

## **IOMICA Progress report 21. January 2003**

### **Recognition of IOMICA**

We understand that the ISAF-RSD intends to move to the recognition of IOMICA according to the following timetable.

1. IOMICA formally requests recognition, and provides supporting documents such as its constitution and regulations. IOMICA did this earlier in January 2003.
2. RSD drafts a memorandum of agreement between RSD and IOMICA, and submits it to IOMICA for comment and subsequent signature. This is expected in February 2003. The memorandum will formally document the standard ISAF procedures for approving class rule changes and for making class rule interpretations.
3. RSD requests comment from DMs and initiates a period of consultation with interested parties. This announcement is expected from RSD in March 2003.
4. Following consultation, it is expected that RSD will countersign the memorandum of agreement and formally hand over administration of the IOM class to IOMICA on or before July 2003.

### **2003 Class Rules**

RSD intends to publish a latest version of the IOM Class Rules to come into effect on 1 March 2003. Our understanding of the changes is that they are "tidying up of detail", and that no "major" changes are likely. In particular, the mainsail luff fitting that has been the subject of a recent interpretation remains legal, provided the wire is less than 10 mm in length. However, we understand that Alec Newald of BM sails has asked for a dispensation on existing sails.

### **2004 European Championships**

RSD has formally authorised IOMICA to negotiate with interested parties over future International and Continental class championships, starting with the European Championships in 2004. This means that IOMICA takes over management of the class International events with immediate effect. There is a draft of the current Class Championship Regulations which IOMICA intends to use -- these are modelled very closely on the existing RSD CCRs for continuity.

We have a formal application from ESP to host the 2004 European Championships at their Arcos site. All reports indicate it is a very fine site indeed which more usually hosts dinghy and small keel-boat races at national and international level. Pictures and details to follow.

## **IOMICA Executive elections**

We are calling an election for the Officers of Executive Committee, with voting to take place at the IOM Worlds in Vancouver in early June 2003. Detailed arrangements for this election (nomination procedure and so on) will be announced in due course, but in the mean time, the timetable provides that nominations must be in by mid-March 2003, so please start thinking about it.

All the 7 Exec posts will fall vacant:

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

Four vice-chairmen with responsibility for Technical, Events, Measurement, and Information and communications.