ISAF Results Website Up-load System

1. Introduction

Since the inception of the internet in the 1990s ISAF have been compiling race results linked to the Olympic Classes and Match Racing discipline primarily to generate a ranking system.

A number of MNAs and Classes have developed excellent standalone database, however it is a logical step for ISAF to offer this service to MNAs and Classes.

Upgrades in the results entering system now allow results to be submitted to ISAF in a standard upload format called XRR. Full details including instructions on interacting with the ISAF XRR data-service can be found here: www.sailing.org/xml

2. How The ISAF Class Can Be Involved

2.1 Results Capture

The first step is for ISAF to start with a service for ISAF Class World Championships. ISAF would like to receive results from the World Championships to populate our database and make them publicly available.

2.2 So how do ISAF Classes utilise this facility?

Results are linked to the ISAF Sailor ID so this must be required at the time of entry to the event. It is important this is checked at the time of entry or submitting the results. The following link gets you to the search for a sailor page

www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor_search.php?include_ref=18856&sailorid=&sailorsurname

The only other requirement is that a compatible results package is used for uploading results. ISAF are working with results application developers and generating a list of compatible packages here www.sailing.org/xml/?view=implementations. In addition an upload access code is required to upload to the ISAF database, this can be obtained for a particular event by contacting Pauline Ward in the ISAF Competition & Events department

events@isaf.com

2.3 What is in it for the Classes?

In the short term results will be stored in a standard interchangeable format. However in the long term a legacy of results will be created on the ISAF sailors biography page. The progression of sailors is of particular interest to youth classes.
3. Results Archive

ISAF is also working on a project to build up a results archive which we have been doing gradually over the past couple of years. We are keen to work with the classes to capture this information while it is still available.

Please can classes contact the ISAF Technical Department henry.thorpe@isaf.com to aid in this project. A large amount of this work has already been done and classes are welcome to the data.

Once we capture the results data there are many analytics that can be done with the data in terms of filtering against variable such as class, nationality, gender, number of World Championships won, average participation, top 10 finish etc.

4. Possible Future Development?

- In the future ISAF are investigating giving access to the results database for ISAF stake holders. e.g. ISAF Events, ISAF Classes and Member National Authorities
- Development of a sailor heroes section that displays recent Champions with their biography data.
- Increased levels of validity checking of uploaded data
- Display of complete results which are presently just stored together with additional data like boat name and sail number.
- Updating the format of the sailor biography pages
- Open to suggestions ……

ISAF Sailor Biography pages here shows a sailor progressing from the ISAF Youth Worlds to multiple World Championship wins.