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Future of ISAF RSD / IOMICA Situation
Comments of Mike Clifton

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

the German Sailing Association (DSV) is in support of the position of Mike Clifton. We consider it very important that all radio sailing activities remain under a single administration with a single administrative body. Please take this into consideration in the upcoming discussions.

A class association for IOM next to an association for all other radio sailing classes would be a great mistake. We need to find a structure capable of preventing this and that actually strengthens radio sailing as a total.

Reasoning:

Outside of the active participants, radio sailing is not seen in individual classes but as a whole - as radio sailing. As a result radio sailing can only promote its interests effectively if it speaks with one voice.

Any financial support for the German sailing association is not granted to a single class such as the IOM but to radio sailing in general via the model yachting division of the association. Surely this is similar in other countries.

An international association thrives on organizing international events. This is a lot easier if this is accomplished by a single organization.

Fewer and fewer sailors are willing to hold administrative positions. An increase in the number of organizations requires a larger number of personal, personal that we don't have.

It is typical for radio sailing that sailors change from one class to another. A number of German IOM sailors have taken up Marblehead and 10R sailing. This phenomenon is happening all over the world. The spinoff of one class is an undesirable development that could possibly hinder unforeseeable future developments in radio sailing.

Kind regards

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