

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION
IOMICA Annual Report 2005
26 March 2006**

1. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1.1. Recognition of national class associations

Recognised:	ARG, AUS, BAR, BRA, CAN, CRO, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, IRL, ITA, NOR, NZL, POR, RSA, SWE, USA
Recognition applied for:	None
Application expected:	None
Fewer than 5 active IOMs:	PHI, SAM, SUI
Interest expressed:	None

1.2. NAVIGA

It would appear that subtle differences in class rules between the IOM & Naviga F5E classes make it virtually impossible for the classes to compete together at an International level. Conversations around the possibility have therefore come to a halt.

1.3. ISAF-RSD

There was hope that the direction of RSD would become clear in 2005. Unfortunately this would appear not to be the case. However, communication between IOMICA and RSD is still ongoing and we have high hopes for the future.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2006

The IOMICA Executive for 2005-2007 was elected during the 2005 IOM Worlds in Australia. However, a lack of candidates and subsequent resignations left the executive short of a quorum. Subsequent co-opt's have remedied the situation and the now complete executive are working hard to catch up.

Chairman: Greg Willis (AUS)
Secretary: Andy Stevenson (GBR)
Treasurer: David Turton (AUS)
VC Technical: Roy Langboard (USA)
VC Events: Bruce Andersen (USA)
VC Measurement: Roy Thompson (ESP)
VC Infocomms: Anders Wallin (FIN)

3. WORLD COUNCIL

The first IOMICA World Council Annual General Meeting was held on 18 September 2005 in conjunction with the IOM World Championships in Mooloolaba, Australia. The meeting was attended by about 50 skippers with 14 NCAs represented. The minutes from the meeting are available on the IOMICA homepage www.iomclass.org.

4. INFOCOMMS

The website has been updated around 30 times through the year with documents, event information, and results.

The IOMICA forum software was updated a number of times when new versions were available.

5. TECHNICAL

5.1 Interpretations during 2005

Interpretation 2005-IOM-1: Hull measurement form can be submitted without rig measurement form.

5.2 Ongoing technical issues

The emergency rule changes put in place by the Executive Committee to deal with the changes to the ERS were not passed at the WC AGM in Mooloolaba on 18 Sept 2005, this has some serious implications for the class. Notably with moveable ballast.

Texalium was declared illegal by Interpretation 2004-IOM-4, an emergency rule change was requested to "grandfather" existing hulls, however this wasn't passed at the Mooloolaba meeting either. Effectively rendering Texalium illegal.

The new exec has a great deal of work to do to remedy a potentially serious problem, specifically the Technical Sub Committee. Difficulties with appointing suitable people have lead to some delays; however the exec as a whole is working hard to ensure a timely resolution.

5.3 Waterless measurement

There has been discussion surrounding the issue, the consensus seem willing to agree it's a good idea. However a workable solution is proving difficult to find.

5.4 Sail makers self certification

2005 saw no progress on this issue.

6. EVENTS

The 2006 IOM World Championships were organized in Mooloolaba, Australia. 84 skippers participated - Craig Smith (AUS) won the title.

No report from the organizers as per Class Championship Regulations 6.8 has been received.

6.1. Future events

No bids received to host 2006 European championships, although some interest has been expressed. No bids received to host 2007 World championships.

7. MEASUREMENT

Different forms of water-free draught measurement were discussed.

8. FINANCE

Income: none

Expenditure: 88 USD for website maintenance paid by Lester Gilbert.

IOM ICA Executive Committee,
March 2006

Appendix A: NCA Annual Report summary

Country	Ranking events	Other events	Ave boats @ ranking events	Boats @ National Champs	Registered Owners	Certificated Owners	Hull numbers issued	Certificates issued
ARG								
AUS	20		25	64	485	475		88
BAR	1		10	10	10	10	10	10
BRA								
CAN	1	2	25	25	59	24		
CRO	6	1	15.8	24	33	31	48	40
DEN	4	1	10	7	32	32	101	101
ESP	2	6	16	36	112	17	26	1
FIN	8	1	10	10	30	17	42	19
FRA	91	0	19	64	131	131	81	81
GBR	7		35	41	544	527	208	182
GER	20	6	18	26	146	132	65	48
IRL								
ITA	9	20	27	39	70	95	95	95
NOR	8	1	16	20	95	18	95	20
NZL	3	0		25	78	72	8	10
POR	3	7	12	12	74	74	164	163
RSA								
SWE								
USA	6	10	34	42	250	177	361	195

ARG:

AUS:

Comments on the year The IOM is the strongest class sailed in AUS. Championships were held in all States and the Nationals held in Sydney, NSW, in January 2005 was won by the subsequent World Champion, Craig Smith of Victoria.

The Mooloolaba Radio Yacht Club successfully conducted the 2005 World Championship on behalf of the Association. We express concerns regarding the cost of conducting this and future WC's particularly the expenses involved in providing jury and judges to ISAF requirements. Conducting an event such as this is clearly beyond the resources of many NCA's as evidenced by the lack of applications for the 2007 event.

Ken Dobbie
NCA Rep AUS

BAR:

Comments on the year
Last years IOM Regatta was very well attended with participants from across North America.
This year we will have a total of 34 boats from Europe as well as North America

BRA:

CAN:

CRO:

DEN:

Comments on the year: In corporation with the 3 other nordic counties (FIN, NOR and SWE), we have had a series called Nordic Cup. In 2005 there was 3 events (DEN, NOR and SWE), with an average number of 27 boat.
Denmark was also the host the Nordic Championship in 2005.

ESP:

Comments on the year
We are trying to increase the number of measurers specialized in IOM

FIN:

Comments on the year 2005
The RC-Sailors of Finland (RCSF)
The main activity of the RCSF is the organization of the IOM Ranking Series of 8 events at 5 different locations. A total of 16 skippers attended the events. The RCSF publishes a newsletter called "Styyra". The 2005 issue was published in December and contained articles covering regatta reports, results and Event Management Manual etc. The RCSF attended the Helsinki Boat Show in February. We displayed two IOM yachts and a multimedia show to over 90000 visitors. IOM NCAs for FIN, DEN, NOR, and SWE opened a new website www.iom-nordic.org to cater for the IOM sailors in the Nordic countries.

FRA:

GBR:

GER:

Comments on the year
In 2005 we have in Germany the first year with more ranking races and more competitors as in the Marblehead class. We are very happy with the last year

IRL:

ITA:

JPN:

MLT:

NOR:

Comments on the year:

2005 has been a good year for the Norwegian IOM fleet, it is growing with over 20 boats this year. The recruitment is mainly from big boat sailing clubs which organises the activity inside these clubs as normal big boat class clubs.

We are sailing all year around with all together 20 races a year counting the 3 races in the Nordic Cup. We have about 40 sailors on the ranking list.

We are very happy that the IOM class has migrated along the coastline, for the time being there are 8 cities where there are registered IOM sailing.

We anticipate a further growth during 2006, especially in the number of participants in the races

NZL:

POR:

RSA:

SWE:

Comments on the year

2005 has been our first year as NCA. We are happy to see an increasing number of sailors turning their heads towards IOM.

We have organised our first National Championship as well as our first Nordic Cup event. On top of these events we have organised 7 ranking events, numerous training events as well as an informal Winter Cup to prepare for the next season.

Our finances are in order and the association is functioning as intended. We estimate the number of registered owners to continue to grow. Our focus however will be on getting our registered owners to become certified owners.

USA:

Comments on the year

There has been recent discussion and interest within the US in having a Continental Championship in 2008. Hopefully this will happen, and would be a great stepping stone towards hosting a World Championship as well in the future.