

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

The IOM ICA: Progress Report 3

As at 14 January 2002

1. INTRODUCTION

The IOM ICA Interim Committee was elected at the IOM World Championships in Omisalj, Croatia, in May 2001. Its brief, in essence, 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.

The progress reported here covers the period since the second report dated 26 October 2001, and in particular covers the headline agreements reached at the ISAF-RSD annual PC meeting in London on 12 and 13 January 2002.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

2.1. *Constitution*

The third revision of the IOM ICA Constitution was submitted to the ISAF-RSD for its comment. The resulting fourth revision has been indicated as being approvable by the ISAF-RSD.

2.2. *Regulations*

The third revision of the IOM ICA Regulations was submitted to the ISAF-RSD for its comment. The resulting fourth revision has been indicated as being approvable by the ISAF-RSD.

2.3. *Appointing NCAs*

The Interim Committee drafted a discussion paper on the appointment of National Class Associations, and a “Memorandum of Understanding” representing an agreement to be reached between an ISAF-RSD Division Member and the IOM ICA if the DM is to be recognised by the IOM ICA as acting as an IOM NCA.

The DMs were asked to consider these documents, and to reply with their comments. Only one DM responded (GER). Following a reminder e-mail, a further two DMs offered informal comments (AUS, CAN). In response to the reminder e-mail, a number of DMs offered explanations of why they were unable to comment (AUT, IRL, NOR, NZL, POR, SAM, SUI, SWE, USA). The remaining DMs offered no response at all (ARG, BLR, BRA, CRO, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, ITA, LAT, MLT, MON, NED, POL, RSA, SIN, SLO, TUR).

2.4. *Presentation to MYA AGM*

The interim Chairman made an invited presentation to the AGM of the MYA on the subject of the IOM ICA.

3. WORK IN PROGRESS

3.1. *Agreement with the ISAF-RSD*

The ISAF-RSD has indicated that it intends to change its role in the regulation and administration of international radio sailing. In essence, it expects to become a committee of the ISAF (the Radio Sailing Committee, or ISAF-RSC) and to continue its international regulatory activities, particularly with regard to Appendix E of the RRS, in this form. It expects that its administrative roles will be taken over by radio sailing Class Associations, and the IOM ICA in particular, along with radio sailing sub-committees of the various MNAs.

In particular, as the ISAF-RSC, it would have no special role with regard to the technical side of radio sailing, and the international radio sailing classes would deal with the ISAF itself like any other class such as the International 14. In this sense, the IOM would become just another ISAF international class when the RSD became the RSC.

To this end, the ISAF-RSD had modified its Regulations to bring them into line with similar ISAF regulations, and the IOM ICA will be offered an Agreement which is almost identical to the standard ISAF Agreement for any International class. The text of this Agreement is provided below as Appendix A, and excerpts from the modified Regulations are illustrated as Appendix B. The interim committee will consider its views on these documents.

The RSD has indicated that it is minded to offer outline approval to the ICA Constitution and Regulations. For the RSD, the next step is to formally invite its DMs to provide their formal agreement that the RSD should proceed to the recognition of the IOM ICA.

3.2. *Comments from RSD*

Discussion of the ICA's plans at the RSD PC meeting involved the proposed NCA "sign-up" fee. It was felt that the fee of 50 GBP was a significant outlay, particularly for a small would-be NCA. The IOM ICA was asked to consider an arrangement whereby the fee could be used by the NCA, once appointed, towards future fees such as membership fees, boat registration fees, and so on. The interim chairman agreed to consult the interim committee.

The RSD indicated that it would seek an annual fee of 200 GBP from the IOM ICA. To fund this levy, it was understood that there would be a shift of fees paid, away from the RSD and towards the various ICAs, and the IOM ICA in particular, as the ICAs took over relevant parts of the RSD's responsibilities. For example, the IOM ICA would in due course receive fees in respect of the international IOM championships it will authorise, and would receive part of the existing annual DM affiliation fee as it undertook relevant IOM work.

3.3. *Case for an IOM class association*

Graham Bantock has drafted a document titled “The case for an IOM class association” and has offered it to the IOM ICA for their use on its Web site.

4. FUTURE TIMETABLE

The current timetable for the ICA include:

Task	Sub-task	Due date
Obtain ISAF-RSD recognition	Appoint NCAs	1 Mar 2002
	Await DMs comments to RSD itself	1 Mar 2002
	Await RSD recognition	1 Apr 2002
Appoint NCAs	Invite applications for NCA from all interested parties	Immediate
Constitute the World Council	Appoint NCA Reps to the World Council	1 Mar 2002
Elect inaugural Exec Comm	Call for nominations	1 Mar 2002
	Circulate candidate names	1 Apr 2002
	Conduct World Council ballot	1 May 2002
	Hand over to the new Executive Committee	8 May 2002

Lester Gilbert
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 January 2002

5. Appendix A

AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS

AGREEMENT dated the day 2002

PARTIES:

1. Radio Sailing Division of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF-RSD)
2. International One Metre International Class Association (IOM ICA)

RECITALS:

OPERATIVE TERMS:

1. Definitions
 - 1.1 “International One Metre Class boat” means the International One Metre boat built in accordance with the Class Rules.
 - 1.2 “Class Rules” means the rules which describe the measurement control of International One Metre Class boats.
 - 1.3 “NCAs” means the IOM National Class Associations recognised and/or affiliated to the IOM ICA.
2. The International One Metre Class boat shall continue to be accredited with International Status from the date of this Agreement within the Rules and Regulations of the ISAF-RSD, and shall hold such status unless and until it shall be revoked in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the ISAF-RSD.
3. Any amendments to or interpretations of the International One Metre Class Rules shall be carried out in accordance with the ISAF-RSD Regulations.
4. Proposed amendments to the Class Rules shall be submitted to ISAF-RSD only by the IOM ICA, in accordance with the ISAF-RSD Regulations.
5. The IOM ICA shall perform its obligations and administer its affairs in accordance with the ISAF-RSD Regulations for International Classes and acknowledges that
 - (a) Any amendments to the IOM ICA Constitution shall be subject to approval of the ISAF-RSD in accordance with ISAF-RSD Regulations for International Classes;
 - (b) Any amendments to or interpretations of the International One Metre Class Rules shall be subject to approval of the ISAF-RSD in accordance with ISAF-RSD Regulations for International Classes.
6. The IOM ICA shall pay an annual subscription to the funds of the ISAF- Radio Sailing Division of such amount as the ISAF-RSD may from time to time determine. All subscriptions shall be due on the 1st January for each ensuing calendar year.

7. All parties acknowledge that all television and media rights of any ISAF–RSD events in which the International One Metre may be involved are the property of the ISAF–RSD.
8. The Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of England.
9. This Agreement shall continue to be to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors and assignees, provided that parties to this Agreement may not assign rights and obligations under this Agreement without prior approval of ISAF–RSD.
10. This Agreement may be terminated by any of the parties at any time upon giving to the other parties at least one year's notice in writing or immediately upon notice of breach or insolvency. Subject thereto, it shall continue in force so long as International Status shall be accredited to the Class by the ISAF–RSD.

Signed by

for and on behalf of the ISAF – Radio Sailing Division

Signed by

for and on behalf of the International One Metre International Class Association

6. Appendix B

Amendments to the ISAF–RSD Regulations

Regulations

6. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

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Interpretations of Class Rules of ISAF–RSD classes

6.2 Where no International Class Association exists

6.2.1 Requests for an interpretation may be made to the ISAF–RSD from the following sources only:

Division Members

National Class Associations

Licensed Builders, Copyright Holders and Manufacturers

Designers of Development Classes

6.2.2 A request received by the ISAF–RSD from one of those sources shall be acknowledged.

6.2.3 The interpretation shall be decided by a Sub-committee consisting of the Chairman and the relevant Class Secretary of the ISAF–RSD Technical Committee. If, in the opinion of the Sub-committee, the question involves a matter of principle it shall consult all members of the Technical Committee, except those having personal involvement, before giving an interpretation.

6.2.4 Interpretations of the class rules made by the Sub-committee shall be distributed by the ISAF–RSD to:

the party making the request

Division Members

National Class Associations

Licensed Builders

6.2.5 Interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a Class Rule change or modification carried out following the procedures of Regulation 6.6.

6.3 Where an International Class Associations exists

6.3.1 When sanctioned in the agreement between the ISAF–RSD and the International Class Association (“the Agreement”), the class may issue written class rule interpretations following a procedure specified in the class rules and/or constitution to clarify class rules but such interpretations shall not be used to change an existing rule. The class shall immediately advise the ISAF–RSD of any interpretations issued.

6.3.2 Where a sanctioned procedure for the interpretation of a class rule does not exist, interpretations may be made only by the ISAF–RSD in accordance with the following procedures;

(a) requests for an interpretation may be made to the ISAF–RSD from the following sources only:

Division Members

International Class Associations

Copyright Owners

Trade name and Trademark Owners

Manufacturers of International or Recognized Classes

International measurers for the class appointed by ISAF in accordance with ISAF Regulation 35 (“International Measurers”)

(b) a request received by the ISAF–RSD from one of those sources shall be acknowledged and immediately sent to the International Class Association;

(c) the interpretation shall be decided by a Sub-committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the ISAF–RSD Technical Committee and the Technical representative of the International Class Association. If in the opinion of the Sub-committee the ruling involves a matter of principle or on the request of the International Class Association it shall consult all members of the Technical Committee, except those having personal involvement, before giving the ruling;

(d) interpretations of the class rules made by the Sub-committee shall be distributed by the ISAF–RSD to:

the International Class Association

International Measurers

licensed builders

the Division Members

The Class Association shall inform its membership of the interpretation;

(e) rule interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and, unless otherwise sanctioned in the Agreement, shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a class rule change or modification carried out following the procedures of Regulation 6.7.

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Amendments to Class Rules of ISAF–RSD classes

6.6 Where no International Class Association exists

6.6.1 Class rule changes shall be made in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) A request to change the Class Rules shall be made in accordance with ISAF Regulation 1, Notices and Submissions and shall be received by the ISAF–RSD General Secretary before 01 September to be considered by the following annual ISAF–RSD PC meeting. In addition to the parties identified in Regulation 1, the ISAF–RSD Permanent Committee and the ISAF–RSD Technical Committee may initiate class rule changes.
- (b) The ISAF–RSD Permanent Committee may change the class rules between its annual meetings when it finds that a change is urgent.
- (c) Once a change has been approved, the ISAF–RSD shall advise:
 - licensed builders
 - Division Members
- (d) Class Rules may not modify the Advertising Code, except as permitted under ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20.4.4.
- (g) All amendments to class rules shall be effective from 01 March following the decision unless otherwise decided by the ISAF–RSD Permanent Committee.

6.7 Where an International Class Associations exists

6.7.1 Unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, the ISAF–RSD shall approve all class rule changes in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) All rule changes submitted shall have been approved by the International Class Association in accordance with its Constitution and Class Rules.
- (b) A request to change the Class Rules shall be made in accordance with Regulation 1, Notices and Submissions and shall be received by the ISAF–RSD General Secretary before 01 September to be considered by the following annual ISAF–RSD PC meeting. An International Class Association making a rule change submission is entitled to one representative at the ISAF–RSD PC meeting at which a rule change concerning its class is discussed. A Class Association representative should be prepared to answer questions and give additional information concerning the rule change.
- (c) When a change to the class rules is required between the annual ISAF–RSD PC meetings, approval for the rule change shall be decided by a Sub-committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the ISAF–RSD Technical Committee and the Technical representative of the

Class Association. If in the opinion of the Sub-committee the change involves a matter of principle or on the request of the Class Association it shall consult all members of the ISAF–RSD Technical Committee, except those having personal involvement, before a decision.

- (d) Once a change has been approved, the ISAF–RSD shall advise:

the Class Association

International Measurers

licensed builders

the Division Members

The Class Association shall inform its membership of the approved changes.

- (e) Class Rules may not modify the Advertising Code, except as permitted under ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20.4.4.

- (f) All amendments to class rules shall be effective from 01 March following the decision unless otherwise stated in the class constitution or in the submission.

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8. INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS OF ISAF–RSD CLASSES

8.1 International Class Associations are entitled to conduct World Championships. Approvals are given by the ISAF–RSD subject to ISAF Regulation 18.4.

8.2 International Class Associations shall report annually to the annual meeting of the Permanent Committee on the activities of the Class, its financial status and Class growth worldwide. This report shall be in writing.

8.3 It shall be the obligation of an International Class Association to protect the design characteristics of a class, by enforcing building and measurement requirements as required by the class rules.

8.4 The Television Rights of all ISAF approved World Championships are the property of ISAF.