

**IOMICA Direct Affiliation With ISAF
Discussion Document 1**

1 History & Background

The International One Metre class was developed by the IMYRD Permanent Committee and was adopted as an international class in 1988. In the previous years 'one metre' boats appeared in several different countries, aimed at addressing the increasing costs of buying or maintaining a Marblehead class.

During the development of the 1988 class rules a clear principle was established under the guidance of the Jan Dejmo, Chairman of the IMYRD Technical Committee, which is the boats permitted by the rule would be capable of:

- keeping costs of the boat low
- being capable of being built by non-expert builders, without being at a disadvantage in terms of performance when compared to yachts built by professional builders.
- allowing a wider range in some limitations in order to permit boats built under other rules to comply with the new rules without modification.

The first World Championship of this class was held in St. Cyr, France in 1994. At the 1999 IOM World Championships in Ramla Bay, Malta, the ISAF-RSD requested that all International Classes, and the IOM in particular, set up international class associations. After work by Chris Jackson, John Rizopoulos, Lester Gilbert, and others, the formal recognition of the IOM ICA by the RSD was executed on October 2003.

2 Current Affiliation

The IOM ICA is an international class association recognised by ISAF-RSD.

3 ISAF & ISAF RSD

ISAF RSD is an affiliate Member of ISAF.

An Affiliate Member is any self-administered international organization, other than a Member National Authority or International Class Association or Recognized Class Association, or members thereof, interested in or associated with the sport of sailing in any of its forms and whose activities are not in conflict with MNAs, International or Recognized Class Associations. This organization may be granted Affiliate Membership subject to conditions and terms of membership as the Council may respectively from time to time decide.

An Affiliate Member shall not be entitled to voting rights, except where otherwise specifically provided for in the ISAF Articles.

The main objects of ISAF RSD are:

- The promotion and encouragement of designing, building and racing radio sailing boats.
- The granting and withdrawal of International Class status and the supervision of classes, including the class rating rules and measurement procedures.

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- The control, organisation, conduct, licensing and sanctioning of Continental and Regional Championships.
- The establishment and amendment of Appendix E for Radio Sailing Racing Rules.
- The control, organisation, conduct, licensing and sanctioning of World Championships.

The last two points are subject to the approval of the ISAF.

The ISAF RSD has no rights to make any submissions to the ISAF Council (the body who takes the decision about RRS among other things). Submission rights are held by: MNAs (US Sailing in USA, RYA in GBR, FFV in France, HJS in Croatia, etc.), International Class Associations, ISAF Executive Committee, etc. Therefore ISAF RSD can not directly propose any changes of the RRS Appendix E, for example.

4 ISAF & IOM ICA

If the IOM becomes an ISAF International class, the IOM ICA will have submission rights, among other benefits, including but not necessarily limited to the right to hold World and Continental Championships, and the right to a seat on the ISAF Classes Committee.

For more information see <http://www.radiosailing.org/pdf/Future%20of%20RSD.pdf>

5 Class Association Alternatives (PROS & CONS)

Many of the conditions of direct affiliation are similar to those we deal with now as we are represented through RSD. For instance, we will need to continue to submit annual reports and ensure that we deal with individual NCA needs in a way that works best for the overall class membership

5.1 Become a member of ISAF

PROS

- IOM ICA will have the right to hold a World Championship (see ISAF Regulations 18.2).
- IOM ICA may appoint one member to the ISAF Classes Committee and as such have a vote and voice in the world governing body. For example, we will be able to propose Appendix E changes and updates, and will be consulted by ISAF when Appendix E changes are proposed by others. We will be consulted by ISAF when other changes are proposed, such as to the Advertising Code, and to ISAF eligibility (see ISAF Regulations 15.6).
- Owners will not lose their ISAF eligibility when taking part in any one metre race sanctioned by ISAF.
- The application fee of 1000 pounds will be waived.
- Certainty on the future of the class.
- Effective, authoritative technical approval of Class Rule changes and interpretations made in accordance with principles valid for other ISAF classes (see ISAF Regulations 26.11).

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CONS

- IOM ICA will have to pay a subscription fee of 165 pounds per year (see ISAF Regulations 26.16).
- New certificated boats after 1st January 2010 will have to pay a fee of around 5 pounds (see ISAF Regulations 26.8.1).
- Measurement and measurers must be organized with relevant parts of ISAF Regulation 26.5

5.2 Remain an ISAF-RSD class.

PROS

- No annual subscription fee.
- No additional hull registration fee

CONS

- Uncertainty about the future of the class until the situation between ISAF and RSD is resolved.
- Ineffective management of radio sailing internationally.
- Uncertainty about technical approval of Class Rule changes.
- Uncertainty about Class Rule interpretations.
- Uncertainty about event approval.
- Uncertainty about ISAF eligibility.
- Uncertainty about the use of race officials (Judges, Umpires, Race Officers) at events.