only if 2/3rds or more of the votes cast are in its favour.*

It is unprecedented for ISAF to comment on these matters while the class is formally not directly associated with ISAF. However at the requested of the Radio Sailing Division here are our views as a good will gesture to help assist in any restructuring of radio sailing. If the class were to gain ISAF status these would be the comments the ISAF Class Rules Sub Committee would make.

2008 AGM – Special Resolution 2.1 – Mast Diameter

Reasoning the class constitution clearly requires a 2/3 majority, the vote only got 41/67 which is 61.7%, so we are unclear why it is marked as passed in the minutes. If this can be explained then we will reconsider our decision.

ISAF Conclusion Reject

Additional Comments As 10 mm will be a nominal dimension most stock 10mm tube will not meet the class rule so will not achieve what the reasoning of the submission intended. We would therefore ask the class to amend the minimum diameter to a smaller number. If the class considers such a change in the future it is suggested trials are done and that available tubes are measured. The submission should be given very serious technical consideration by the classes technical committee of the consequences before any vote is made and to advise the membership on the consequences.

We suspect the 10.6mm originally came from 11mm and 11.1mm (7/16")



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tubing with a generous tolerance to avoid extensive use of micrometer. Such changes in section of approximately 10% in dimensions makes a huge difference to the stiffness.

2008 AGM - Special Resolution 2.2 – Retention of Measurement Forms

Reasoning The primary aim of a certification authority is to retain copies of the original certification control form (measurement forms) and issue certificates. The administration burden far outweighs the benefits of the documents being secure and centrally available. (Note there is the potential to move to a web based certification system which is something ISAF is researching)

ISAF Conclusion Reject

2008 AGM - Special Resolution 2.3 – 2.4 Ghz Receivers

ISAF Conclusion Approve as submitted, this makes the emergency rule change redundant

2008 AGM - Special Resolution 2.4 – Rig Materials

Reasoning The concept of **closed class rules** when written to deliberately tightly control an area requires each individual part to be specifically permitted. The materials section within each part however deliberately controls only major components, if statements regarding optional material were added to every part the rules would become very long. General prohibitions are sometime done but this tends to lead to mistakes when part of the rules are read in isolation.

ISAF Conclusion Reject

2008 AGM - Special Resolution 2.5 – Resolution 2.6

Comments ISAF, at present, doesn't comment on championship rules provided they are invoked by the notice of race. However your change regarding temporary certificates is probably against your class rules which if you become an ISAF class can only be changed by the NOR/SI with ISAF agreement.

2009/04/24 MYA Emergency Rule Change Request

Tabling is permitted by the IOM class rules because it is a permitted by virtue of the fact it has a dimensional constraint in its ERS defined sense. In regards to the following class rules these are specifically mentioned because the tabling is being used in its defined term but also for the secondary purpose to create a mainsail bolt rope and contain the Forestay / headsail stay.

G.3 MAINSAIL

- (b) OPTIONAL
 - (1) **Tabling** at the **luff** may form a pocket for a mast **spar** jackstay.

G.4 HEADSAIL

- (b) OPTIONAL
 - (1) **Tabling** at the **luff** may form a pocket for a headsail stay



We can however see a case to clarify some of the wording associated with these rules as it is effectively permission to create a double luff sail limited to tabling width, also the term jackstay is confusing as it has many meanings, perhaps G.2.5 can be examined at the same time.

2009 Proposals

ISAF when dealing with class rules wants Class Associations to approve principles, not exact wording the refinement of which is normally done between the class technical representative and ISAF. I would encourage you to get agreement on this if the class does apply for ISAF status as a number of administration rules will need minor amendments. It is also good for the class technical committee to advise the NCA's on technical issues linked to proposed amendments which quite often come from non-technical members.

This document has been prepared in consultation with Georg Tallberg (FIN) Chairman and Bill Abbott (CAN) Vice Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee.

It has also been noted that the 2007 class rule changes handled for the Class Association by the Radio Sailing Division as found at http://www.iomclass.org/tech/IOM_CR_2007_RSD.pdf don't appear to have made it into the current rule published rule text which perhaps should be done at the same time as including these amendments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information regarding the use of the Standard Class Rules / Equipment Rules of Sailing or general advice regarding ISAF involvement in Radio Sailing and your class association.

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