



## International Radio Sailing Association

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### **Activity Report for the Council Report at the ISAF Annual Conference**

The following shows key activities during the year

#### **Events**

The key event of the year was the Marblehead World Championship title in Pleormel, France, decisively won by Brad Gibson (GBR) by taking eight race wins in the 20-race series. A strong fleet of 67 boats from 10 countries competed in the first World Championship for the class since 2006. The venue showed a variety of conditions starting in good breeze but racing proved difficult towards the end of the event as the race organisers had to deal with very light wind.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brad Gibson (GBR) sailing a Grunge, own design, won 8 out of the 20 races
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Bantock (GBR) sailing a Prime Numbers designed by himself
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Martin Roberts (GBR) sailing a Starkers 2.

These three skippers have previously won the IOM World Championships and the four skippers following Brad at this event had previously won the Marblehead World Championship title.

More on the event can be found on the event website <http://www.avrv.asso.fr/> and at the ISAF web site <http://www.sailing.org/news/32758.php>

The other large international event of the year is the IOM European Championships which is to be held in Cres, Croatia between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November details on that event can be found at <http://www.iomec2012.com/> with the event already having reached its entry limit of 76 skippers attending from 19 countries.

The attendance and success of these events show just how active and representative of worldwide radio sailing the IRSA family is becoming.

**Administration**

The main development was the election of the newly named Executive Committee headed by a new Chairman. The new committee is as follows and we are looking forward to continuing our promotion and development of IRSA and radio sailing Worldwide.

Chairman:	Des Fairbank (RSA)
Secretary/Treasurer	Bruce Andersen (USA)
Chairman Racing Committee	Roy Granich (NZL)
Chairman Technical Committee	Val Provoost (NED)
Chairman Organisation & Policy	David Coode (GBR)
Publicity Officer	Robert Hobbs (GBR)
Regional Officer Europe	Bernard Merlaud (FRA)
Regional Officer Oceania	Ken Dobbie (AUS)

Our Organisation and Policy Committee will begin working on updating our Regulations and other policy documentation to bring them in line with the constitution. We will also be looking at standardising documents with regard to Class Association Agreements and Delegated National Member Agreements.

**Development**

We are keen to help promote and develop radio sailing worldwide and should any ISAF member want to discuss joining the IRSA, or even a sailing club interested in starting radio sailing in a country we are keen to work with them to promote our area of the sport.

See [www.radiosailing.org](http://www.radiosailing.org) for more details on IRSA