

FUTURE OF RSD - Comments from the MYA

We believe the present body known as ISAF-RSD should continue as an Affiliate of ISAF as outlined in option 2 - "An International Radio Sailing Association".

We believe options 1 and 3 are not viable ways of supporting the current and future interests in radio sailing.

Option 1 may work for a large class as the 1m has become. The 1m class was promulgated in 1988 by RSD without whom it would not have succeeded in the way it has. But option 1 will be more expensive for most sailors who sail several classes because it will involve ISAF class affiliation fees for each class in addition to the cost of any Member National Association. That of course assumes the other classes are able to achieve ISAF status, which we doubt.

The MYA has applied to become the NCA for the 1m class, but with some reservations regarding the cost of administration. We are acutely aware of the negative effects of costs on the average skipper - he will pay if he gets something tangible in return, such as a regular newsletter.

The option 1 protagonists point out that this option is the only truly democratic route for the sailor to control his class. Theoretically maybe. But the present situation with RSD is not borne out of disgruntled sailors desperate to control their class but rather has been cascaded down from the "top" due to constitutional issues within ISAF.

Option 3 seems fraught with difficulties with the RRS and ERS as outlined in the paper.

We believe ISAF-RSD is doing a pretty good job, providing an administration which is consistent, sensible and reasonably rapid in its decision making so that sailors and manufacturers alike know where they stand.