

Phil Holliday made a short presentation on the proposed IRSA RG65 rule proposals and their implications.

The important parts of these proposals are as follows

- 1) The rules have been re written by IRSA to enable the RG class to become a recognised international World Sailing class. World Sailing require class rules to fit into a recognised format. Without World Sailing recognition the terms “World Championship”, “European Championship” etc could not be used without risk of serious sanctions and would not be recognised within the sailing world.
- 2) The changes to the existing rules are almost all about measurement and the ability to repeat measurements consistently and repeatedly by third party measurers. Self-certification will not be permitted. This will be done with the use of a hull length/depth template and a sail measuring grid similar to those in use in other classes and familiar to most existing measurers. There are no proposed changes to hull or sail sizes but there is the introduction of a maximum depth which has been set in excess of anything currently sailing in the class.
- 3) IRSA stress that it will not be mandatory to adopt these proposals, countries and class members can continue as they are or create their own rules however if the RG65 class wants to become a fully recognised international class then rules along the lines of these IRSA proposals will be necessary.
- 4) Phil urged all owners to study the proposals for themselves and to come back with any objections or counter proposals.