



Model Yachting Association

IOM National Class Association for GBR

please reply to

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Dear Member

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Introduction

This letter is to inform you of your NCA membership and boat details and includes a voting form on resolutions in front of the IOMICA AGM in September.

The NCA for GBR was set up at the start of 2004 and since then I have been compiling a membership database, with membership information being derived from various sources.

An important function of this database is in connection with taking decisions in accordance with the somewhat complex requirements of the IOMICA constitution and regulations. Up to now, IOMICA hasn't made any call for decisions – so there hasn't been any urgency in writing to you formally.

IOMICA Annual General Meeting 2005

However, this year IOMICA is holding its Annual General Meeting during the World Championships in Australia between 15th and 24th September. They have called for a vote on 4 resolutions, one of which concerns the payment of outstanding fees in respect of the 2004 European Championships and the other three matters concern Proposals to Change the Class rules. There is also an election for the position of Chairman in the new Executive Committee.

Vote by members of the NCA for GBR on matters before the IOMICA AGM

The voting on each resolution at the AGM will be made via a block vote from each NCA. The size of the block vote allocated to each NCA is based on the number of Certificated and Registered Owners registered by the NCA with IOMICA, the NCA's vote is then decided by a simple majority of the Certificated and Registered Owners.

A summary of the resolutions and a voting paper are attached to this letter. If you are a full member of the NCA, then please make your vote and return the voting paper directly to me before 31st August.

The full text of the Agenda and the Class Rule Change Proposals 2005 may be viewed via the internet at <http://www.iomclass.org>. If you do not have internet access or would like a paper copy of the Agenda, Class Rule Change Proposals 2005 and Nominations for the 2005-2007 IOMICA Executive Committee, then please phone me on 07904 333430 or at my office on 01475 631200.

IOM NCA for GBR

As a small aside here, you might consider that the NCA for GBR has not been doing very much simply because you haven't heard anything from me. However, various other activities that the NCA is required to carry out have been on going as part of the greater remit of the Model Yachting Association. The Technical Secretary's team have been continuing to answer questions about the Class Rules, have been registering boats and issuing certificates and have been distributing class rule interpretations and rule changes via MYA club measurers. The Racing Secretary's team continue to organise IOM racing and maintain the IOM Ranking list. Finally, the International Officer has been looking after the GBR team at International Championships and has been monitoring what is currently happening at ISAF-RSD.

As I noted earlier, the number of votes that an NCA can exercise in IOMICA elections and decisions depends on the number of owners registered with the NCA. The UK has one of the largest IOM fleets in the world and, as such, should therefore have a considerable say in the affairs of the IOM class. However, there are a number of complexities concerning membership and voting which I don't want to try explain in detail here. But these complexities have made the job of compiling a membership database much harder than might otherwise have been expected.

Compiling the Membership List

Initially membership information was obtained by direct submission from individual members. However, information held in the main MYA membership database suggested that perhaps less than 1/3 of IOM owning MYA members had registered with me by April/May this year. So in May, I carried out a very tricky and time consuming merge of information from the main MYA membership and IOM Registrars databases. This exercise tripled the number of members in the NCA database.

Membership and Boat Details

Attached to this letter is a sheet setting out the details that I currently hold in respect of your membership of the NCA for GBR. The details comprise your name and address, contact details, MYA club and membership number and one or more boats that are registered as being owned by you. Also shown is your owner type, namely Certificated, Registered, Owner or Non Owner (see the section entitled "Notes on Membership Classification" for a fuller explanation of Owner type). Only Certificated and Registered Owners are permitted to vote on IOMICA resolutions.

As this is a new database, it is quite likely that there will be a number of boats listed which are not in fact owned by the NCA member concerned. In such cases, you should notify me as soon as possible that you do not own the boat any more. If you know who the new owner is, could you please forward the new owners name and address at the same time.

I would now ask you to check your details very carefully and advise me of any corrections where necessary. I would prefer information to be returned via the web based form. You can access the form from the following url

<http://www.mya-uk.org.uk/iom-nca-gbr/nca-status.htm>

You can also make corrections by overmarking a copy of the details and returning this to me by post (please write your corrections very clearly). If you believe that any corrections submitted by you will change your status from non-voting to voting, then please complete and return the voting form.

Hopefully the notes on Membership Classification will answer any questions that you have, but if not, please feel free to contact me via email, telephone or post.

Finally, if a fellow club member has not received a letter like this from me and they think that they should have, please ask them to contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely

Richard Rowan
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