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Dear Mike

The IOM ICA Interim Committee is delighted that the MYA has responded to its requests for comment on its Constitution, its Regulations, and its discussion papers on the appointment of NCAs and the issues involved where a DM might act as a NCA. Thank you.

We are naturally very pleased that the full MYA Council has reached a general consensus that the setting up of the IOM ICA should be fully supported. This is very good news. We are acutely aware that efforts to set up International Classes have failed in the past, and join with your wish to see this does not happen with what is the most widely sailed class in the UK and in almost all other radio sailing countries in the world, where in some cases it is the only class sailed.

In particular, we are pleased that "the MYA would be happy to be considered as the organisation to oversee the NCA". We would like to clarify, however, the choice of certain words in this phrase. The activities of the NCA are in fact overseen by the ICA. And we are hopeful that the MYA applies to be appointed as the IOM NCA for GBR.

You write, "IOM ICA requires the NCA to duly elect a committee under the guidance of an NCS". We would like to clarify this. First, we must note that the ICA does not have such a requirement. We would ideally like to see a full and complete NCA established in every country where the IOM is sailed, and this ambition is enshrined in our Constitution and Regulations. On the way towards such a state of affairs, however, the ICA is happy to consider an interim solution, appointing a NCS instead of a NCA in a particular country, where the NCS would act as a "one-man" NCA.

The MYA can apply to the IOM ICA to be the National Class Association for GBR, and if successful it can assign the required NCA tasks however it chooses. It can assign them all to one person, who we have called the NCS and who would function much as a traditional Class Secretary, or it can assign them to the MYA's One Metre Registrar, or it can find additional help. It is the MYA's choice, to meet the MYA's needs. All that is required is for the MYA acting as the NCA to fulfil its understanding with the IOM ICA. Very basically, this understanding is that the NCS or NCA:

- provides upon request, by name and address, a list of all its registered and certificated owners.
- ballots its owners on resolutions to be put to the World Council.
- votes on the World Council according to the result of the ballot of its owners.

It is up to the individual NCA to determine how best to arrange its finances, and if the MYA were to act as the NCA then, from the point of view of the ICA, the MYA has a completely free

hand in this regard. There is only one aspect in which the ICA is involved, and that is the annual fee which the ICA might wish to levy upon its NCAs. At the moment, the MYA, as a DM, pays an annual fee to RSD. In so far as the ICA will be taking over certain functions from RSD with regard to the IOM, the ICA is in discussion with RSD with regard to the size of the fraction of this fee which might in due course be payable to the ICA instead. There are two key points here. The first is to say that, if there were any overall increase in DM fees, this would be as a result of increased and improved services to the country and its owners. The second is that the ICA expects to be able to function over the next few years on income from international championship fees, and it has accordingly set its current annual levy upon NCAs at zero.

At the international level, you are aware of the on-going separation of the duties and responsibilities for the IOM class from those of the governing body for radio sailing, the ISAF-RSD. It is this separation which is bringing the IOM ICA into being. It is clear that, in due course, there will be a similar separation (where it does not already exist) of the duties and responsibilities for the class at national level in countries where the IOM is sailed. Consequently, we expect that in due course the IOM NCA for GBR will become a separate body from that of the national governing body for radio sailing in GBR, the MYA. We would like to emphasise that we believe such a separation to be in the best interests both of the class owners and of the national authority, since it will allow each to focus clearly upon their core missions. We would like to refer you to the ICA's second and third Progress Reports for more details on these duties and responsibilities, and their separation, as we see them. These reports are available for download from the IOM ICA's Web site.

I would be happy to meet up with the MYA Council or any MYA sub-committee or group of representatives to discuss any issues. In the meantime we shall be forwarding this response to RSD and DMs for their information, and we look forward to your comments.

Sincerely,

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