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The following statement has been provided by ARYA (Inc) acting as the International One Metre National Class Association for Australia regarding the forthcoming Special General Meeting of the International One Metre International Class Association (IOMICA), to take place on 31 October 2009.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the motion "It is resolved that IOM ICA will pursue direct ISAF International Class Status". This vote is open to Certificated Owners only and as a Special Resolution will require a 2/3rds (67%) majority to be adopted.

ARYA (Inc) together with the New Zealand Radio Yachting Association (NZRYA) and the Model Yachting Association (UK) (MYA) is advocating a **NO** vote to the proposition. We are aware that this view is supported by other NCA's.

Both the NZRYA and MYA have issued statements supporting a **NO** vote and ARYA (Inc) supports these statements. It is not our intention to repeat the reasons given by these two organizations in support of a **NO** vote but to reinforce ARYA's long held view that the needs of radio sailing are best served by a single multi class organisation such as provided by the Radio Sailing Division of ISAF. We are supported in this by a large number of Division Members who recently overwhelmingly out-voted a proposition to disband the Division.

We believe that IOMICA should join with the soon to be appointed Permanent Committee of the Radio Sailing Division to conduct a review of radio sailing and establish the future directions of our sport to the benefit of all classes.

Ken Dobbie
National Secretary