

IOM NCA for GBR

Annual report for year ending October 2004

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Set up of the NCA and a summary of the first year

This is the first report for the IOM National Class Association for Great Britain and so, a short summary of the set up steps and what has happened in the first year is appropriate.

- April 2003 The Model Yachting Association applied to IOMICA to act as the IOM NCA for Great Britain. The MYA was then asked to satisfy the requirements of the IOMICA Constitution in respect of Membership of the World Council.
- October 2003 Richard Rowan was appointed by the MYA Council to oversee the process of getting the application completed and to thereafter act as IOM NCA Secretary with the objective of getting the IOM NCA for GBR into full operation.
- November 2003
to
January 2004 The MYA's application to IOMICA was reviewed in detail by both IOMICA and the MYA resulting in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on 24th January 2004.
- Great Britain then became the eighth country to form an NCA within IOMICA.
- The MoU can be viewed on the NCA for GBR section of the MYA web site.
- March 2004 A document setting out the what the NCA for GBR is about and how it will work was published along Acquaint issue 1 2004 (delivered May 2004). The document can also be viewed on the NCA for GBR section of the MYA web site.
- February
to
June 2004 The development of web based membership details submission forms and an Access database to hold NCA membership details was commenced and brought to the point where a list of 202 certificated and 9 registered owners was submitted to IOMICA on 15th June 2004.
- The ultimate objective for the administrative tools is to use electronic means of communication as far as possible.
- July 2004 to
present Unfortunately, the development of the administrative tools has slowed down due to personal health problems and business pressure.

Committee

The committee of the NCA in 2004 comprised the following. As far as possible, the NCA posts were filled by equivalent officers in the MYA Council.

Secretary and Representative on IOMICA World Council	Richard Rowan
The Registrar	Jim Vice
The Technical Officer and IOM National Measurer	MYA Technical Secretary Roger Stollery
The Events Officer	MYA Racing Secretary Chris Harris
The International Officer	MYA International Secretary Mark Dennis

Membership

Membership of the NCA at 23rd October 2004 is

Certificated owners	204	Certificated boats	291
Registered owners	9	Registered boats	60
Owners	6	Other boats	41
Associates	60		
Total	279	Total	392

Notes

- A Certificated owner is a member of the MYA who owns at least one IOM with a valid certificate.
- A Registered owner is a member of the MYA who owns at least one IOM with a registered hull number (but no certificate).
- An Owner is someone who owns a registered IOM but who is not a member of the MYA.
- An Associate is someone who owns an IOM which is not registered and who is not a member of the MYA.
- Membership of the NCA requires that the person concerned is a club affiliated member of the MYA.

Use of the internet

One of the objectives set out by IOMICA at the outset was to use electronic means of communication as far as possible. This concept has been extended to the NCA for GBR. So in order to further that objective, the following methods are currently in place:

- Registration with the NCA for GBR can be made via an internet based form.
- Information on what is happening is also available on the internet.

The url for the NCA web pages is www.mya-uk.org.uk/iom-nca-gbr/home.htm

It is worth noting here that, paper based versions of the registration form can be used as an alternative to the internet form and information and news generally makes its way into the Acquaint.

IOMICA

This year has seen the number of countries signing up with IOMICA go from 7 to 16 with a further 6 currently in the process of applying or having expressed interest.

IOMICA hosts an active internet based forum which provides a means of communication between IOM skippers throughout the world. The forum has private areas which are used to conduct the official business of IOMICA.

Over the course of the year, IOMICA has been gradually taking over the full management of the class, in particular becoming involved more fully with technical aspects such as dealing with requests for interpretations on the class rules.

However, there appear to be a number of “teething” problems which is only to be expected in the early years of operation of a new organisation which is also adopting new methods of communication and administration.

The forthcoming year

One of the most important objectives for the forthcoming year is the substantial completion of the administrative tools. A number of key developments are required, including:

- A facility to “mail merge” email messages out of the database. Currently, only Word letter style merges can be run.
- Extension and improvement of the web based forms.
- A facility to handle NCA voting - presently, this is the area in which I do not see any clear solution.

Also, required is an increase in the promotional activities via the NCA. These could include putting technical and news items on the NCA web pages, arranging for reports and news to be placed in the Yachting press.