

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE  
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

# **Chairman's Report 2001-2003**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The IOM ICA Interim Committee was elected at the IOM World Championships in Omisalj, Croatia, in May 2001. Its brief was to complete work on the IOM ICA Constitution, obtain the recognition of the ISAF-RSD, appoint NCAs world-wide, establish the World Council, and arrange the voting-in of the inaugural Executive Committee. Much, but not all, of this work has been accomplished by the Interim Executive.

The progress reported here covers the period from the 2001 World Championships to the election of the Inaugural Executive Committee at the 2003 World Championships in Vancouver, Canada.

## **2. INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **2.1. *Constitution***

The latest version of the IOM ICA Constitution now provides the basis for the governance of the class. It is a fairly general document which identifies the aims and structure of the ICA. Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority of the Certified Owners represented on the World Council.

### **2.2. *Regulations***

The latest version of the IOM ICA Regulations provides the basis for the management of the class by the World Council. Changes to the Regulations require a simple majority of the Registered Owners represented on the World Council, and it is now up to the World Council to determine IOMICA fees and voting arrangements.

### **2.3. *Web site***

The ICA maintains an official Web site, currently funded by the ISAF-RSD, as the primary means of outgoing communication with the IOM community. The "Documents" page provides the public domain IOMICA documents. The "Links" and "Events" pages provide links to the international authorities for sailing and radio sailing, recognised IOM NCAs, and international IOM events.

### **2.4. *Memoranda***

A variety of documents have been prepared to support the work of IOMICA and the recognition of NCAs. Those released to the public domain are available from the Web site "Download" page. Other documents are available from the "Articles" page.

### 3. AUTHORITIES AND RECOGNITIONS

#### 3.1. *Class rules*

The ISAF-RSD promulgated the latest version of the IOM Class Rules effective mid-May 2003. This maintenance update to the rules provided for minor changes, improvements, and clarifications. Commentary on the changes can be found on the IOMICA Web site. Following recognition from the ISAF-RSD, IOMICA will promulgate the next version.

#### 3.2. *Approval of international events*

As of January 2003, the ISAF-RSD transferred authority to approve international IOM events to IOMICA. At the IOM ICA meeting held at the Vancouver WC event it was announced that Spain had submitted a bid to host the European IOM Championships in 2004, and Australia was preparing a bid to host the World IOM Championships in 2005. A bid from Germany for the 2006 European Championship is expected, and interested countries are invited to discuss bids for hosting the 2007 World Championship.

#### 3.3. *Recognition from ISAF-RSD*

IOMICA understands that there have been no substantive objections from Division Members of the ISAF-RSD to the recognition of the IOM ICA. According to the current ISAF-RSD schedule, this recognition is expected on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003. We are negotiating a Memorandum of Agreement with the ISAF-RSD based upon the standard ISAF Agreement for International classes. An earlier version of this Agreement can be found in the third IOMICA Progress Report.

#### 3.4. *Recognition of national class associations*

<b>Status</b>	<b>Country</b>
Recognised	Australia.
Recognition applied for and being processed	Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Germany.
Application expected	Spain, Italy, Norway, Republic of South Africa, United States of America.
Fewer than 5 active IOMs sailing at present	Samoa, Sweden, Switzerland.
Others	Ireland, Japan, Malta, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia.

### 4. FUTURE

The major tasks for the Inaugural Executive Committee (2003-2005) include concluding ISAF-RSD recognition, appointing remaining NCAs, documenting the rationale and intent of the class, making the class rules more accessible, drafting class championship regulations and event management guidelines, introducing a scheme of pre-approved sails, training and accrediting International Measurers, establishing Internet services for the World Council, and approving the 2004 and 2005 international event schedule.

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