

Proposal 2014-S-3: Class Administration

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Current situation

While IRSA is responsible for the M, 10R, and A, there is no IRSA Executive Committee activity which specifically administers these classes and which specifically promotes them.

Problem

Both prior to 1998, when the then-RSD called for the formation of International Class Associations, and subsequently through to the present, the M, 10R, and A classes have essentially stagnated. Their Class Rules have been haphazardly maintained, their World and Continental Championship events have been sporadic, and their International status with respect to the requirements laid down in the Regulations is in question.

On the other hand, the IOM has shown strength and growth under IOMICA.

In the interim, a number of other internationally active classes have emerged – RC Laser, Micro Magic, RG-65 – which have historically been hostile to involvement or engagement with RSD and IRSA.

Proposed solution

It is proposed to establish a committee for each of the IRSA International classes which do not have an affiliated International Class Association, pursuant to Article 8 of the IRSA Constitution and Article 4 of the Regulations. It is proposed to offer a committee to support each of the other internationally active classes.

- Each class committee will manage and promote its class.
- Each class committee will work with the Racing Committee to authorise its World Championships (and any other International events).
- Each class committee will work with the Technical Committee to bring its class rules up to date and address any technical issues such as current or lapsed interpretations.
- Where another internationally active class expresses an interest in IRSA recognition, it will be invited to form a class committee of the EC.
- Each class committee will keep under constant review the possibility of their next stage of development, being their transformation into an independent International Class Association.
- Each class committee will work with other EC committees and Officers as necessary to realise class committee objects.

A class committee would be a committee of the EC like any other EC committee. The class committee Chair would be an EC Officer. The class committee Chair and DNMs would propose class committee members for EC approval. A class committee could request a sub-domain within the radiosailing.org domain and have their Web site supported by relevant EC officers.

In consultation with the EC, a class committee would structure and constitute itself as it deemed appropriate, possibly identifying specific roles for class committee members such as secretary, treasurer, events officer, measurement officer, technical officer, publicity officer, and so on. Committee members with such specific roles would be granted automatic membership of corresponding EC committees.

Initially, EC Officers whose portfolios may be thought due for retirement may accept responsibility for class committee chairmanships, or, as may be required, class committee chairs will be co-opted to the EC.

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