

8th September 2020

Peter Kirby
Radio Sailing Woking

Good evening Peter

Re: Annual General Meeting 28th November 2020, Motion Proposal 3

The MYA Council would like to thank you for taking the time to submit a Motion for the November 2020 AGM, in connection with the requirement for Official Measurers to go through a RYA training Course.

Adoption of the Motion:

Council have decided **not to** adopt your motion for inclusion in the 2020 AGM under the provision in the MYA Constitution 9.2(c)

Council Reasoning:

- 1 The MYA's Constitution, 6.1 b), requires affiliation to IRSA. An obligation of membership of IRSA is use the IRSA class rules. A consequence of this is that, in the majority of classes used within the MYA, boats and other equipment shall be certified by Official Measurers as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing, C.4.4. By definition these shall be appointed/recognised by the RYA unless responsibility has been delegated by the RYA. Very few existing MYA measurers satisfy this qualification.
- 2 Until 2020 there was no agreement between the MYA and the RYA concerning this responsibility. In early 2020 an agreement was adopted under which:
 - The RYA will train and appoint/recognise Sail Measurers for rc sailing
 - The MYA will train and appoint/recognise Class Measurers from amongst RYA appointed/recognised Sail Measurers
 - Existing MYA measurers may continue to function without either of the above steps until the end of 2022.
- 3 It is the responsibility of the MYA to fulfil its obligations to IRSA, the RYA, and the wider rc sailing community by complying with the class rules and other regulations that guide certification. Exempting the MYA from that obligation is contrary to the MYA's Constitution and Council's ethos. It would also place MYA members who enjoy those classes in a position where they could not take part in events outside the UK.

Further Council Comment:

Please note that financial support has been set aside by Council to provide support to any measurer needing assistance with any costs associated with future training and appointment. The MYA is, and will remain, responsible for the training and appointment/recognition of its Class Measurers. The MYA will work with the RYA to enhance the Sail Measurer course, wherever necessary and possible, to make it fully applicable to our specific needs. Subject to having the necessary technical, presentation, administrative and financial provision it remains open for the MYA to seek delegation of the authority to appoint/recognise Sail Measurers itself.

Alternatively, a change to the MYA Constitution removing the requirement to affiliate to IRSA and the RYA would permit the MYA to manage its own class rules and certification procedures as it wished. However, this would also place UK rc sailors outside of IRSA's and IOMICA's activities.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary to Council