

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

Owners' Meeting

IOM European Championships Fleetwood, 15 June 2002, 4:15pm

1. WELCOME

- 1.1. The Chairman of the IOM ICA Interim Executive Committee opened the meeting by welcoming the owners and other interested parties present.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 2.1. The Chairman outlined the two key issues in the current situation. First, following the meeting of the Chairman with the ISAF-RSD Permanent Committee in January 2002, ISAF-RSD was considering its official recognition of the IOM ICA. Second, the IOM ICA had received only one formal response to its requests for comments from DMs.

3. COMMENTS FROM ISAF-RSD

- 3.1. John Cleave (GBR), Chairman of ISAF-RSD, entered the meeting and confirmed the Chairman's report.

4. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- 4.1. Because of the lack of response from DMs, the Chairman asked the owners present if they could characterise or speak for the position of their country with regard to the formation of an ICA and the formation of NCAs in their countries.
- 4.2. The Chairman of the MYA (Mike Clifton, GBR) expressed a positive view, following a meeting between members of the MYA Council and the Chairman earlier in the week, where many of the issues surrounding the formation of a NCA in GBR were explored and clarified. Mike felt that GBR would be able to take the issue of the GBR NCA forward to a positive outcome.
- 4.3. Heinz Bohn (GER) informed the meeting that he had very recently held telephone conversations with his national authority and reported it was certain that he would form a NCA in GER.
- 4.4. As a result of e-mail messages from Gino Pozzobon (RSA), Paul Schneider (RSA) informed the Chairman later on after the event that it was very likely that he would form a NCA in RSA.
- 4.5. Don Martin (CAN), Robert Grubisa (CRO), Alfonso Moreno (ESP), and Mario Jorini (ITA) expressed the view that they thought their authorities were not against the formation of NCAs, and felt positive that NCAs would be formed in their countries. They felt that the lack of response from their DMs should not be seen as a lack of interest or a negative view.

- 4.6. Jeff Byerley (AUS), Laurent Chapelot (FRA), Mark Albanis (GRE), and Steve Landeau (USA) expressed their interest in forming NCAs, but felt unable to characterise the view of their national authorities one way or another.
- 4.7. There were no owners from BEL, DEN, or NZL present.

5. NEXT STEP

- 5.1. The Chairman distributed a short proposal to each of the owners present, asking that they consider its content, and take it forward upon their return to their respective national authorities.
- 5.2. The proposal read:

To the national association for radio sailing in (name of country): _____

We, the undersigned IOM owners, wish to join the IOM class association. We would like to do this through our national radio sailing association. We request the support and approval of our national association for our application.

For information we have attached a description of the goals and structure of the IOM class association.

Signed _____ Name _____

- 5.3. The owners present indicated that they would obtain the names of IOM skippers in their country who were interested in an IOM class association for their country, and would present this proposal, with the relevant names, to their DM.

6. QUESTIONS

- 6.1. A number of questions were raised by owners present, and some discussion ensued.
- 6.2. A key question was raised by Graham Bantock (GBR), who asked about the transitional arrangements for an IOM ICA, from the time it was recognised by ISAF-RSD, to the time it was “fully operational” with a substantial number of NCAs appointed in most of the major radio sailing countries in the world. The issue of concern was that the IOM class rules and class championship regulations should not come under the sole control of the ICA when there was only one or two countries represented on the ICA. The Chairman replied that he expected that ISAF-RSD and the IOM ICA would be able to agree a transitional arrangement until such time that at least 6 (six) of the major DMs agreed to act as NCAs and join the ICA.
- 6.3. The meeting closed at 5:10pm.

Lester Gilbert
Chairman, IOM ICA Interim Executive Committee