

Amendment to Proposal 2014-S-3: Class Administration

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Proposal 2014-S-3 as currently under debate by the IRSA EC makes very wide ranging and significant proposals affecting the way that IRSA carries out its business, The implications of how things will work in practice is very uncertain. Accordingly, this amendment is being proposed to try and retain the benefits of having enhanced class representation without the problems that are likely to occur in practice.

The amended proposal has several important objectives, one of which is to take IRSA away from being a class association in its own right (this being inconsistent with the role that IRSA occupies in the radio sailing administration hierarchy) and a second being to encourage classes with significant representation worldwide to create their own independent international class association.

In the foreword to Proposal 2014-S-3, reference is made to stagnation of the M, 10R and A classes. Whilst it can be accepted that their Class Rules have been neglected, their World and Continental Championships have been sporadic and their international status is in question, it can not be concluded that this is entirely the fault of IRSA - if these classes within themselves had sufficient energy to maintain their international status, they could have lobbied and offered assistance to IRSA to do the work required by IRSA.

The foreword to Proposal 2014-S-3 also observes "On the other hand, the IOM has shown strength and growth under IOMICA." IOMICA of course is an organisation separate from and independent from IRSA.

Furthermore the foreword to Proposal 2014-S-3 goes on to note the advance of a number of other internationally active classes namely the RC Laser, the Micro Magic and the RG-65. The foreword, in the same paragraph, specifically observes that these classes have historically been hostile to involvement or engagement with RSD and IRSA. This sort of issue will be ameliorated by this amended proposal, whilst it is suspected that the primary proposal will not achieve the desirable improvement in relations.

Proposed alternative solution

It is proposed to establish a single class committee whose remit will be to look after and promote the interests of all classes associated with IRSA. The classes entitled to representation within the committee would include the following:

1. The M, 10R and A classes as currently looked after directly by IRSA.
2. The IOM class as represented by IOMICA.
3. Internationally active classes who are either reaching or have reached sufficient numbers being sailed worldwide

The committee would comprise a Chair person plus one representative for each class listed above.

The committee and its constituent class representatives would be tasked with:

- Promoting the represented classes within IRSA.
- Working with the Racing Committee in the process of authorising and approving represented classes' World Championships and other International events.
- Working with the Technical Committee in respect of developing and maintaining class rules and addressing any technical issues such as interpretations. For the M, 10R and A classes, the committee would be tasked with assisting the Technical committee to bring their rules up to date. For any classes aspiring to attain international class status, the committee would be tasked with providing that assistance required by the aspirant ICA to ensure that the class rules would be consistent with the international model.
- Working with the Organisation and Policy Committee in providing help and guidance on matters of constitutional and regulation matters, especially for aspiring classes who are working towards becoming Members of IRSA.
- Working with any other committees as might be created within IRSA in promoting the objectives of each class as represented in this committee.
- The committee would be tasked with encouraging the owners of the existing International M, 10R and A Classes to set up independent class associations and to bring these class associations into appropriate membership of IRSA.
- The committee would also be tasked with the general objective of providing as much as assistance as appropriate to aspiring classes in any application to become a full International Class Association within the IRSA framework.

The role of the Chair person would be to take part in the deliberations of the Executive Committee, representing his/her committee in the same way as the Chairs of the existing committees currently do. Initially the Chair person would not have any of the rights that are granted to the existing Officers as listed in Clause 7.1. However, it would be expected that the elevation of the Committee to full IRSA

committee status would be undertaken by a placing a proposal to amend the Constitution before the National Members.

This proposal recognises that it will be necessary to create a definition of how to determine when an aspiring international class reaches the point of it being appropriate to be offered representation on the committee, and also the converse, that is when the aspiring class falls below the defined threshold.

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