

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

Role and Functions of the Technical Sub-Committee

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1. INTRODUCTION

The IOMICA Technical Sub Committee (TSC) is a diverse international team of experienced IOM sailors dedicated to maintaining the technical integrity of the International One Metre model yacht in the best interests of IOM class owners world-wide. The team is lead by the IOMICA Vice Chairman Technical who also serves on the Executive Committee of the IOMICA. The IOMICA TSC does not work unilaterally. TSC recommendations are forwarded to the full IOMICA Executive Committee who may accept, modify or reject viewpoints before final release. The TSC also coordinates closely with the ISAF Radio Sailing Division Technical Committee which serves as a “quality assurance body” in reviewing TSC conclusions. All viewpoints forwarded by the TSC are based on technical, not political, considerations.

2. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS

The role of the IOMICA TSC is to maintain a set of class rules that IOM class owners want by providing three functions:

1. Explanation and interpretation of the existing IOM Class Rules,
2. Recommendation of IOM Class Rule changes or updates, and
3. Preservation of a technical vision for the IOM class based on both historical and current technical/technology perspectives.

3. TECHNICAL INTERPRETATIONS

Typically official requests for IOM class rule interpretations or explanations are submitted to the IOMICA Vice Chairman (Technical) through National Class Associations (NCA) or National Class Secretaries (NCS), after discussions at the NCA/NCS level have been unsuccessful in reaching a consensus. The TSC acts as the focal point for coordination of the interpretation and prepares the initial drafts or responses for review by the IOMICA Executive Committee and the ISAF RSD TC. All requests are published on the IOMICA web site and class owners are free to comment on the IOM web forum. Official interpretations are also published on the IOMICA web site upon approval of the ISAF RSD - IOMICA joint committee. Note that interpretations cannot change the class rules and are therefore not subject to a vote by IOM class owners.

4. CLASS RULE CHANGES

The TSC has sole responsibility for drafting all class rule changes consistent with the IOM class owners' desires for technical development of the IOM class. Suggestions for class rule changes will typically originate the same way they do for class rule interpretations. In addition, the TSC may initiate class rule changes to simplify or clarify existing rules, or to account for new materials, technologies or construction techniques etc. The TSC coordinates the proposed rule change(s) with the IOMICA Executive Committee and the ISAF RSD – IOMICA joint committee. Once the draft is agreed on by the three bodies, the proposed changes are released to be voted on by the IOM World Council. To be enacted, proposed changes require a 66.7% majority "Yes" vote by the World Council.

5. TECHNICAL VISION

The success of the IOM is, in a large way, due to the class fathers' vision and technical guidance through the evolution of detailed IOM class rules. The TSC's goal is to preserve the technical integrity of the IOM consistent with

1. The IOM Current Policy statement as posted on the IOMICA web site and
2. What the IOM class owners want.

The essence of where the IOM class began, what it is, and what it should be, is encapsulated in the IOM current policy statement. That statement and related documents outline the intent and nature of the IOM class and form the underlying basis for debate about the IOM class and the class rules. With the establishment of the IOMICA the IOM belongs to the IOM owners. The TSC works for the class owners by drafting class rules which describe the IOM class that the IOM owners want.