

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

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1. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1.1. Recognition of national class associations

Status	Country
Recognised	ARG, AUS, BRA, CAN, CRO, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, NOR, NZL, POR, RSA, USA
Recognition applied for	JPN, MLT, SWE
Application expected	IRL
Fewer than 5 active IOMs	PHI, SAM, SUI
Interest expressed	SLO

1.2. NAVIGA

A “semi-formal” meeting was held with Naviga in 2004 to explore common areas of interest. The F5E and the IOM are similar boats, and there is no doubt of the mutual benefits of successful cooperation. Although a very friendly and positive meeting, it is not clear how to arrange either the co-existence or convergence of the Naviga F5E and the IOM classes within a common international framework. Both parties would like F5E and IOM Owners to be able to compete in each other’s events at an international level, but at present this would contravene the ISAF policy on eligibility. Discussion will no doubt continue as a background activity during 2005.

1.3. Future tasks

While it was expected that the future of RSD would become clearer during 2004, we are hopeful that this will occur during 2005. The major external task for IOMICA will be establishing its place in the new landscape of international radio sailing.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2005/2006

The next IOMICA Executive will be elected during the 2005 IOM Worlds in Australia.

3. WORLD COUNCIL

The World Council considered and resolved a number of issues during its inaugural year:

Item	Resolution
Transparency	In order to make World Council business more transparent, it was resolved to have the resolutions in a public area of the IOM Forum, and to have the voting record of World Council members noted and published.
Old E4.7	In order to progress the necessary class rule change for moveable ballast, it was resolved that the TSC should draft the new rules and make the request.
Block voting	The voting allocation of an NCA is usually cast as a block. It was resolved that the minimum majority to vote an allocated block shall be 55%, otherwise the block shall be split, or the vote abstained.
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4. INFOCOMMS

4.1. *Infocomms Sub-Committee*

Anders Wallin (FIN) was co-opted to fill the office of VC Infocomms. Pedro Egea (ESP) has worked as a member of the infocomms sub-committee with maintenance of the forum software as his main responsibility.

4.2. *Web site*

The website (www.iomclass.org) was re-organized, given a new look, and re-launched on 4. December. Emphasis was put on the clear and logical organization of all information presented. Relatively little, but positive, feedback from owners and NCAs has been received.

4.3. *IOM Forum*

The forum (www.iomclass.org/phpBB2) continues to be a central medium for communication among owners, the world council, and the IOMICA committees. Methods for better identification of forum users and for public voting were discussed during the year. Around 220 new members registered on the forum during the year.

In addition, file areas for the use of the world council and the executive committee are hosted on the IOMICA server.

5. TECHNICAL

Charles Detriche, VC Technical, has presented the views of the TSC to the relevant RSD sub-committee concerning interpretations and class rule changes.

5.1. *Interpretations*

Item	Interpretation
Battens, batten pockets	Interpretation requested.
Texalium	Not permitted, but dispensation granted through a class rule change.
Sheet control line, topping lift restraint	These items of rigging clarified.
Bow bumpers	Measurement of bumpers clarified.
Mainsail luff attachment	Mainsail attachments clarified.
Jib swivel	Permitted jib swivel configuration clarified.
Jackstay tension	Permitted tensioning of the jackstay clarified.

5.2. *Class rule changes*

Item	Class rule change
Removal of E4.7 (ballast)	Management of ballast now part of the class rules, in much the same way as the old E4.7. Explicit permission to remove the keel added. Clarification of the role of batteries as ballast, must be refitted in the same place.
Grandfathering of sail identification	This omission from E6 now corrected and part of the class rules.
Texalium	Limited dispensation granted to existing hulls.

5.3. *Advice given*

Item	Advice
Tapering bow bumper	Diagram of how to measure the bow bumper, became a request for interpretation.
Hull hollows	How to measure hull hollows.
Use of bamboo	Although botanically “grass”, permitted since its material characteristics are “wood”.
Hull certification without rig measurement form	Permitted if rig M/Fs have previously been accepted by certification authority. (Currently the subject of a request for interpretation.)
New ideas	Advice issued to owners and builders, both amateur and professional, on the nature of the IOM class rules and what to do with a “new idea”.

5.4. *Water-free draught measurement*

The Technical and Measurement teams are investigating the feasibility of introducing a draught measurement for the IOM that is like the new Marblehead measurement – a gauge that dispenses with the requirement for a flotation tank.

5.5. *Role and function of the TSC*

The TSC’s document on its role and functioning was approved by the Executive. The document sets out the procedures by which advice is offered, interpretations are requested and answered, and class rule changes are requested.

5.6. *Future tasks*

Future key tasks are to develop the “Policy and Intent of the IOM Class” document to set down the guidance needed by the class administrators, World Council, and the owners for the future development of the class.

A review of the class rules is underway.

6. EVENTS

6.1. *Worlds 2005*

The AUS bid to host the 2005 Worlds was approved.

6.2. *Europeans 2004*

The event took place at Arcos, Spain, during October 2004. New offices, storage, quays, and facilities were provided. The event was very successful in terms of facilities, but organisation, officials, and umpiring in certain cases did not reach the standards expected. IOMICA has initiated a review of the event, and changes to the IOMICA Race Management Manual will be published in due course.

An innovation of this event was explicit allocation of limited places for non-European competitors. Though this drew some criticism, it seems that the “visiting” competitors raised the standard of the event.

6.3. *IOMICA Race Management Manual*

A draft of this manual has been adopted by the RYA for its training and certification programmes for race officers, in particular, radio sailing race officers. The manual will be published on the IOMICA Web site in due course, following the Euro 2004 review.

6.4. *IOMICA Umpiring appendix*

The ISAF have released an experimental Appendix Q, covering the umpiring of fleet racing. This appendix is being developed and modified, so as to provide an appendix for the SIs of any IOMICA-approved event. David Lees (GBR, IJ, IU) is taking a leading role in this development, assisted by Lester Gilbert (GBR, NJ).

6.5. *Future tasks*

The Events Sub-committee continues to work on a set of International event regulations, covering:

- Class Championship Regulations
- Standard IOMICA Notice of Race
- IOMICA Standard Sailing Instructions
- Event Management Manual
- Organisation & Financial Planner
- National and Internationals Events Requirements

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. *Measurement questionnaire*

The measurements sub-committee has drafted a 'Measurements Questionnaire' with the aim of obtaining an idea of the current state of affairs regarding measurements, registration, measurers etc in the various IOM NCAs. The results are being analysed and will be reported on in due course.

7.2. *Sail maker self-certification scheme*

This theme is ongoing.

7.3. *Draught and beam measurement gauge*

Various ideas are being sketched and piloted for such a gauge, in order to eliminate the need for a flotation tank when measuring an IOM hull. The debate is being usefully informed by the use of such a gauge in the Marblehead class. This theme is ongoing.

7.4. *Future tasks*

International measurers and their recognition and training.

8. FINANCE

8.1. *Income and expenditure 2003 - 2004*

The financial statement for the period 2003 - 2004 is only approximate and is not yet audited.

Income	£
From Euro 2004	840
Expenditure	£
Maintenance of the IOM ICA Web site	100
Transfer to reserves	740

8.2. *Budget 2005*

The provisional budget for 2005 is as follows:

Income	£
Approval fee from Worlds 2005	0
Entry fee from Worlds 2005	(Under review)
Expenditure	£
Maintenance of the IOM ICA Web site	100

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