



ISAF MEETING DUBLIN

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For those of you who read my report on the Athens meeting you will know that I was part of a working group looking in to the status and qualifications of being an ISAF Class. Our submission passed through the ISAF Classes Committee unopposed, scraped through the Events Committee by one vote, I believe, and got unanimous support in Council. Sadly neither Colin Smith nor I were in Puerto Rico to witness it or receive any accolades!! Suffice it to say that our status as an ISAF Class Able to hold World Championships should be fairly secure.

Being in the Hull Length category of 6 to 9 m1 the criteria for the FD are:

No of Entries; 25
No of Countries; 4
No of Continents; 2

If a Class has failed to meet this requirement for two of their last three World Championships, it may only call its next such event a World Championships and award World Champion titles if the participation levels at that event meet this requirement.

Before ISAF rescinds any right to host a world championship, the Class shall be given notice in writing and shall be offered the right to appeal any decision to Council.

This year's agenda did not hold any nasty surprises for us. However, the Olympic classes has now grown from a Sub-Committee in to their own Olympic Classes Committee, but will still be represented on the ISAF Classes Committee. (All subject to approval by Council). There should be a real benefit to the non-Olympic ISAF Classes as we will not have most of the agenda dealing with Olympic Classes issues. This will mean that real issues that affect us might get raised and discussed and submissions put forward. To this end there is a new Forum being opened on the web for two Class representatives to use to raise topics. Next year's Conference ISAF

Classes Meeting Agenda might include workshops/ discussion groups etc for some brain storming of issue that we are all concerned about. Some that come to mind are, for instance: Sharing venues, Jury costs, transport costs, race management, insurance. I am sure that there are others, and hope that IFDCO will embrace the idea and participate. We have led the way in the past and I think we can do so again in this area. Your feedback is essential.