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ISAF Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

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Part I

Activity Reports



President's Message



2008 was an incredible year for the sport of sailing. Some amazing feats were achieved on the water, whilst on shore the sport continues to develop both structurally and commercially through the contribution of worldwide stakeholders and ISAF.

The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games was not just the sporting highlight of the year, but one of the defining moments of the new millennium. The Olympic Games are truly unique – could any other event attract an estimated potential TV audience of 4.5 billion people in over 220 nations and territories?

In August 2008, four hundred of the finest sailors represented 62 nations at the Olympic Sailing Competition. After years of dedication and training, competition for the ultimate prize came down to the 11 nail-biting Medal Races. In total 18 nations won medals, including the first ever sailing medal for Lithuania.

The Medal Race, seen at the Olympic Games for the first time in 2008, provided a new focus for the media and an easy to understand finale. Over three years and two test events ISAF and the Qingdao Organizing Committee worked intensively to put all the preparations in place.

Beijing 2008 was the most watched Olympic Games ever and sailing made a great leap forward in its popularity. In China, over 10 million tuned in to watch the Windsurfer Medal Races. The IOC recognized the success of our TV coverage, by awarding sailing 'The Best Sports Coverage by the Host Broadcaster'. It wasn't just the television viewers who were attracted to sailing either: an incredible 135,301 spectators were recorded at the venue over the 13 days of competition.

To capitalise on the success of the Olympic Games and provide a new focus for the sport in non-Olympic years, the ISAF Sailing World Cup began in December with Sail Melbourne in Australia. After Melbourne the circuit moves to Miami, USA, then on to the top European events, finishing at the 2012 Olympic sailing venue in Weymouth in September 2009. This exciting addition to the sailing calendar aims to provide new opportunities for sailing - for media, sponsors, the events and of course the sailors.

The sailor! – the most important piece of the puzzle. We have seen many heroes in 2008. Ben Ainslie was singled out by no less than the IOC President, following his third gold medal success in China. 38 year old Italian windsurfer Alessandra Sensi proved that age is no barrier as she became the first woman to win four Olympic sailing medals. Francis Joyon sliced 14 days off the single-handed round the world record, whilst kiteboarder Sebastien Cattelan became the first sailor to break the elusive 50 knot barrier. Success in another sense was achieved by Croatian sailors Pavle Kostov and Petar Cupac and their coach Ivan Bulaja, who were awarded the Pierre de Coubertin International Trophy for Fair Play after they loaned their 49er boat to the Danish crew in Qingdao who went on to win the gold medal.

Youth participation is top of the sports agenda and during 2008 ISAF worked with the IOC towards the first ever Youth Olympic Games taking place in Singapore during August 2010. Sailing will be showcased with four events and 100 15 – 16 year old sailors.

July 2008 saw the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship in Aarhus, Denmark. 245 competitors from 58 countries competed in the seven events and 21 competitors representing 15 nations from five continents won medals. Amongst the winners were sailors who attended the event thanks to the ISAF Athlete Participation Programme (APP), which supported the participation of a record 32 competitors. I am proud to say this initiative grows from strength to strength through continued ISAF fundraising for youth sailing.

The ISAF Connect to Sailing initiative continues to work in partnership with sailing industry to attract new people to the sport. In 2008, the Learn to Sail Training Programme was launched – a scheme which brings together the expert knowledge developed around the world in order to help new sailing nations set up their own training programmes.

A cornerstone of ISAF's role in the sport is the rules and regulations, and recruiting and training top level officials to enforce them. 2008 saw the completion and publication of The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012. ISAF also launched a new concise and very popular Introductory Rules for Racing.

In the world of offshore racing, the Volvo Ocean Race and the Vendée Globe not only captured the imagination of the media but the online gaming of each event, inspired a new audience of 'virtual racers', some of whom have not even been on the water! Through new media, the stories of these incredible races have been shown in more detail than ever before, with the personal and technical trials of offshore racing brought sharply into focus.

ISAF continues to engage strongly with the world of offshore sailing, with new safety improvements in the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and continued work representing the interests of the sport within international organizations.

Match Racing continues its ascent in the sailing calendar. At the 2008 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand, 14 of the world's top female skippers competed, with Claire Leroy, ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year winner in 2007, successfully defending her title.

The 2008 ISAF Open Match Racing World Championship organized within the World Match Racing Tour saw nine events around the world and more than 1.5m USD prize money. Ian Williams of Great Britain successfully defended his World Championship title.



President's Message

On the technical side, ISAF continues to attract top international classes into its fold. Significantly kiteboarding, a welcome new and exciting part of our sport, has achieved International Class status. The ISAF In-House Certification programme passed a major milestone with the first set of in-house manufacturer self-certified sails used at the Olympic Sailing Competition.

ISAF's commitment to sailors extends to ensuring the ease of implementation of necessary sports procedures. Anti-Doping is a major issue for sport and its sponsors and it remains a top priority for ISAF to maintain sailing's excellent record. I am delighted that sailing maintained its reputation as a dope-free sport with all 111 athletes tested during the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition returning negative results.

As my first term as President draws to a close I would like to thank all of the sailors who have dedicated their time and knowledge to the work of the International Sailing Federation over the past four years. In particular I would like to thank all of the retiring committee members for their commitment to the sport of sailing.

I am delighted to have been re-elected as ISAF President for a second term and look forward to working with a new Executive Committee, Council and committee members.

There remain many challenges ahead but sailing has a strong foundation for the future. Raising the profile of sailing in the media, youth engagement, global participation and the sport's commercial viability at all levels are just some of our key objectives. With the commitment I see from club through to elite level, together with the contribution of thousands of volunteers world-wide and the excellent work of professional organizations, I look forward with anticipation and conviction.

Sailing – a lifetime's sport



ISAF Presidents of Honour (above)

His Majesty King Constantine and His Majesty King Harald of Norway

ISAF Executive Committee (below)

left to right (back row) David Kellett (AUS), David Irish (USA), Teresa Lara (VEN), George Andreadis (GRE).

(front row) Arve Sundheim (NOR) (Consultant), Göran Petersson (SWE) (President), Fiona Barron (GBR), Teo Ping Low (SIN) (Treasurer) and Jerome Pels (NED) (Secretary General).

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ISAF Council (2004-2008)

Göran Petersson (SWE) - President

His Majesty King Harald V of Norway - President of Honour
His Majesty King Constantine - President of Honour
George Andreadis (GBR) - Vice-President
Fiona Barron (GBR) - Vice-President
David Irish (USA) - Vice-President
David Kellett (AUS) - Vice-President
Teresa Lara (VEN) - Vice-President
Teo Ping Low (SIN) - Vice-President & Treasurer
Nucci Novi Ceppellini (ITA) - Vice-President (deceased Feb 2008)

Chris Atkins (GBR)
John Crebbin (IRL)
Dierk Thomsen (GER)
Helmut Jakobowitz (AUT)
Kamen Fillyov (BUL)
Tomasz Holc (POL)
Jean-Pierre Champion (FRA)
Sergio Gaibisso (ITA)
Nazli Imre (TUR)
Gerardo Pombo (ESP)
Henri van der Aat (NED)
Kim Andersen (DEN)
Carin Hildebrand (SWE)
Alexander Kotenkov (RUS)
Saeed Hareb (UAE)
Quanhai Li (CHN)
Takao Otani (JPN)
Ajay Balram (IND)
Joe Butterfield (NZL)
David Tillett (AUS)
Maximo Rivero Kelly (ARG)
Harry Adler (BRA)
Jane Moon (CAY)
Eric Tulla (PUR)
Charles Cook (USA)
Cory Sertl (USA)
David Sprague (CAN)
Ross Robson (RSA)
Jeff Martin (GBR) - ISAF Classes representative
Philip Tolhurst (GBR) - Offshore representative
Fiona Kidd (CAN) - Women's representative



Secretary General's Report



There follows an overview of the main decisions affecting the sport taken by the ISAF Council and Executive Committee during 2008.

Please note that full information on the activities of ISAF during 2008 is reflected under the Committee and Secretariat activities.

Competition

2012 Olympic Sailing Competition

At the 2008 Mid-Year meetings Council voted not to change the selected events for the men and women at the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The equipment for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition was confirmed at the Annual Conference as follows:

- Women's Windsurfing - RS:X
- Men's Windsurfing - RS:X
- Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
- Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
- Men's One Person Dinghy (heavy) - Finn
- Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470
- Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470
- Men's Two Person Dinghy (high performance) - 49er
- Women's Keelboat (match racing) – Elliot 6m
- Men's Keelboat - Star

2010 Youth Olympic Games

The first IOC Youth Olympic Games will be held in Singapore in 2010. Sailing will be included for athletes who are 15-16 years old in four events – girl's and boy's one person dinghy and girl's and boy's windsurfer. The maximum number of athletes is 100 and ISAF is targeting participation from 52 nations.

ISAF Sailing World Championships

Council decided that holding the ISAF Sailing World championship every two years was not viable at the present time and would conflict with the ISAF Sailing World Cup. However it was felt it would be worth reconsidering this in the future.

ISAF Sailing World Cup

The ISAF Sailing World Cup was launched in Melbourne, Australia in December 2008. Branding material and medals will be provided to all of the World Cup events by the Secretariat.

The ISAF Sailing World Cup logo was launched in June.



Regional Games

The technical and instructional resources of ISAF will be used to maintain and improve the standard of competitive sailing and the standards of technical supervision at Regional Games to a level that these events could serve as qualifying events for the Olympics.

International Umpire Fees

The Executive Committee Appointment Working Party in co-operation with the International Umpires Sub-Committee began using the Deputy Chief Umpire role for the development of more Chief Umpires who are capable of handling top-level events. This has led to increased workload and responsibility of the Deputy Chief Umpire therefore it was considered appropriate to review the fees paid.

Publications

Equipment Rules of Sailing, The Racing Rules of Sailing and The Case Book

The revised Equipment Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 and The Case and Call Book 2009-2012 will come into effect on 1 January 2009.

Classes

Council approved ISAF Status for three new classes (kiteboarding, the X-41 and the Melges 32) in 2008 and the upgrade of the O'pen Bic from Recognized to International. For more information see page 21

General Assembly

The following were appointed to the Election Committee for the 2008 General Assembly which took place on 15 November in Madrid, Spain:

- HM King Constantine – Chairman
- Peter Siemsen (BRA)
- John Tinker (CAN)
- Peter Tallberg (FIN)

Election of President and Vice-Presidents

There were 13 candidates for the seven Vice-President positions.

Göran Petersson stood unopposed for his second term as ISAF President.

His Majesty King Constantine announced the results of the 2008 elections at the General Assembly:

Göran Petersson (SWE)	President
Tomasz Holc (POL)	Vice-President
Nazli Imre (TUR)	Vice-President
David Irish (USA)	Vice-President
Teresa Lara (VEN)	Vice-President
Teo Ping Log (SIN)	Vice-President
Alberto Predieri (ITA)	Vice-President
Eric Tulla (PUR)	Vice-President

David Kellett (AUS) was unanimously appointed Treasurer by the new Council.



Secretary General's Report

Governance

Appointments to Council 2009-2012

Group A	Chris Atkins	GBR
	John Crebbin	IRL
Group B	Tatjana Antoncic	SLO
	Rolf Baehr	GER
Group C	Tomasz Chamera	POL
	Kamen Fillyov	BUL
Group D	George Andreadis	GRE
	Jean-Pierre Champion	FRA
	Sergio Gaibisso	ITA
Group E	Gerardo Pombo	ESP
Group F	Patrick Bergmans	BEL
Group G	Kurt Lonngqvist	FIN
	Stig Hvide Smith	NOR
Group H	Alexander Kotenkov	RUS
Group I	Khalifa M Al-Sewaidi	QAT
Group J	Quanhai Li	CHN
	Takao Otani	JPN
Group K	Ajay Balram	IND
Group L	Ralph Roberts	NZL
	David Tillett	AUS
Group M	Maximo Rivero Kelly	ARG
Group N	Harry Adler	BRA
Group O	Jane Moon	CAY
	Andr�s Santana	DOM
Group P	Charley Cook	USA
	Cory Sertl	USA
	David Sprague	CAN
Group Q	Ross Robson	RSA
ISAF Classes representative	Jeff Martin	GBR
Oceanic & Offshore representative	Jacques Lehn	FRA
Womens' representative	Fiona Kidd	CAN

Committees and Commissions 2009-2012

The new Council approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee and Committee and Commission Members were appointed for the period 2009 -2012. A complete review of the ISAF Committees and Commissions Terms of Reference was completed

The Women's Sailing Committee was disbanded with the new Terms of Reference for the Women's Forum enabling the group to make submissions.

The Offshore Committee was renamed the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and the members appointed to ensure better representation for Oceanic sailing.

The Youth and Development Committee was renamed the Development and Youth Committee.

The new Multihull Commission was formed under the Chair of Paul Pascoe (AUS) and met for the first time in November 2008.

Obituaries

ISAF remembers friends, colleagues and sailors who passed away in 2008:

- Nucci Novi Ceppellini (ITA)
- Olin J Stephens II (USA)
- Pertti Lipas (FIN)
- Donald St Clair Brown (NZL)
- Marc Guichard (FRA)

Anti-Doping Code

The World Anti-Doping Code has been revised so all athletes will benefit from the same anti-doping procedures and protections, no matter the sport, the nationality, or the country where tested, ensuring that all athletes can participate in competition that is both safe and fair.

The revised Anti-Doping Code is effective from 1 January 2009 and should be read in conjunction with the revised International Standards for TUEs and the revised International Standards for Testing.

Advertising Code

A review of the Advertising Code was completed. Whilst the fundamental principles have remained, the aim of the review has been to reword the existing Code in a format that is easier to understand, ensure the appropriate balance of advertising 'space' for each party, review the default advertising for classes and improve and broaden the advertising opportunities.

After extensive consultation the revised Advertising Code is effective from 1 January 2009.

ISAF Membership

ISAF welcomed the following nations as ISAF Full Members:

- Iran – Group I, Africa and Middle East
- Armenia – Group H, Euro-Asian
- DPR Korea – Group J, East Asia
- Nigeria – Group Q, Africa - South of the Sahara
- Sudan – Group I, Africa and Middle East

In addition the following changes were approved:

- Group D – South Europe shall be allocated three seats on Council.
- Group I – Africa and the Middle East will be renamed as 'North Africa and Middle East'.

ISAF Members	Total at the end of 2008
Member National Authorities	126
Associate Members	2
Affiliate Continental Members	3
Affiliate Members	6
Recognized Organizations	2
Olympic Classes	8
International Classes	61
Recognized Classes	27
Classic Yacht Classes	3
International Rating Systems	3



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Secretary General's Report

ISAF Awards

ISAF Gold Medals

ISAF had great pleasure in awarding the ISAF Gold Medal to the following individuals who have contributed to the development of ISAF in a remarkable way:

- Fiona Barron (GBR)
- Aaron Botzer (ISR)
- Joe Butterfield (NZL)
- Adrienne Greenwood (NZL)
- Ian Harrison (GBR)
- David Kellett (AUS)
- David Lees (GBR)
- Pertti Lipas (FIN)
- Arve Sundheim (NOR)
- Dierk Thomsen (GER)
- Bjorn Unger (SWE)

ISAF Silver Medals

ISAF had great pleasure in awarding the ISAF Silver Medal to the following individuals who have contributed to the development of ISAF in a significant way:

- Günter Ahlers (GER)
- Micky Ayalon (ISR)
- Kjell Borking (SWE)
- Steve Colgate (USA)
- Gheorghe Constantin (ROU)
- Bruce Eissner (USA)
- Jaime Enseñat (ESP)
- Cathy Foster (GBR)
- Barrie Harmsworth (UAE)
- Carin Hildebrand (SWE)
- Serge Jorgensen (USA)
- Husnu Levent (TUR)
- Antony Lockett (GBR)
- Paul Maes (ESP)
- Timo Nurmilaukas (FIN)
- Luis Ormaechea (ESP)
- Ninfa Provenza Caldarella (ESP)
- Jan Romme (NED)
- Jim Saltonstall (GBR)
- Chako Tobari (JPN)
- Paul Ulibarri (CAN)
- Robert Wilkes (GBR)

ISAF President Development Award

Helen Mary Wilkes (GBR) and Robert Wilkes (GBR) were presented with the ISAF President Development Award in recognition of their role in leading and managing the Optimist Class.

Helen Mary Wilkes has been the driving force of under-16 sailing which now has over 80 nations competing internationally, 71 of them with female sailors. Initially specializing in event organization Helen-Mary became Vice-President of IODA in 1985, President 1989-1998, Vice-President of Honour 1998-2005 and President of Honour in 2005.

Robert Wilkes has been the Secretary of the Optimist Class for more than 20 years.

ISAF Beppe Croce Trophy

ISAF was proud to award the ISAF Beppe Croce Trophy to Nucci Novi Ceppellini (ITA). Nucci, who passed away in February 2008, was dedicated to the sport of sailing. In 1986 Nucci became involved with ISAF as a member of the Women's Sailing Committee, elected Chairman in 1990 where she introduced new initiatives including the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship and Rankings, Women's Sailing Seminars and the increased representation of women across all of the sport's activities.

Nucci was a driving force in the successful and ongoing campaign to increase the number of women directly involved in the decision making process at ISAF. Highly respected she was elected as the first female Vice-President of the International Sailing Federation. A passionate supporter of disabled sailing, Nucci also sat on the Executive Board of the IFDS.

Nucci's outstanding achievements and contribution to the sport were recognized by the International Olympic Committee in 2000 when she was awarded the inaugural IOC Women in Sport Trophy for Europe.



*The Beppe Croce Trophy is presented to Nucci's family
© Andrew Wong/Getty Images*

ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards

The 2008 ISAF Rolex World Sailors of the Year were announced on 11 November in Madrid, Spain.

Honoured for the third time, Ben Ainslie (GBR) won the male award in recognition of an outstanding 12 months in the Finn Class. In January 2008 Ainslie won the Finn Gold Cup for a record fifth time and also picked up four grade 1 event wins and the European title before claiming his fourth Olympic medal, winning his third gold at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Italian windsurfer Alessandra Sensini was announced as the female winner. At the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition, Sensini became the first woman to ever win four Olympic medals in the sport of sailing when she won the silver medal. She also claimed the RS:X World Championship title in Auckland, New Zealand.



*Helen Mary and Robert Wilkes receive the Development Award from
ISAF President Göran Petersson
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ISAF Affiliate Members

The following gives an overview of the key areas of work by the ISAF Affiliate Members during 2008.

International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS)

The IFDS is responsible for disabled sailing around the world which includes people with physical disabilities, blindness, deafness, learning difficulties, dwarfism and covers all aspects of sailing including recreation, training and racing.

In 2008, the number of member nations of the IFDS increased by 20%, this is due to the increasing awareness of ISAFs MNAs and of the public for disabled sailing. There was a particular increase in the number of sailors from Asia competing at International regattas which is a consequence of the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China.

There was also an increase in the number of International events which are integrating disabled fleets into their programmes. This increase is approximately 20% and with the recognition of the Paralympic Classes by the ISAF Sailing World Cup this trend is set to continue.

The level of competition for disabled athletes continues to develop as technology offers new possibilities and challenges. The increase in professionalism is also increasingly evident with the top teams in the world sailing full time with the same resources as their Olympic colleagues.

The facilities at yacht clubs around the world are also improving with better access to pontoons and equipment further enabling disabled sailors to get on the water.

The 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition took place from 8 to 13 September and was a huge success. The introduction of the two person keelboat, SKUD18, resulted in a 25% increase in the number of athletes. The Paralympic athletes used the same facilities as the Olympic Sailing Competition. The medallists are listed in the table below.

In November 2008 Linda Merkle (USA) was elected as the IFDS President and the new Executive Board as follows:

- Gustaf Fresk (SWE)
- Wilfried Klein (GER)
- David Staley (AUS)
- Costas Tsantilis (GRE)
- John Twomey (IRL)
- Teresa Lara (VEN) (ISAF Vice-President)

The retiring President, Serge Jorgensen (USA) was presented with an ISAF silver medal in recognition of his contribution to the sport and previous President Ian Harrison (GBR) was presented with a gold medal.



2008 Paralympic Games Medallists		
Single Person keelboat - 2.4mR - 16 athletes		
1	Paul Tingley	CAN
2	Damien Seguin	FRA
3	John Ruf	USA
Two Person Keelboat - Skud18 - 22 athletes (11 boats)		
1	Nick Scandone & Maureen McKinnon Tucker	USA
2	Daniel Fitzgibbon & Rachael Cox	AUS
3	John Scott McRoberts & Stacie Louttit	CAN
Three Person Keelboat - Sonar - 42 athletes (14 boats)		
1	Jens Kroger, Robert Prem & Siegmund Mainka	GER
2	Bruno Jourden, Herve Larhant & Nicolas Vimont-Vicary	FRA
3	Colin Harrison, Russell Boaden & Graeme Martin	AUS

2008 Paralympic gold medallists: top - Nick Scandone & Maureen McKinnon-Tucker (USA) - SKUD18
Jens Kroger, Robert Prem & Siegmund Mainka (GER) - Sonar
Paul Tingley (CAN) - 2.4mR
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Radio Controlled Sailing

The Radio Sailing Division represents the International One Metre Class, the International Marblehead Class, the International Ten Rater Class and the International A Class.

The One Metre Class is the biggest and most active class, but in 2008 there was an increase in Ten Rater activities.

The major event 2008 was the One Metre Europeans which was held from 17 to 26 October in Dubrovnik, Croatia. 73 sailors representing 17 different countries competed and the title went to Guillermo Beltri Fernandez (ESP) with Ante Kovacevic (CRO) taking the silver medal.

The Radio Sailing Division Technical Committee approved changes to the Marblehead class rules in 2008.



ISAF Affiliate Members

World Sailing Speed Record Council (WSSRC)

The WSSRC works hard to keep pace with the investment and development of those attempting world records. 2008 proved to be no exception to this objective in two specific incidents. The first was the discovery of "ground effect" being used to considerable advantage by sailing in very shallow water by windsurfers, especially those powered by kites. A survey by the Southampton University Wolfson Unit in the UK, commissioned by the WSSRC, persuaded us that the drag on a planing board was reduced by up to 50% when sailing in water depth of less than half the beam of the board. Whilst a rule stipulating a minimum water depth could answer the problem, this is complicated by practical considerations of finding the smooth water essential for high speeds on tidal courses which are not of a standard depth over 500 metres. Only a man-made "trench" would satisfy such a ruling. In consultation with the speed sailing organizations and recognizing the wide variety of record craft, a rule has been developed which is designed to negate "ground effect" from record claims. WSSRC Commissioners at events during 2009 will closely monitor its application.



The second problem concerns the possibility of a record attempt starting or finishing in nil-visibility. This situation occurred in 2008 when a high-profile attempt finished in thick fog. Conversations between the skipper and the Commissioner were adequate under the existing rules for the record to be ratified, but the incident emphasized the need to introduce a back-up system that could be controlled by the WSSRC. A small 'black box', which can continually record position/time, has been developed which Commissioner will attach to yachts at the start of a record attempt. In the event of any queries over timings or course sailed, the Commissioner at the finish will remove the box and send it to the WSSRC office to download the recorded data. This 'black box' may also have significant value in verifying information for 24-hour attempts and outright speed claims using the Trimble system of timing.

All new records are significant achievements but particular mention should be made to the single-handed round the world record of Francis Joyon, breaking the previous record by 15 days and Thomas Coville who broke the 24 hour record twice in 2008 and took eight hours off the transatlantic record. The elusive 50 knots was finally broken by kiteboarder Sebastien Cattelan (FRA) who reached an average speed of 50.26 knots over the 500m course in Namibia. Just one day later, Alexandre Caizergues (FRA) went faster still and set a new world record of 50.57 knots.

We approach 2009 with a dedicated and expert team of Council members and Commissioners. The task of the WSSRC is to authenticate genuine sailing record claims on behalf of ISAF and we continue to discharge these responsibilities with confidence.



Thomas Coville smashed the Transatlantic record by eight hours © Jean Marie Liot/DPPI, SailRocket - still chasing 50 knots © HDarvelid/Sailrocket, Alexandre Caizergues (FRA) world record holder 500m © Roger Hislop | reason

Records Ratified by the WSSRC in 2008 - for a full list visit www.sailspeedrecords.com					
Skipper	Nation	Yacht	Name of Record	Time/Distance/Speed	Date
Francis Joyon	FRA	IDEC	Round the World Non-Stop, single-handed	57 days, 13 hours, 34 minutes & 6 seconds Distance - 21769nm, Average speed 15.84 knots	23 Nov 07 - 19 Jan
Lionel Lemonchois	FRA	Gitana 13	New York to San Francisco via Cape Horn	43 days, 3 minutes & 18 seconds Distance - 13945nm	16 Jan - 28 Feb
Michel Kleinjans	BEL	Roaring Forty	Marseille to Carthage single-handed monohull	1 day, 21 hours & 24 minutes Distance - 458nm, Average speed 10.00 knots	1-2 March
Lionel Lemonchois	FRA	Gitana 13	San Francisco to Yokohama outright	11 days, 12 minutes & 54 seconds Distance - 4501nm, Average speed 17.04 knots	29 March - 9 April
Lionel Lemonchois	FRA	Gitana 13	Taipei to Hong Kong outright	24 hours, 45 minutes & 59 seconds Distance - 465nm, Average speed 18.8 knots	30-31 May
Chris Sherlock	GBR	Leopard	Transatlantic Monohull powered sails	7 days, 19 hours, 20 minutes & 49 seconds Distance - 2925nm, Average speed	27 May - 3 June
Thomas Coville	FRA	Sodebo	Transatlantic W to E Single-handed outright	5 days, 19 hours, 30 minutes & 40 seconds Distance - 2925nm, Average speed 20.97 knots	9-15 July
Lionel Lemonchois	FRA	Gitana 13	Hong Kong to London outright - 9 crew	41 days, 21 hours, 26 minutes & 34 seconds Distance - 12948nm, Average speed 12.88 knots	14 Aug - 25 Sep
Alexandre Caizergues	FRA	kiteboard	World kiteboard record - 500m	Average speed 50.57knots	4 Oct
Torben Grael	BRA	Ericsson 4	24 hour Monohull - 10 crew	Distance - 596.6nm, Average speed 24.85 knots	29 Oct
Francis Joyon	FRA	IDEC	Cadiz to San Salvador Single-handed	9 days, 20 hours, 32 minutes & 23 seconds Distance - 3884nm, Average speed 17.91 knots	28 Oct - 7 Nov
Alain Thebault	FRA	Hydroptere	D Class Record - 500m 10 crew	Average speed 46.88 knots	13 Nov
Paul Larsen	AUS	Sailrocket	B Class - 500m	Average speed 47.36 knots	3 Dec
Thomas Coville	FRA	Sodebo	24 hour single-handed	Distance - 628.5nm, Average speed	6-7 Dec



ISAF Secretariat

Staff

As at 31 December 2008, the number of staff employed by ISAF (UK) Ltd was 18 - two vacancies exist (Training and Development Manager and Membership Secretary) and one position is covering maternity leave (Administration Secretary).

The new position of Head of Technical and Offshore Department has been filled by Dr Jason Smithwick who joined at the beginning of March and will work closely with Jerome Pels and Simon Forbes. Luissa Smith resigned from her position as Head of Training and Development Department, leaving in November 2008.

The priorities of staff work are summarized as follows:

- Service those areas/Committees given priority by Council
- Preparation and implementation of Council and Executive Committee Meetings and decisions
- Co-operation with Committee Chairmen in preparation of the Annual Conference and Mid-Year Meeting
- Service to members
- Olympic and ISAF events preparation/participation

In addition to the many working parties, the staff supported 30 Committees/Sub-Committees, seven Commissions, a Forum and Review Board.

During 2008 the staff were involved in the following areas of work/projects:

Administration

Provided support to the President and Secretary General

Committees

- Supported the work of the Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Medical Commission.
- Co-ordinated administration of Committee member nominations.

Meetings

- Co-ordinated arrangements for the Executive Committee Meetings, Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Conference.
- Completed site visits and liaised with prospective MNAs and venues interested in hosting future ISAF meetings.
- Processed submissions for the ISAF Annual Conference.

Anti-Doping

- Processed ATUE and TUE applications.
- Administration of the ADAMS Whereabouts filing for the Volvo Ocean Race 2008-2009 and the ISAF Registered Testing Pool on ADAMS.
- Successful implementation of an In and Out-Of-Competition testing programme.
- Results Management of the AAF's and positive tests.
- Attendance at the WADA symposium in Lausanne in March 2008.
- Close liaison with WADA particularly in connection with the revised WADA Code, effective 1 January 2009.

Finance

- Maintained financial forecasts and payment schedules, drafted financial reports and administered expense claims.
- Supplied and managed the issue of ISAF Plaques for the majority of ISAF Classes.

Office Management

- Processed general enquiries.
- Maintained the Secretariat, reception, cleaning, safety and security and office equipment.
- Arranged ISAF Professional Liability Insurance and General Office Insurance.

Human Resources

- Implementation of all human resources functions including risk assessment of the office and work stations.
- Maintenance of a staff intranet.

2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

- Administration of accreditation, ITO travel and accommodation and liaison with Guest Passes.

Publications and Merchandise

- Prepared the ISAF Yearbook for publication.
- Processed merchandise and publication orders.
- Completion of bi-annual merchandise stock take.
- Co-ordinated ISAF Mailings to members.

Competitions Department

Committees

- Supported the work of the Events Committee and Sub-committees, Match Racing Committee, Race Officials Committee and Sub-committees, Regional Games Committee, Racing Rules Committee, Windsurfing Committee, Classification Commission, Coaches Commission, Olympic Classes Sub-committee, Review Board and ISAF Sailing World Cup Management Group.

Events

- Provided staff support (Technical Delegate) to the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship in July 2008 in Aarhus, Denmark and ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship in April in Auckland, New Zealand.
- Pre-regatta visits were made to Lysekil, Sweden, venue for the 2009 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship and to Zadar, Croatia, venue for the 2011 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.
- The 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships contract was signed by ISAF, Perth 2011 and Yachting Australia. A site visit was arranged for March 2009.
- Worked closely with the ISAF Sailing World Cup Managing Group to implement the 2008/2009 ISAF Sailing World Cup and develop the format for 2010 and beyond.
- The ISAF Sailing World Cup Standings were introduced and the Notice of Series was published in July. The ISAF Sailing World Cup made its debut in December 2008 at Sail Melbourne.

Olympic Games

- Oversaw the qualification system for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- Worked closely with BOCOG to organize flights, clothing and accreditation for the International Technical Officers (ITOs).

The 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition was a great success with 400 sailors representing 62 nations.

- Held meetings with the 2012 Organizing Committee in preparing the venue plans for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition to be held in Weymouth, UK.
- Carried out site visits to the bid cities for the 2016 Olympic Games. Chicago, Madrid; Rio and Tokyo were all visited by members of the department and the Executive Committee in order to advise the organizing committees on the venue plans for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.



ISAF Secretariat

Youth Olympic Games

- Worked with the Youth Olympic Games Working Party to select the equipment for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games; the Byte CII Class was selected for the one person dinghy and the Techno 293 was confirmed as the windsurfer.
- The qualification system was finalized and following IOC approval was published and distributed to all MNAs.
- A site visit was arranged for February 2009.

Race Officials Seminars and Clinics

- During 2008 the Secretariat co-ordinated 11 seminars (required for candidates progressing towards being appointed as ISAF International Race Officials) and 14 clinics aimed at improving the standards of race officials at all levels.
- Seven Rule 42 workshops were held in conjunction with events to improve the understanding and application of Rule 42.

Appointment of Race Officials

- Co-ordinated the appointment of ISAF Race Officials to ISAF events and Graded match racing events.
- In total, over 300 appointments were made with Race Officials from over 25 nations.

ISAF Seminar Instructors Conference

- Organized a conference attended by 90% of all ISAF Seminar Instructors to develop best practice around the world and apply this consistently.
- The Conference was held at the ISAF Secretariat in Southampton, UK in March 2008.

Publications

- Published and distributed The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 and distributed files to all MNAs for translation and publication with national prescriptions.
- Contracts were signed with three publishers to allow them to reproduce The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- The Call Book 2009-2012 was also published.
- Work continued on the Case Books for Match Racing and Team Racing and both will be published early in 2009.

Rankings

- ISAF World Sailing Rankings and ISAF World Match Race Rankings were each released ten times during 2008.

Marketing and Media

Corporate Identity

- Development of a new ISAF logo, brand guidelines and corporate material.
- The new logo was approved in August and distributed to all ISAF members for use from 1 January 2009.

Event Logos

- Introduced a new logo suite for the ISAF events including the ISAF Sailing World Cup, ISAF Team Racing World Championship, ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship, ISAF Nations Cup and ISAF Sailing World Championships to ensure there is a consistent ISAF identity at all events.
- Developed and distributed brand guidelines and material to all events.



ISAF Sailing World Cup

- Worked closely with Events Management team and active attendance at World Cup strategy meetings.
- Introduced the new logo, branding guidelines and event branding material for use by all 7 events.
- Worked to ensure online TV coverage via sail.tv is available. Programming details sent out and published for other potential international broadcasters
- Creation of new World Cup website and results system.
- Signed a contract with PSP Express Couriers as the official supplier of courier services to the World Cup.

Website

For the calendar year 2008:

- 994,000 unique visitors
- 2.66 million visits
- 10.97 million page views
- Visitors from over 200 nations (nations from Asia, Europe, Ocean, North and South American all in top 20 nations)
- Over 7,000 new subscribers to Making Waves.

Media

- Published 50 editions of Making Waves, the ISAF newsletter.
- Published over 60 press releases on subjects including ISAF Rankings, ISAF Events & Awards, ISAF news & initiatives, ISAF meeting news.
- Improved and increased media database through research and networking.
- Development of a new ISAF online database.
- Reported daily on sailing events around the world via news editor attendance at events or news feeds.

Sponsorship

The Marketing and Media Department works with the current ISAF Sponsors and suppliers: Rolex, Volvo Youth Sailing, Sanpellegrino, Helly Hansen, Schenker global sports events and additional new Connect to Sailing partners.

- Signed a new agreement with Sanpellegrino, the official supplier of water to ISAF Meetings and the Secretariat.
- Signed a new agreement with Rolex as the new sponsor of The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Co-ordinated the ordering, receipt and delivery of the Helly Hansen Race Officials uniforms.
- Completed a full audit of ISAF property and created rights templates and sales material.

2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

- Developed ISAF Olympic website to ensure complete results and mark rounding information published in real time (731,000 visitors/3.4 million page views during August 2008 alone).
- Produced and published news reports on every racing day in every Olympic event, Olympic feature stories, Olympic galleries.
- Created full Olympic sailing results database.
- Co-ordinated collection and publication of Olympic athlete information for ISAF Sailor biographies.
- Production of spectator booklet.
- Production assistance provided on site to Beijing Olympic Broadcasting for sailing's TV coverage.
- Production of post event DVD.
- Olympic image service for ISAF Classes & MNAs.
- Pre-Olympic Conference Calls for media staff at ISAF MNAs and ISAF Classes.



Secretariat Activities

Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship

- Worked with Event Organizers, events department and Volvo Event Management to produce the event in Århus.
- Marketing and media attendance at events for marketing input and daily media coverage.

ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards

- Co-ordinated the 2008 Awards dinner and presentation with Rolex suppliers.
- Managed the event design, invitations, stationery, guest list, nominations, voting, the nominees and the schedule for the evening.

ISAF Beppe Croce Trophy

- Co-ordinated the presentation of the ISAF Beppe Croce to Nucci Novi Ceppellini's family at a dinner in Qingdao, China in May 2008.

General Marketing

- The department responds to daily enquiries about marketing, media and sponsorships issues for ISAF, event organizers and members.
- Production and publication of the 2007 Annual Report.
- Attendance at the inaugural World Yacht Racing Forum.
- Assisted in development of newtosailing.com website.
- Co-ordinated the sale of merchandise and publications at the Annual Conference.
- Assisted with creation of new ISAF book to raise funds for Youth Sailing.
- Ongoing work for the creation of new online database and classification system for launch in 2009.

Technical & Offshore

Committees

- Supported the work of the Equipment Committee and Sub-committees, the ISAF Classes Committee, the Offshore Committee and Sub-committees and the International Regulations Commission.

Classes and Class Rules

- Two classes were granted International status in 2008 and two classes were granted recognized status. See page 21 for details of those classes.
- Processed over 120 class rule changes and continues to facilitate and issue interpretations, which is a busy task in an Olympic year.
- Supported many classes in converting their rules to the ISAF Standard Class Rules format.



RS:X equipment at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition
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The ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award Nominees.
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In-House Certification (IHC)

- The ISAF In-House Certification scheme progressed well in 2008 with the first MNA appointed as an Authorising Authority and over 1000 IHC sail stickers sold through the Secretariat.
- Several sailmakers are now approved for the scheme and the documentation and agreements have developed to where the IHC scheme is ready to offer to other MNAs.

Equipment Rules of Sailing and Standard Class Rules

- Took editorial control of the Equipment Rules of Sailing with a new version published for 2009-2012, effective 1 January 2009.
- Worked on the Standard Class Rules template and further developed this document, in particular for manufacturer controlled classes.

2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

- Two members of the technical department attended the Olympic Sailing Competition in Qingdao to assist in the equipment inspections and measurement.
- A member of the department visited Neil Pryde's production facility in Thailand to carry out an inspection on the factory and a thorough examination of the boards that would be supplied to the Olympic Games.
- A similar inspection was carried out in China's Neil Pryde factory for the RS:X sails and rigs.
- The department also facilitated the flags on the sails and other tasks relating to the supplied equipment such as national allocation of equipment.

Equipment selection for the 2012 Olympic Games

- Worked with classes and verified technical data to aid the selection process for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition equipment.
- Created design criteria for the Women's match racing boat to help classes applying for this event.
- Worked closely with Elliott Marine, the designer of the equipment selected for the women's match racing event in 2012, on class rules and building specification.
- Developed the distribution and order protocol for early 2009.

International Regulations

- Supported the International Regulations Commission and ISAF's representation at the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Members of the department attended IMO meetings in London.
- ISAF was granted liaison with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 2007 and the secretariat attended the Plenary meetings in Berlin in May 2008 with discussions ranging from yacht stability and structure through to trapeze harnesses and lifejackets.



Secretariat Activities

Training and Development Department

Committees

- Supported the work of Council, the AGM, General Assembly, Constitution Committee, Women's Sailing Committee, Youth and Development Committee, Women's Forum, Athletes' Commission, Training Commission and the World Youth Sailing Trust.

General Assembly

- Co-ordinated nominations for Vice-President and President.
- Published the details of all nominees online.
- Co-ordinated the Election Committee.
- Prepared General Assembly papers and voting procedure.

Governance

- Administered applications from nations to become ISAF Full Members of which five were approved in 2008.
- Administered Continental Members.
- Ongoing dialogue with 37 other nations who are in varying levels of application to become ISAF Members.
- Co-ordination and project management of ISAF Strategic Plan.
- Updated ISAF Regulations based on Council decisions.
- Updated ISAF policy document to record policy decisions which are not incorporated within ISAF Rules and Regulations.
- Administered review of Committee Terms of Reference and Committee Member skill set requirements.

Development

- Managed Athlete Participation Programme (APP) for the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship (see page 14 for full report on the APP).
- Co-ordinated Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses and Scholarships for Beijing 2008 (see page 15 for full report on Olympic Solidarity activities in 2008).
- Supported the work of and acted as Charity Secretary for the World Youth Sailing Trust.
- Co-ordinated meeting of the Athletes' Commission at the ISAF Secretariat and development of the online forum.
- Attended IOC Women and Sports Conference in Jordan in April with Council Members Nazli Imre and Fiona Kidd.
- Supported the Connect to Sailing Project Manager and produced the final draft of the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme in consultation with the Training Commission.

Information

- Provided official ISAF statements and supported the President in official communications, presentations and interviews.
- Responded to information and development enquiries received at the Secretariat.

Connect to Sailing

Connect to Sailing is a global initiative to increase participation in sailing based on grass roots activities with a focus on youth. The project aims to expand and develop participation in sailing through building strong and lasting foundations for community sailing programmes.

In 2008, in partnership with the Training Commission the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme was launched at the Connect to Sailing Seminar during the Annual Conference. Extensive research was carried out of existing national training programmes to benefit from current best practice.

An accreditation procedure is being developed to provide the basis for ISAF approval for a national programmes. Investigations were also made for countries to carry out pilot projects

A successful Seminar was held during the Annual Conference. The seminar focussed on the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme and was a mixture of presentations and panel debate.

In 2008 ISAF welcomed newtosailing.com as a Connect to Sailing partner. The new website was launched at the Connect to Sailing Seminar and is run by the magazine Yachts and Yachting. The website is targeted at people who are new to the sport of sailing to provide an international resource with easy to understand information about how to start sailing.

ISAF was proud to maintain the continued support from the Connect to Sailing Sponsors, the European Confederation of Nautical Industries, Hyde Sails, Laser Performance and Hobie Cat Europe and welcomed new partners Rockley Watersports and newtosailing.com.

Disabled Sailing

ISAF co-ordinates the administration of the International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS), working closely with the IFDS Committee Members, the day to day work includes:

- Produced agendas and minutes for the IFDS Executive Committee.
- Supported all IFDS Committees in their areas of work.
- Produced the monthly IFDS bulletin.
- Co-ordinated RNAs - Recognized National Authorities - and subscription fees.
- Administered IFDS sailor Classifications and distributed IFDS Classification Passports.
- Updated IFDS publications including the Functional Classification System and Race Management Manual
- Co-ordinated the election of the IFDS Executive Board in November 2008.
- Provided administrative support to the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition in particular with regard to accreditations and national qualification.

See page 8 for a full report on the activities of IFDS during 2008.

2008 ISAF Meetings			
Meeting	Committees	Venue	Dates
ISAF Annual Conference	Council, Executive and all ISAF Committees	Madrid, Spain	6-16 November
ISAF General Assembly		Madrid, Spain	15 November
ISAF Mid-Year Meetings	Council, Executive & Events Committees	Qingdao, China	8-12 May
	Equipment Committee	Southampton, UK	19 April
ISAF Executive Committee Meetings	Executive Committee	Southampton, UK Qingdao, China	15-17 February 16-17 August



ISAF Athlete Participation Programme

A record number of young sailors received funding and coaching support from ISAF's Athlete Participation Programme in 2008 as they made their first steps onto the world stage at the 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship in Aarhus, Denmark.

The APP initiative to expand the global reach of key events by assisting sailors with entry and travel costs once again benefiting young sailors from countries who may not otherwise have been able to participate at the Championship. 32 competitors from 18 nations were approved for support from Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America.

Alongside the funding comes top level coaching from Jim Saltonstall (GBR). The now legendary post-race briefings of Saltonstall were once again packed out every day with athletes, team leaders and coaches. After a combined total of 30 years at the Youth Worlds, Saltonstall retired in 2008 from his role as World Youth Sailing Trust coach. ISAF sincerely thanks him for his commitment over the years and presented him with a silver medal in recognition of his service to the sport.

The programme benefited from a 25% budget increase for 2008 made possible through the sale of the "ISAF Cookbook" and wine auction during the 2007 Annual Conference.

ISAF was pleased to welcome Serbia to the Youth Worlds for the very first time, the only country to make it's debut in 2008. Ecuador and Paraguay, were represented in 2008 for only the second time since the inaugural Youth Worlds in 1971 and their sailors were also supported by the APP.

Congratulations go to South African multihull duo, Matthew Whitehead and Michael Ovenstone, who claimed the silver medal in the Sirena SL16 class. Ovenstone was the youngest APP sailor and youngest medallist at just 14 years of age.

The success of the Athlete Participation Programme was further illustrated in Aarhus when 2005 APP sailor, Pavlos Kontides from Cyprus became the first sailor to ever win the boy's one person dinghy event for a second year.



left to right
Matthew Whitehead &
Michael Ovenstone of
South Africa, retiring
WYST coach, Jim
Saltonstall, the first
ever Youth Worlds
competitor from Serbia,
Maja Knezevic and
Argentina's Jeremy
Lopez Becker.
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Name	Nation	Age	Event - Class	Position	Fleet size
Philipine van Aanholt	AHO	15	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	30	40
Vincent Pietersz	AHO	15	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	37	45
Jeremy Lopez Becker	ARG	17	Boy's windsurfer - RS:X	16	27
Jazmin Lopez Becker	ARG	15	Girl's windsurfer - RS:X	15	45
Libby Brewin	BER	17	Girl's two person dinghy - 29er	15	18
Haley Powell	BER	16	Girl's two person dinghy - 29er	15	18
William Hutchings	BER	17	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	31	45
Nicolas Lozano	COL	17	Boy's windsurfer - RS:X	15	27
Angelo Renato Teran Ratti	ECU	16	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	42	45
Mrinalini Santhanam	IND	17	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	39	40
Alec Anderson	IVB	16	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	34	45
Mavumi Roller	ISV	16	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	25	40
Anna Aile	LAT	17	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	20	40
Saima Pierpaite	LTU	16	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	33	40
Mantas Krumpalcas	LTU	17	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	39	45
Martynas Juokeska	LTU	16	Boy's windsurfer - RS:X	20	27
Jeronimo Cervantes Belausteguioitia	MEX	16	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	32	45
Ivana Cabello	PAR	16	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	40	40
Guillermo Gomez	PAR	16	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	45	45
Maja Knezevic	SRB	17	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	35	40
Meggy Gertrude	SEY	17	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	37	40
Claire Walker	RSA	16	Girl's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	38	40
Matthew Whitehead	RSA	14	Open multihull - Sirena SL16	2	16
Michael Ovenstone	RSA	17	Open multihull - Sirena SL16	2	16
Aaron Barcant	TRI	17	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	27	45
Rafael Larieto	URU	17	Boy's one person dinghy - Laser	30	45

Funding was also approved for three sailors from Cuba and three more sailors from Uruguay but they were unfortunately unable to attend the Championships



Olympic Solidarity

Olympic Solidarity is a Commission of the International Olympic Committee and is the organization responsible for managing and administering the share of the television rights of the Olympic Games that is allocated to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

Olympic Solidarity funds a wide range of development programmes in partnership with the Continental Associations, NOCs and International Federations. The Olympic Solidarity Programmes include scholarships which help athletes with the financial challenges of undertaking an Olympic campaign and Technical Courses which foster the development of top-level coaching worldwide.

Technical Courses

Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses support programmes to provide specific training across different elements of the sport. Four courses were held for sailing in 2008.

Lebanon

Course expert: Tony Walton (GBR)

Course dates: 15 - 24 August 2008

Objective: to train new coaches specifically for the Laser Class

Cuba

Course expert: Ruben Moran (ESP)

Course dates: 19 - 30 November 2008

Objective: coach training for the Optimist class

Thailand

Course expert: Jaano Kempo (EST)

Course dates: 23 November - 4 December 2008

Objective: training for 420 and 470 coaches

Bahrain

Course expert: Tony Walton (GBR)

Course dates: 8 - 14 December 2008

Objective: core skills applicable to good sailing technique, different ways of teaching these methods, ISAF Learn to Sail and RYA method training



Olympic Scholarships for Athletes – Beijing 2008

Olympic Solidarity Scholarships awarded by the IOC with advice from ISAF, provided funding across all expense areas to assist sailors in qualification and preparation for the Olympic Games. 21 sailors from 14 countries were successful in the 4 years leading up to the 2008 Olympic Games, with 14 of those sailors going on to compete at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Name	Nation	Event - Class	2008 Class World Championship position	2008 Olympic Games Position
Nico Delle-Karth & Nikolaus Resch	AUT	Open skiff - 49er	10	8/19
Peter Bromby	BER	Men's keelboat - Star	74	did not compete
Ricardo Santos	BRA	Men's windsurfer - RS:X	25	5/35
Sime Fantela & Igor Marenic	CRO	Men's two person dinghy - 470	14	9/29
Andreas Cariolou	CYP	Men's windsurfer - RS:X	43	13/35
Haris Papadopoulos	CYP	Heavyweight dinghy - Finn	29	22/26
Veronika Fenclova	CZE	Women's one person dinghy - Laser Radial	45	did not compete
Lenka Smidova	CZE	Women's two person dinghy - 470	22	7/19
Ho Chi Ho	HKG	Men's windsurfer - RS:X	16	did not compete
Kevin Lim	MAS	Men's one person dinghy - Laser	69	38/43
Maciej Grabowski	POL	Men's one person dinghy - Laser	did not compete	16/43
Allan Julie	SEY	Men's one person dinghy - Laser	41/	32/43
Roy Junhao Tay & Peiming Chung	SIN	Men's two person dinghy - 470	47	did not compete
Li Ying Toh	SIN	Women's two person dinghy - 470	39	19/19
Gasper Vincenc	SLO	Heavyweight dinghy - Finn	15	7/26
Kemal Muslubas	TUR	Men's one person dinghy - Laser	52	18/43
Ertugrul Icingir	TUR	Men's windsurfer - RS:X	35	22/35
Alejandro Foglia	URU	Men's one person dinghy - Laser	22/	17/43



Commission Reports

The ISAF Commissions report directly to the ISAF Executive Committee. There follows an overview of their work during 2008.

Athletes' Commission

The Athletes' Commission members were elected by their fellow sailors during the 2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships. Elections will take place in 2009 for the period 2009-2013.

Each member of the ISAF Athletes' Commission represents one of the Olympic events and is responsible for reflecting the views of the sailors they represent, seeking feedback and engaging in debate.

The Athletes' Commission Forum was launched in 2008 to host online debate on key topics. Whilst the forum will be open to all for viewing, posts will only be possible by athletes on the ISAF Sailing World Rankings. The Athletes' Commission members will be moderators for the Forum, the initial topics will include:

- ISAF Sailing World Cup series
- ISAF World Sailing Rankings
- Racing Rules of Sailing and Regulations
- Communications and Marketing
- Olympic Games

The Commission met at the ISAF Secretariat in Southampton, UK in September 2008. Peter Kruger Anderson (DEN) was nominated to join the Sailing World Cup Managing Group.

During 2008 the Athletes' Commission considered many issues ranging from, marketing & media, race official policies, race management standards, the Anti Doping Code and the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

Members of the Athletes' Commission attended the Mid-Year Meeting in Qingdao and the Annual Conference in Madrid.

Athletes' Commission

Marcelien De Koning (NED) - 470 Women - Chairman

Ben Barger (USA) - RS:X Men - Vice-Chairman

Monica Azon (ESP) - Yngling

Laura Baldwin (GBR) - Laser Radial

Enrique Figueroa (PUR) - Tornado

To be Appointed - 470 Men

Peter Kruger-Andersen (DEN) - 49er

Olga Maslivets (UKR) - RS:X Women

Mark Reynolds (USA) - Star

Dan Slater (NZL) - Finn

Roope Suomalainen (FIN) - Laser

Multihull Commission

At the ISAF Executive meeting in August appointments to the new Multihull Commission were confirmed. The Multihull Commission met for the first time in November 2008.

Multihull Commission

Paul Pascoe (AUS) - Chairman

Carolijn Brouwer (BEL)

Olivier Bovyn (FRA)

David Brookes (AUS)

Santiago Lange (ARG)

Brian Phipps (GBR)

Roka Sandor (HUN)

John Williams (USA)

Coaches' Commission

The Coaches' Commission's work in 2008 was focused on the development of publications related to coaches.

The development of the ISAF Standard Safety Guidelines for Coaches was the first published document to provide experience for coaches all around the globe. This document has been translated into several languages.

Another target was the creation of a Coaches Code of Conduct and the introduction of an ISAF Coaches Registration. First drafts of these projects were reviewed at the Commission meeting at the Annual Conference in November. The preparations for the development of an ISAF Coaches Registration were the main focus for the Commission in 2008.

Coaches' Commission

George Fundak (AUT) - Chairman

Rene Appel (HKG)

Sid Bensalah (UAE)

Gary Bodie (USA)

Alain Champy (FRA)

Chun Qu (CHN)

Christopher Gowers (GBR)

Espen Guttormsen (NOR)

Victor Kovalenko (AUS)

Lisa Neuburger (ISV)

Luis Miguel Rocha (POR)

International Regulations Commission

The International Regulations Commission members attend the International Maritime Organization (IMO) meetings and represent ISAF at several of the IMO Correspondence groups.

Colregs

In November 2008 the Maritime Safety Committee confirmed that no further action would be taken in regard to the proposal submitted to IMO in 2006 by the Government of Italy to change the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) to allocate a blanket right of way to commercial vessels over recreational craft. The proposal was strongly resisted by ISAF who instigated a comprehensive campaign in opposition to the proposal:

AIS

Support was given to groups working on the improvement and wider introduction of AIS Class B as a valuable safety enhancement for small craft.

Members liaised with the US Government over the promotion of an AIS SART (Search and Rescue Transponder) which could be a valuable Man-Overboard alarm and location device.

Operation of Non-SOLAS ships

Members took part in the IMO group tasked with the development of guidelines to limit the possibilities of small craft being used as either terrorist vehicles or the targets for attack. ISAF encouraged a 'neighbourhood watch' approach. The informed common sense of sailors is more practical than a regulatory clampdown.

Environment

Monitored proposals at IMO regarding the environmentally friendly conduct of recreational craft and to encourage the adoption of simple clear guidelines.



Commission Reports

Work continues in this area in liaison with Friends of the Earth International.

Worked on the development of guidelines to limit the transportation on hulls of invasive aquatic species.

Monitored regulations imposed by government authorities to control marine access to windfarms with a view to promoting a set of standard criteria to ensure that reasonable access can be retained for recreational craft.

Containers

Discussions were held with the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) about containers lost by shipping and their consequent danger to small craft. At the end of 2008 the ICS published a new guidance document for ships and handlers.

International Regulations Commission

Alan Green (GBR) - Chairman

Ignacio de Ros Sopranis (ESP) - Vice-Chairman

Glauco Briante (ITA)

John Crebbin (IRL)

Bruce Eissner (USA)

Ken Kershaw (GBR)

Jean Lemoine (FRA)

Michael Stoldt (GER)

Medical Commission

The main area of work for the Medical Commission through 2008 focused on the revised WADA Code. The ultimate goal for this revision is for all athletes to benefit from the same anti-doping procedures and protections in competition that is both safe and fair.

Due to the Olympic Sailing Competition there was an increase in Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) and Abbreviated Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ATUEs) owing to the Olympic Sailing Competition.

WADAs pre-Olympic Games anti-doping initiative was successfully completed all with negative results. 111 athletes were tested during the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition all with negative results.

Other work involved ISAFs Anti-Doping Programme and the successful introduction of a new Anti-Doping Programme for the Volvo Ocean Race 2008-2009.

Medical Commission

Margriet Pannevis (NED) - Chairman

Benedict Tan (SIN) - Vice-Chairman

Luca Ferraris (ITA)

Xinzu Gu (CHN)

Nebojsa Nikolic (CRO)

Byung-Ho Sun (KOR)

Carmen Vaz Pardal (ESP)

Robin Wallace (USA)

Stephen Wilson (AUS) - Disabled sailing representative

Training Commission

Olivier Bovyn (FRA)

Rod Carr (GBR)

James Stevens (GBR)

Sailor Classification Commission

The Commission is responsible for developing and managing the ISAF Classification Code which classifies sailors into three Groups: Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3.

This classification scheme, introduced in April 2001, is in use throughout the world by dozens of classes and events to help shape the basis by which they may wish to adhere to Corinthian standards of competition.

The system is accessible to all on the ISAF website, is free of charge, and currently has some 18,000 sailors in the database. Events as varied as the Rolex Commodore's Cup, the Newport-Bermuda Race and Cork Week use the Code, as well as classes including the J/80, the Melges 24, the Farr 40, RC44 and the Swan 45.

The initial focus of the Commission has been on achieving effective processes and a good understanding of the Code amongst sailors and race officials. As announced at the Annual Conference in 2007 the Commission surveyed all user event organizers and classes. Valuable proposals were received and these form the basis of new submissions to Council.

In 2009 the Commission aims to increase attendance at major events and class championships in order to assist users to get the best from the Code, monitor and check classifications and continue to get valuable feedback

The Classification database and application and review processes are currently being completely updated and integrated with the new ISAF website. The Commission is actively involved with this process and is working with the ISAF Secretariat to provide all users with an improved system.

ISAF Sailor Classification Commission

Antony Matusch (GBR) - Chairman

Training Commission

The ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme was launched at the Connect to Sailing Seminar during the Annual Conference in Madrid and a draft version is published on the ISAF website.

The Programme is detailed and comprehensive with approximately 50% consisting of the core Programme and the other 50% being examples of best practice from MNAs. It will become a global standard for those seeking ISAF Accreditation and can be used by MNAs to secure recognition for their programmes.

The first request to the use the Programme came from South Africa and there is a pilot project planned for the Middle East. The Commission anticipates that the Programme will be finalized and approved by the end of 2009.

An ISAF Accreditation System by which an MNA National Learn to Sail Programme can be tested against a specific set of criteria is being developed. ISAF will be able to accredit National Learn to Sail Programmes run by an ISAF MNA.

Implementation of the Programme and the Accreditation System is dependent on facilitators and inspectors and the Commission hopes to begin accrediting programmes in 2009.



Constitution Committee

Ensuring ISAF operates consistently within its Constitution and Regulations

The Constitution Committee completes a lot of routine work through the course of each year and this is added to by a considerable amount of more specialised work. General advice on a variety of topics was supplied to the Secretary General, secretariat staff, to Council members and others.

MNA Groupings

- The Committee completed its report on MNA Groupings which was required in accordance with Regulation 8.4 and Regulation 15.3.6(c). The report was presented to Council in May 2008 and to the General Assembly in November.
- No recommendations were made for changes to subscription categories.

Constitution and Regulations

- Various amendments were proposed to ensure the Constitution and Regulations are kept up to date and made clearer and easier to read.
- Changes to the Regulations were approved by Council at the Mid-Year Meeting and the Annual Conference.
- Proposed changes to the Constitution were considered during the General Assembly in November.

Formal Interpretations

Four formal interpretations were made in accordance with Regulation 3. These concerned:

- Articles 39 to 42 – Nominations to Council
- Article 51 and Regulations 9.4.2 and 9.5.2 – Appointment of Alternates, Declarations of Interest and related matters
- Article 71 – the nomination and election of Vice-Presidents
- Regulation 1.6 – Meaning of 'Urgent'

David Lees (GBR) - Chairman

Charley Cook (USA) - Vice-Chairman

Jack Caldwell (USA) - Review Board Chair

Balazs Hajdu (HUN)

Peter Hall (CAN)

Stanislav Kassarov (BUL)

Teo Ping Low (SIN)

Dieter Neupert (SUI)

Marco Piccinini (MON)

Fernando Pombo (ESP)

Alberto Predieri (ITA)

Carlo Rolandi (ITA)

Vladimir Sakovich (RUS)

Tom Schubert (FIN)

Geoffrey Thorpe (NZL)

Eric Tulla (PUR)

Lorenz Walch (GER)



Equipment Committee

Providing expertise on technical and equipment related issues

Sub-committees: Class Rules and Equipment Control

Key Highlights

- *In-house manufacturer self-certified sails used at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition*
- *International Standard on Quick-release harness hooks*
- *Publication of the Equipment Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*

Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)

- The Equipment Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 were completed and published in 2008.
- A challenge for the Equipment Control Sub-committee is to increase the relevance of the ERS to bigger boats, including offshore racing yachts and their rating systems.
- Procedural changes for the administration of the ERS were identified by the Sub-committee and secretariat staff and this work is ongoing.
- Discussion continues with the Racing Rules Committee regarding the presence of some technical rules within The Racing Rules of Sailing and how to transfer these to the domain of the ERS.

Event Measurement

- Work continues with other committees to accommodate the needs of classes and event organizers to achieve a common, cost-effective Equipment control policy.

- Equipment Control is included in the ISAF standards as a core requirement of the organizers of ISAF Sailing World Cup events.
- In order to achieve better co-operation between committees, the chairman of the Equipment Control Sub-committee is now able to appoint a member to the International Measurers Sub-committee.

In-House Certification

- Interest in the In-house Certification scheme continues to grow as the benefits to sailors, manufactures and event organizers are more widely understood.
- The success of IHC was illustrated at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition where the first set of manufacturer self certified sails were used by the 470, Finn and Yngling fleets.
- Training modules for sail measurement, spar measurement and hull measurement are now published.
- They training material is available for MNAs for training fundamental techniques to IHC and independent measurers at national level.

Class Rules

- Improvements have been made to the service provided to the ISAF Classes.
- Work is done on Class Rules amendments and maintenance as the demand requires, with the Class Rules Sub-committee operating in close cooperation with the Secretariat staff.



Equipment Committee

- Response times improved during 2008 and efforts continue to further streamline the process.
- Work on rules maintenance has been carried out with 23 ISAF Classes and several have undergone major revisions of their rules.
- Secretariat staff worked with a number of applicants for ISAF status, preparing their rules to ISAF standards. The variety of those applicant classes, from kite-surfing to the International Maxi class demonstrates the scope, range and skills of the technical committees and secretariat and illustrates the importance of ISAF status across the sport.

Olympic Sailing Competition

- Considerable time was invested in preparing the technical background of the candidate boat classes for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- The Equipment Committee, its sub-committees and the Equipment Working Party worked closely with the Events committee to share expertise.
- Significant input was made by the Equipment Committee and Equipment Control Sub-committee into the Women's Match Racing Working Parties who have recommended ISAF's best route for delivering this event.

Class Rules Sub-committee

Georg Tallberg (FIN) - Chairman

William Abbott (CAN) - Vice-Chairman

Günter Ahlers (GER) - Special Regulations representative
David Antoncic (SLO)
Olivier Bovyn (FRA)
Paddy Boyd (IRL) - Offshore representative
David Brookes (AUS) - ISAF Classes representative
Antonio Cardona Espin (ESP)
Jan Dejmo (SWE) - Equipment Control representative
Michael Grandfield (USA)
Rich Jeffries (USA)
Fred Kats (NED)
Ali Hulki Oruz (TUR)
Marco Predieri (ITA)
Philippe Rogge (BEL)
Henri Samuel (FRA)
Ana Sánchez (ESP) - Racing Rules representative
Peter Vowles (RSA)

Equipment Control Sub-committee

Jan Dejmo (SWE) - Chairman, Class Rules representative

Dina Kowalshyn (USA) - Vice-Chairman

Aaron Botzer (ISR) - Windsurfing representative
Dimitris Dimou (GRE)
Bengt Gustafsson (FIN)
Richard Hart (GBR) - ISAF Classes representative
Barry Johnson (AUS)
Ken Kershaw (GBR) - Special Regulations representative
Paolo Luciani (ITA)
David Lyons (AUS) - Offshore representative
Dick Rose (USA) - Racing Rules representative
Leo Sanchez Soto (ESP)

Equipment Control Policy

- The Equipment Committee and Secretariat staff are working on a strategic planning policy for ISAF's technical services, bringing together the wide range of responsibilities in the field of equipment and equipment control.
- The policy will include class rules development, rules administration, licensed builder administration, certification procedures, certification responsibilities and equipment control at events.

Safety

- The International Standard on Quick-release harness hooks is now approved and in place. The acquisition of this standard is the responsible approach to regulating a potential safety issue and has been delivered within the target time.
- The Safety area on the ISAF website has been upgraded through the year.

Dick Batt (GBR) - Chairman

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Alejandro Abascal (ESP)
Kim Andersen (DEN)
Ron Barak (ISR)
Sofia Bekatorou (GRE)
Jan Dejmo (SWE) - Equipment Control representative
Darren Dunkley-Smith (AUS) - ISAF Classes representative
Bruno Finzi (ITA) - Offshore representative
George Fundak (AUT)
Ian Harrison (GBR) - Disabled Sailing representative
Dina Kowalshyn (USA)
Patrick Lindqvist (FIN) - Special Regulations representative
Jan Linge (NOR) - Consultant
Mark Pryke (AUS)
Dick Rose (USA) - Racing Rules representative
Henri Samuel (FRA)
Georg Tallberg (FIN) - Class Rules representative
Marta Weöres (HUN)



Mateusz Kusznierewicz & Dominik Zychki (POL) 2008 World Champions and the #1 team on the rankings throughout the year.
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Nick Asher & Elliott Willis (GBR) 2008 Men's 470 World Champions.
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Events Committee

Promoting and developing ISAF events

Sub-committees: Team Racing, Sail Rankings and Youth World Championship

Key Highlights

- **2008 Olympic Sailing Competition**
- **Launch of ISAF Sailing World Cup**

For full reports on the ISAF events which took place in 2008 see page 33

Olympic Sailing Competition

- The equipment for the ten events of the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition was confirmed by Council at the 2008 Annual Conference. (see page 5 for the selected equipment)
- The Events Committee worked closely with the Equipment and Match Racing Committees to formalize the requirements for holding a women's match racing event at the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Olympic Sailing Competition Qualification

- The national qualification system for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition was approved at the Annual Conference.
- There shall be two qualification events with 75% of national places decided at the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships. The remaining 25% will be the class World Championships (or major continental championship) which must be held before June in 2012.

ISAF Sailing World Cup

- The first event of the ISAF Sailing World Cup took place in December 2008 in Melbourne, Australia.
- The Management Group work included the production of an Event Manual and the publication of the Notice of Series.
- The seven events for the ISAF Sailing World Cup 2008/9 are detailed below.

Youth World Championships

- The 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship took place from 9 to 19 July 2008 in Aarhus, Denmark. See page 42 for a full report.
- The venues for future events are; Buzios, Brazil 2009, Istanbul, Turkey 2010, Croatia 2011 and, as approved at the Annual Conference, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland 2012 (subject to contractual arrangements).
- Council approved the addition of an open high performance dinghy event at the ISAF Youth Worlds from 2010 onwards.

ISAF World Sailing Rankings

- The ISAF World Sailing Rankings were released 10 times in 2008.
- At the end of the year there were more than 2600 skippers with ranking points.

Event	Venue	Date
Sail Melbourne Regatta	Melbourne, Australia	16-21 Dec 2008
US SAILING's Rolex Miami OCR	Miami, USA	25-31 Jan 2009
Princess Sofia Trophy MAPFRE	Palma, Majorca, Spain	4-10 Apr 2009
Semaine Olympique Francaise	Hyerres, France	18-24 Apr 2009
Delta Lloyd Regatta	Medemblik, Netherlands	27-31 May 2009
Kiel Week	Kiel, Germany	20-28 Jun 2009
Sail for Gold	Weymouth, UK	14-19 Sep 2009

Team Racing

- Work was carried out on the Call Book for Team Racing 2009-2012 for publication in early 2009.
- A small working group made progress on improving the Team Racing Umpire Manual and this is an ongoing project.
- Seven new Calls were approved at the Annual Conference.

Bjorn Unger (SWE) - Chairman

Totos Theodossiou (CYP) - Vice-Chairman

Kim Andersen (DEN)
 Chris Atkins (GBR) - Team Racing representative
 Olivier Bovyn (FRA)
 Carolijn Brouwer (NED)
 Gianfranco Busatti (ITA)
 John Crebbin (IRL)
 Ion Echave (ESP)
 Kamen Fillyov (BUL)
 Lars Graef (BRA)
 Adrienne Greenwood (NZL)
 Achim Grieser (GER)
 Hal Haenel (USA)
 HRH Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark (DEN)
 Oleg Ilyin (RUS)
 Phil Jones (AUS)
 Fiona Kidd (CAN) - Youth Championship representative
 Ahmet Mostar (TUR)
 Takao Otani (JPN)
 David Sprague (CAN) - ISAF Classes representative
 George Wossala (HUN)
 Zvi Ziblat (ISR)

Youth World Championship Sub-committee

Fiona Kidd (CAN) - Chairman

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 Johan Devocht (BEL)
 John Friend (GBR)
 Philippos Georgakis (CYP)
 Sungchul Jeong (KOR)
 Jakub Kozelsky (CZE)
 Edwin Low (SIN)
 Esperanza Perez-Crespo (ESP)
 Ralph Roberts (NZL)
 Emanuela Sossi (ITA)
 Zofia Truchanowicz (POL)

Sail Rankings Sub-committee

Dan Ibsen (DEN) - Chairman

Jeff Martin (GBR) - Vice-Chairman

Sofia Bekatorou (GRE)
 Gary Bodie (USA)
 Darren Dunkley-Smith (AUS)
 Peter Hall (CAN)

Team Racing Sub-committee

Chris Atkins (GBR) - Chairman

Jan Krejcirik (CZE) - Vice-Chairman

Ajay Balram (IND)
 Susan Daly (USA)
 Alfredo Ricci (ITA)
 David Sprague (CAN)



ISAF Classes Committee

Promoting the welfare and growth of the ISAF Classes

Sub-committee: Olympic Classes

The ISAF Classes have continued to work with clubs and MNAs to increase the opportunities for international racing through the organization of world and continental championships.

New Classes

- Three new classes applied for ISAF Recognized status in 2008. The X-41 and Melges 32 Classes were both approved.
- The application from the Formula 16 Class Association was rejected as it did not meet the requirements of Regulation 26.
- Three classes applied for ISAF International status. The O'pen Bic, and the International Kiteboarding Association were both approved.
- The application from the International Maxi Class Association was deferred so additional work could be carried out on its class rules.

Working Parties

- Members of the ISAF Classes Committee were part of the working party looking at the revision of the Advertising Code.
- The development of a policy which more clearly defines the difference between equipment rules and event regulations included members of the Classes Committee.

Olympic Classes

- The Olympic Classes were involved in the early discussions about the ISAF Sailing World Cup and support the principle of an annual series that can keep our top sailors in the forefront of the media.
- They are also now working with the organizers of the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships to help provide another landmark event.

At the 2008 Annual Conference, the ISAF Classes elected the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and representatives to Council, Events Committee, Windsurfing Committee and the three Equipment Committees for 2009-2012.

Jeff MARTIN (GBR) - Chairman

David Sprague (CAN) - Vice-Chairman, Events representative

David Brookes (AUS) - Class Rule representative

Darren Dunkley-Smith (AUS) - Equipment representative

Richard Hart (GBR) - Equipment Control representative

Dina Kowalyszyn (USA) - Women's representative

Ceri Williams (GBR) - Windsurfing representative

...plus representatives from each of the ISAF Classes as per ISAF Regulation 6.11

Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Malav Shroff (IND) - Chairman

...plus one representative from each of the Olympic Classes

International 470 Class Association

International 49er Class Association

International Finn Association Inc

International Laser Class Association

International Laser Radial Class Association

International RS:X Class Association

International Star Class Yacht Racing Association

International Tornado Association

International Yngling Association

In 2008, ISAF Status was granted as follows:

ISAF International Class

- International Kiteboard Association
- O'pen Bic - dinghy

ISAF Recognized Class

- X-41- keelboat
- Melges 32 - keelboat

ISAF Classes	Total at the end of 2008
Olympic Classes	9
International Classes	58
Recognized Classes	25
Classic Yacht Classes	3
Total ISAF Classes	95



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Match Racing Committee

Promoting and supervising match race sailing

Sub-committee: Match Race Rankings

Key Highlights

- **Successful completion of 8 Regional Finals for the ISAF Nations Cup**
- **Confirmation of Elliot 6m as the equipment for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition women's match racing event**

ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships

- The 2008 Women's Worlds took place in Auckland, New Zealand from 1 to 6 April.
- Claire Leroy (FRA) successfully defended her title and was nominated for the second consecutive year for the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards.
- For a full report see page 44.
- At the Annual Conference, the New York Yacht Club was approved as the venue for the 2010 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship (subject to contractual arrangements).
- The 2011 ISAF Women's Worlds will take place as part of the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships in Perth, Australia. 75% of the nations to compete at the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition will be decided at this event.

Nations Cup

- The Regional Finals for the 2009 Nations Cup were held during 2008 - see the table below for more the locations and winners of those events.
- 60 entries from 39 nations competed in total with 37 open teams and 23 women's teams.
- The host nation and the defending champions will receive an entry into both the open and women's events.
- The Grand Final will be held in Porte Alegre, Brazil in March 2009.



Open	Regional Final Venue	Nation Qualified	Winning Skipper
Asia	Mumbai, IND	IND	Mahesh Ramchandran
Europe I	Brindisi, ITA	POR	Alvaro Marinho
Europe II	Kinsale, IRL	DEN	Mads Ebler
N America & the Caribbean	Charleston, USA	USA	Dave Perry
S America	Buenos Aires, ARG	ARG	Juan Diego Figueroa
Oceania	Auckland, NZL	NZL	Adrian Short
Women	Regional Final Venue	Nation Qualified	Winning Skipper
Europe I	Antibes, France	ITA	Sabrina Gurioli
Europe II	Antibes, France	GBR	Lucy MacGregor
N America & the Caribbean	Charleston, USA	USA	Anna Tunnicliffe
S America	Buenos Aires, ARG	ARG	Cecilia Ruiz Barlett
Oceania	Auckland, NZL	AUS	Nicky Souter



Mathieu Richard was the most consistent sailor on the open Match Race Rankings in 2008 and was at the # 1 position for seven of the nine rankings releases.

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Match Race Rankings

- The Match Race Rankings were released nine times during 2008.
- Claire Leroy (FRA) continues to dominate the women's rankings and remained at the #1 position throughout the year.
- Mathieu Richard (FRA) was the most consistent skipper on the open rankings. He was at the #1 position for seven of the ranking releases.
- At the end of the year there were 2023 skippers on the rankings (1785 open and 238 women).
- During the 2008 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship in New Zealand, the Sub-committee met to discuss the rankings system, in particular, the rankings criteria, method of calculation and the women's rankings.
- Proposed changes to the Regulations relating to the match race rankings which improve the procedure and make the wording more understandable were approved by Council at the Annual Conference.
- The introduction of a women's match racing event to the Olympic Games will impact on the current rankings system but the committee agreed that the current system will be able to deal with the additional competitors and events and therefore no changes to the system are needed at this stage.
- There should not be a separate ranking list for Olympic match racing and non-Olympic match racing.
- A number of events were downgraded during the year because they failed to meet the requirements of the Grading Criteria. Several events were granted dispensation from downgrading due to extenuating circumstances that were generally beyond their control.

Match Race Rankings Sub-committee

Shane Borrell (NZL)
Dobbs Davis (USA)
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen (DEN)



Match Racing Committee

World Match Racing Tour & ISAF Match Racing World Championship

- The World Match Racing Tour continues to grow in terms of events, participation and prize money.
- In 2008 the Tour calendar was aligned to the calendar year with nine stages completed.
- Ian Williams (GBR) and his *BahrainTeam Pindar* crew successfully defended their title, winning the ISAF World Match Racing Championship and the Tour for the second time. He went on to be nominated for the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards.
- 16 qualification events fed into the nine events and enabled more teams to enter.
- Ten 30 minute TV shows were produced which were shown in over 95 countries.
- \$1.4 million prize money was distributed in 2008.
- Ten events are scheduled for the 2009 Tour, they will take place in France, Germany, Korea, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, Brazil, Bermuda and Malaysia.
- 18 qualification events are scheduled for 2009.

Henry Menin (ISV) - Chairman

Alan Adler (BRA) - Vice-Chairman

Henri van der Aat (NED)
Gustavo Benavent (ESP)
Shane Borrell (NZL)
Sally Burnett (GBR)
Walter Cavallucci (ITA)
Jane Correia (BER)
Elizabeth Filter (USA)
Yuri Kryuchenkov (RUS)
Leo Kuret (CRO)
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen (DEN)
Nadine Stegenwalner (GER)

Pos	Skipper	Team	Nation	Points
1	Ian Williams	<i>Team Pindar</i>	GBR	172
2	Mathieu Richard	<i>Saba Sailing Team</i>	FRA	146
3	Paolo Cian	<i>Team Shosholoza</i>	ITA	131
4	Bjorn Hansen		SWE	117
5	Peter Gilmour	<i>PST</i>	AUS	106

Olympic Sailing Competition

- The Match Racing Committee has been a principal supporter of match racing in the Olympic Games and specifically for Women's Match Racing in 2012. The Committee have expended a great deal of our effort in that direction.
- A Working Party, including two members of the Match Racing Committee, considered the equipment, crew size and general format for the match racing event at the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- At the Annual Conference, the Elliot 6m (modified), was voted by Council as the equipment to be used in 2012.
- The Elliot 6m, to be sailed by three women, will be modified to have a lifting keel to aid transportation and will be optimised for the approved crew weight limit.

The Racing Rules of Sailing

- The ISAF Match Racing Standard Notice of Race and the ISAF Standard Match Racing Sailing Instructions have been updated, ready for the introduction of the RRS 2009-2012.
- The Match Racing Call Book 2009-2012 will be published early in 2009.



Claire Leroy (FRA) had another outstanding year on the match racing circuit with a full 12 months ranked at number # in the world, the position she has held on the women's rankings since May 2005.
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Ian Williams (GBR) successfully defending his title, winning the World Match Race Tour and ISAF World Championship for the second consecutive year.
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Offshore Committee

Promoting offshore and oceanic racing and cruising

Sub-committees: Empirical Handicap, Oceanic and Special Regulations

Key highlights

- **As part of the ISAF commitment to safety the Special Regulations Sub-committee has agreed that from June 2009 some sailing yachts racing at an event that uses categories 0,1 and 2 of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations will be required to have independent assessment of their structure.**
- **The Offshore Committee became the Oceanic and Offshore Committee with the formation of an Oceanic Panel to form stronger links with Oceanic event organizers.**

The Committee

- The Offshore Committee is renamed the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.
- Revised Terms of Reference and changes to the committee membership were approved at the Annual Conference. These changes will improve the level of interaction with this area of the sport.

Oceanic Racing

- The revised Terms of Reference for the Committee includes the creation of an Oceanic Panel who will work with the Secretariat to improve the interaction with the event organizers.
- Meetings with the oceanic event organizers took place during 2008 and these will continue in order to improve relationships with ISAF, clarify the events calendar and share best practise.

ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

- The Offshore Committee is responsible for approving the Special Regulations and any changes proposed.
- At the Annual Conference the administration procedure for making changes to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations was formalized in the Regulations.
- Eight changes to the OSR were approved at the Annual Conference with seven interpretations being formally ratified.

Oceanic Sub-committee

Abraham Rosenberg (BRA) - Chairman

Jacques Lehn (FRA) - Vice-Chairman

Guillermo Altadill (ESP)

Will Apold (CAN)

Pierre Fehlmann (SUI)

Alan Green (GBR)

Stanley Honey (USA)

Giovanni Iannucci (ITA)

Max Rivero Kelly (ARG)

John Lewis (GBR) - Major Oceanic Races

Minoru Tomita (JPN)

Special Regulations Sub-committee

Patrick Lindqvist (FIN) - Chairman

Jean Bertrand Mothes-Masse (FRA) - Vice Chairman

Gunter Ahlers (GER)

Will Apold (CAN)

Bruce Eissner (USA)

Giovanni Iannucci (ITA)

Ken Kershaw (GBR) - Equipment Control representative

Abraham Rosenberg (BRA)

Minoru Tomita (JPN)



Francis Joyon, nominated for the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards after blitzing around the world in his trimaran IDEC in just 57 days, 13 hours, 34 minutes and 6 seconds to re-claim the single-handed round the world record. Joyon beat the previous record by nearly 15 days and also set a new 24 hour record of 613.5 nm.

In November, Joyon picked up yet another record, sailing the Discovery Route from Cadiz, Spain to San Salvador in 9 days, 20 hours, 32 minutes and 23 seconds.

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Safety

A primary function of the Offshore Committee is to monitor safety for oceanic and offshore racing and cruising.

- In 2008 the main areas of work related to hull structures, keel structures and lifejackets and safety harnesses.
- A working party examined a new structure to replace the current outdated ABS plan approval system for hull construction standards. ISAF will not be an approval authority, but will identify and specify acceptable approval bodies.
- Discussions with the Marine Accident Investigation Bureau and other technical organizations took place so that the Committee will be able to make recommendations to improve the visibility of private yachts in busy shipping channels. The OSR have been amended to recommend the use of Automatic Identification System (AIS), rather than making use compulsory.
- In 2007 the Committee requested that a log be kept of major incidents involving boat failures such as keel losses and a report is now available.

Cruising

- Efforts have continued to further engage with cruising organizations including the Ocean Cruising Club and the Royal Cruising Club of Great Britain.
- Discussions with these organizations have highlighted the need for further review of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.
- Discussions about the impact of piracy on private sailors are ongoing.

Empirical Handicap Sub-committee

Nils Nordenstrøm (NOR) - Chairman

Miguel Rosa (ESP) - Vice-Chairman

Paul Ansfield (USA)

Carlos Gastelu (ARG)

Ken Kershaw (GBR)

Denis Kiely (IRL)

Daniel Pillons (FRA)



Offshore Committee

Dimensions and Notations Working Party

- A draft paper has been published which can be used as a menu of definitions.
- The paper can be used as a basis on which to create common notations and measurements across all measurement systems and class rules and to remedy errors in ISO standards and other regulations and standards.
- The ultimate aim is to simplify things for designers, measurers and sailors and to encourage manufacturers to use common definitions and dimensions in their sales information.

Rating Rules

- The introduction of the International Racing Rule by the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) has been a great success. Over 2500 International Certificates have been issued and a further 4500 Club Certificates.
- Seahorse Ratings IRC also continues to find favour with a similar number of total certificates issued each year.
- Empirical systems issued certificates for over 100,000 boats in 2008.
- MNAs need to involve themselves in the various rating systems in order to ensure their role is not undermined resulting in fragmentation and lower overall use.

ISAF Sailor

- The Committee liaised with the Sailor Classification Commission to assist in the classification of sailors.

ISAF Offshore Team World Championship 2008

- Teams of three boats sailed in TP52, Farr 40 and Swan 45 fleets in Sardinia, Italy.
- For a full report on the event see page 45.

Philip Tolhurst (GBR) - Chairman

Kjell Bjorking (SWE) - Vice-Chairman

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 Ignacio Castaner De La Torre (ESP)
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 Pierre Fehlmann (SUI)
 Bruno Finzi (ITA) - IMS representative
 Alan Green (GBR) - International Regulations representative
 Paul King (GBR) - IRC representative
 Jacques Lehn (FRA) - Offshore Classes representative
 John Lewis (GBR) - Major Oceanic Races
 Patrick Lindqvist (FIN)
 David Lyons (AUS)
 Ioannis Marackoudakis (GRE)
 Nils Nordenström (NOR) - Empirical Handicap representative
 Stuart Quarrie (GBR)
 Max Rivero Kelly (ARG)
 Abraham Rosenberg (BRA)
 Wolfgang Schaefer (GER)
 Minoru Tomita (JPN)
 Hans Zuiderbaan (NED)



The Vendée Globe started in Les Sables de Lonne with record crowds of spectators

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The Volvo Ocean Race 2008-2009 got underway in Alicante, Spain with the first of the In Port races.

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Nerone - part of the winning team at the ISAF Offshore Team World Championship in action in Porto Cervo, Italy

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Gitana 13 skippered by Lionel Lemonchois picked up a host of world records in 2008., including New York to San Francisco, via Cape Horn.

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Race Officials Committee

Educating and certifying Race Officials

Sub-committees: *International Judges, International Measurers, International Race Officers, International Umpires*

Key Highlights

- **Seminar Instructors Conference held for the first time**
- **Successful introduction of the Medal Race to the Olympic Sailing Competition**

Seminars and Clinics

- 14 seminars and 11 clinics covering all four disciplines of race officials took place during 2008 in 21 countries.
- The Rule 42 education programme for judges, coaches and sailors continued in response to clear demand from the Coaches Commission.

National Judges Development

- The International Judges Sub-committee (IJSC) finalized the programme for the development of National Judges to be available to MNAs in 2009.

Race Management Manuals

- In conjunction with The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 the Race Management Manuals were all updated and made available for download on the ISAF website.
- All Race Officials will receive a CD containing the manuals and guidance documents.

Race Officials Seminar Instructors Conference

- The first conference for Seminar Instructors was held at the ISAF Secretariat from 3 to 5 October.
- 90% of the Instructors attended with all disciplines fully represented.
- The Conference identified many areas for improving the training materials and content of seminars.
- The need to continue previous work on Fair Play in the sport was also highlighted.

Applications

- Almost 300 applications for appointment as an ISAF Race Official were processed in 2008 with a large majority being successful.
- The total number of International Race Officials will continue to grow as the seminar and clinics programme becomes more extensive.
- An online application system linked to a secure database is in progress and this will greatly improve the efficiency of the application procedure.

Code of Conduct

- Work began to implement a more formal code of conduct, including a clear conflicts of interest policy.
- The Code will apply to all ISAF Race Officials and eventually will also integrate the IFDS Classifiers into the programme.

Olympic and Paralympic Games

- 61 ISAF Race Officials served at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- 12 ISAF Race Officials served at the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition.
- The work of the previous years came to a successful conclusion with the Medal Races at the Olympics and the most successful ever Paralympic Games.



2008 49er World Champions Nathan Outteridge & Ben Austin (AUS).
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International Judges Sub-committee

Josje Hofland-Dominicus (NED) - Chairman

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Krystyna Lastowska (POL)
Pilsung Lee (KOR)
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Race Management Sub-committee

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Heinz Staudt (GER)

International Umpires Sub-committee

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Alfredo Ricci (ITA) - Vice-Chairman

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Marek Pavlovsky (CZE)
Lorenz Walch (GER)



Race Officials Appointments & Certifications

Status of Race Officials Certifications after the 2008 ISAF Annual Conference					
	Renewals Due	Re-Applications Made	Re-Appointed	New Applications Accepted	Total Officials
Judges	107	104	98	17	386
Measurers	31	28	25	10	119
Race Officers	46	34	26	18	193
Umpires	19	21	17	8	116
Total	203	187	166	53	814

ISAF Race Officials Appointments to Events in 2008	
2008 Olympic Sailing Competition (Qingdao, CHN)	27 IJs from 25 MNAs (ARG, AUS, BRA, BUL, CHN, CYP, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, HKG, IRL, ITA, JPN, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, PUR, RUS, SWE, THA, USA) 26 IROs from 18 MNAs (AUS, BEL, BRA, CAN, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, ITA, ISR, NED, NZL, PAK, POL, SWE, USA) 11 IMs from 8 MNAs (AUS, ESP, EST, FRA, GBR, GRE, NED, USA)
Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship (Aarhus, DEN)	6 IJs from 6 MNAs (BRA, DEN, IRL, NZL, SUI, USA) 3 IROs from 3 MNAs (ESP, FRA, SWE)
ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship (Auckland, NZL)	7 IUs from 5 MNAs (FRA, FIN, GBR, NZL, SWE)
World Match Racing Tour (ISAF Match Racing World Championship) 68 appointments were made to 9 events	68 IUs from 18 MNAs (ARG, AUS, BER, BRA, CRO, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, NED, NZL, POR, SUI, SWE, USA)
ISAF Graded Match Racing Events	274 appointments were made to 32 events

Venue	Number attended	Number of Nations
International Umpires Seminars		
Auckland, New Zealand	13	3 - AUS,ITA,NZL
Gdansk, Poland	11	5 - ESP,GBR,GER,POL,SLO
Match Racing Clinics (ISAF Nations Cup)		
Mumbai, India		
Kinsale, Ireland		
Charleston, USA		
Buenos Aires, Argentina		
Auckland, New Zealand		
Brindisi, Italy		
Antibes, France		
Match Racing Clinics		
Montevideo, Uruguay		
Santiago, Chile		
Measurers Seminars		
Ghent, Belgium	12	7 - BEL,GBR,GER,GRE,HUN,KOR,USA
Sydney, Australia	22	1 - AUS

Venue	Number attended	Number of Nations
International Judges Seminars		
Bari, Italy	15	5 - GRE,ITA,SLO,SMR,USA
Neusiedl am See, Austria	12	5 - AUT,GER,ITA,SLO,VEN
Sofia, Bulgaria	17	10 - BEL,BUL,GRE,HUN,ISR,ITA,MKD,ROU,SRB,SUI
Ghent, Belgium	17	8 - BEL,CRO,ESP,FIN,GBR,GER,NED,USA
Race Management Seminars		
Geelong, Australia	25	2 - AUS,NZL
Lisbon, Portugal	10	2 - GBR,POR
Espoo, Finland	32	4 - EST,FIN,POL,SUI
South Africa	16	1 - RSA
Race Management Clinics		
Bermuda	20	1 - BER
Orhaniye/Marmaris, Turkey	25	1 - TUR

John Doerr (GBR) - Chairman

Henry Van der Aat (NED) - Vice-Chairman and Race Management representative
 Josje Hofland-Dominicus (NED) - International Judges representative
 David Sprague (CAN) - International Measurers representative
 Jan Stage (DEN) - International Umpires representative
 Bryan Willis (GBR) - Racing Rules representative *ex officio (non voting)*



Racing Rules Committee

Formulating and publishing The Racing Rules of Sailing

Key highlights

- **Publication of The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012**
- **Publication of the 2009-2012 Call Book**
- **Publication of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition**

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 – 2012 Edition

- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 was finalized by the working party and made available to all the MNAs and Class Association several weeks before the 30 June deadline stated in the Regulations.
- There was a considerable amount of additional work required following the submissions to the 2007 Annual Conference.
- The RRS 2009-2012 is available on the ISAF website in full and in its separate parts.
- A document indicating the changes is also available showing new wording, deletions etc together with a brief summary document of the major changes.
- The most significant change to sailors is the major revision of the rules that govern boats at marks and obstructions contained in Section C of the Part 2 rules. The main intention of these changes is to simplify these rules.

Introductory Racing Rules

- There has been a very high level of interest in the experimental version of the Introductory Racing Rules.

ISAF Event Documentation

- Committee Members continue to assist in the preparation of Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for ISAF and other events.
- In 2008 the Committee approving the Sailing Instructions for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition as required by the ISAF Regulations.

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

- Cases involving sailing were dealt with by CAS during 2008, highlighting the continuing awareness that judges must have on the need to follow the rules, procedures and policies applicable to our sport.
- The Court of Arbitration for Sport has demonstrated that, provided our race officers properly follow our rules, policies and procedures, they will be supported by the Court in their decisions.



Approval of Rule Changes for specific events

- In accordance with RRS 86.2, ISAF may authorize changes to the Racing Rules for a specific international event.
- In 2008 a number of recommendations were made for such approval, these included:
 1. Changes to the Rules concerning mark roundings to accommodate a larger 'zone'.
 2. Exemption for applicable countries from the provisions of racing rule 75 to give boats from developing nations the opportunity to compete at certain events in order to promote the sport in these countries and increase present and future participation.
 3. Changes to RRS 42 to provide for the towing of boats in long distance races for repairs prior to their resuming racing.

Case Book, Call Book for Match Racing and Call Book for Team Racing

- The Committee continued to review and revise existing and new cases and calls for these books.
- Significant changes will be made in these books reflecting changes made in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 and the new versions will be published early in 2009.

Pertti Lipas (FIN)

The Committee is saddened to report the death of a key member, Pertti Lipas who lost his fight with cancer in December 2008. Pertti was a key figure in the production of The Racing Rules of Sailing and will be greatly missed.

David Tillett (AUS) - Chairman

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Pertti Lipas (FIN)
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Richard Thompson (GBR)
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Gianfranco & Pietro Sibello (ITA) - ranked at # 1 in the world for 5 of the nine releases in 2008.

Tom Slingsby (AUS) was the Laser World Champion in 2008 and ranked at # 1 for the whole year.

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Regional Games Committee

Encouraging and promoting sailing at Regional Games

The Committee is committed to increasing the number of sailors, especially women who participate at Regional Games sailing events.

There were two Regional Games events on the calendar for 2008 which included sailing.

13th Asian Sailing Championship

Bali, Indonesia, 7-13 October 2008

470 men and women, 420 men and women, Laser men, Laser Radial Women, RSX men and women, Hobie 16, Mistral men and women, Laser 4.7 boys and girls, Optimist boys and girls

176 participants from 13 countries (KAZ, THA, HKG, INA, PHI, SIN, UAE, QUAT, CHN, MAS, TPE, IND, JPN)

Technical delegate – Hong Kit Lock

Jeux des Iles COJI

Gosier, Guadelupe Island, France, 24-30 June 2008

Jointly organized by the Organizing Committee of the Islands Games (COJI), the Cercle Sportif de Bas du Fort (CSBF) and the Federation Francaise de Voile.

Optimist boys – 25 entries from 6 nations

Optimist Girls – 24 from 6 nations

Competitors in Guadelupe represented the following islands: Canaries (Spain), Guadeloupe, Corsica, Martinique & Mayotte (France), Cyprus, Madeira & Azores (Portugal), Sicily, Sardinia & Elba (Italy), Jersey & Isle of Wight (Great Britain)

The organizers provided 60 new boats for the event.

Technical Delegate – Luis Ormaechea

Appointment of Technical Delegates

The following technical delegates were appointed for future Regional Games events:

- Games of the Small States of Europe, 1-6 June 2009 – George Andreadis (GRE)
- Sydney World Masters Games, 10-18 October 2009 – Tony Denham (AUS)
- XXI Central American & Caribbean Sports Games, 24-30 July 2010 – Pat Bailey (ISV)
- 16h Asian Games Sailing Championship, 12-27 November 2010 – Mark Pryke (AUS)
- XVI Pan American Games, 23-29 October 2011 – Nelson Horn Ilha (BRA)

Ajay Balram (IND) - Chairman

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Lars Graef (BRA)
Pall Hreinsson (ISL)
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Panayiotis Kontides (CYP)
Hüsnü Levent (TUR)
Esperanza Perez Crespo (ESP)
Scott Perry (URU)
Ross Robson (RSA)
Kevin Wood (AUS)
Said Kamal Zada (EGY)



Sarah Steyaert (FRA, 2008 Laser Radial World Champion)
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Marina Alabau (ESP) was the # 1 ranked Women's RS:X sailor throughout 2008
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Jonas Hoegh-Christensen (DEN) was the # 1 ranked Finn sailor throughout 2008.
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Erin Maxwell & Isabelle Kinsolving (USA) celebrate winning the 2008 470 Worlds
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Windsurfing Committee

Representing all issues affecting windsurfing and kiteboarding

Key Highlights

- **2008 Olympic Sailing Competition - supply of RS:X equipment**
- **Outright world record exceeds 50 knots for the first time**

Windsurfing Classes

- The Techno 293 Class promotes an inexpensive racing format in order to foster the development of windsurfing racing to competitors under 17 years of age. The Bic One-Design sail was selected as the best sail for the under 15 and under 17 divisions.
- The Formula Experience and Formula Windsurfing classes adopted a common policy for the future development of Formula racing. This includes combining the World and Continental championships under a 'Formula Festival' umbrella with junior, youth and masters titles. The class increased its membership during 2008 with large fleets in Brazil and Peru. Current membership includes twelve countries from three continents and the International Formula Windsurfing Class has a membership of 37 countries from five continents.
- The International Raceboard Class membership increased to include 19 countries from three continents and once again manufacturers are building Longboards with Exocet and Starboard leading the way.
- Mistral has announced their intention of building a new longboard in 2009. Mistral and the Mistral Junior One-Design continue to struggle after losing their Olympic status causing the MJOD to withdraw its ISAF status. IMCO is working closely with the Raceboard Class to plan joint events.
- IFCA now has membership in 22 countries from four continents. In 2008 they organized their second Junior (Pro Kids) and Youth and Masters World Championships in Torbole on Lake Garda with over 150 competitors from three continents and the first Pro Kids and Junior and Youth World Championships in Freestyle was held in Bonaire and was a great success.
- The International Speed Windsurfing Class (ISWC) changed their world championship structure to a single world championship and continental event while maintaining a 'world cup tour ranking'. This resulted in a world champion crowned at the worlds and a world cup winner at the end of the year. The world ranking now includes ten events with more than 250 sailors from all continents.

Rich Jeffries (USA) - Chairman

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Marc Cardon (FRA)
Cowen Chiu (HKG)
Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL)
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Tomasz Holc (POL)
Nicolas Kaklamanakis (GRE)
Ronald Kobrick (USA)
Paul Maes (ESP)
Shuxia Meng (CHN)
Anja Mueller (GER)
Deborah Powell (ESP)
Alessandra Sensini (ITA)
Ceri Williams (GBR) - ISAF Classes representative

RS:X - Olympic Sailing Competition equipment

- The RS:X class had a spectacular year starting with the 2008 Worlds in Takapuna, New Zealand.
- Neil Pryde and Cobra provided all the equipment to the Olympic Sailing Competition.
- The class held its Youth European Championships in Mondello, Sicily with 63 boys from 12 European nations and 29 girls from nine European nations assuring the continuation of the interest in the RS:X as the Olympic equipment.

World Records

- In March, Antoine Albeau (FRA) set a new outright world record, speed of 49.09 knots.
- At the ISWC world championships Antoine Albeau averaged 40.5 knots and Karen Jaggi (SUI) averaged 35.53 knots.

Kiteboarding

- The International Kiteboarding Association gained ISAF International Status at the Annual Conference.
- In December 2008, the World Sailing Speed Records Council (WSSRC) confirmed that kiteboarders are eligible to hold the Outright World Record.
- In October Alexandre Caizergues (FRA) claimed an average speed of 50.57 knots on the 500m course in Namibia and his record was later ratified by the WSSRC.
- The first sailor to break the 50 knot barrier was Sebastien Cattelan (FRA) who recorded an average speed of 50.26 knots the day before Caizergues.

ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards 2008

- The Committee congratulates its member Alessandra Sensini (ITA) who was named the female ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year in November 2008. Alessandra became the first woman to win four Olympic medals in sailing when she won the silver medal in Qingdao, China.



Alessandra Sensini (ITA) female winner of the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards with male winner Ben Ainslie (GBR). © Kurt Arrigo/Rolux
Sensini on her way to victory at the 2008 RS:X World Championship.
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Women's Sailing Committee

Promoting and developing women's sailing

Key highlights

- **20% of nominated committee members are women**
- **Women's Forum empowered to make submissions**
- **7 of the 13 ISAF Vice-President candidates in 2008 were women**

Women's Forum

- 2008 marked the 30th anniversary of the Women's Sailing Committee and was also the final year in which it will meet. In 2007 Council voted to dissolve the Women's Sailing Committee as its work is integrated with the work of the other committees.
- The Terms of Reference of the Women's Forum have been duly amended enabling it to make submissions.
- The Women's Forum is made up of all the female committee members within ISAF and will now act as an advisory and reporting group on women's issues.
- Fiona Kidd (CAN) was elected as chairman of the Women's Forum and will represent the group on Council.

Nucci Novi Ceppellini (ITA)

In February 2008, ISAF was saddened to report the passing of one of its longest serving chairmen, Nucci Novi Ceppellini. Nucci was a much loved and extremely hard working member of the Women's Sailing Committee and was an inspiration to women sailors. She is greatly missed and the Committee extends their collective sympathy to her husband and family.

Adrienne Greenwood (NZL) - Chairman

Anna Andreadis (GRE) - Vice-Chairman

Tatjana Antoncic (SLO)
Corinne Aulnette (FRA)
Janet Baxter (USA)
Mari Castanedo Diez (ESP)
Nina Castro (BRA)
Cathy Foster (GBR)
Hyo-Kyung Jang (KOR)
Fiona Kidd (CAN)
Leena Inkari Meisalo (FIN)
Shuxia Meng (CHN)
Ninfa Provenza Caldarella (ITA)
Sacha Simmons (BER)
Dorith Stierler (ISR)
Katarzyna Szotynska (POL)
Chako Tobari (JPN)
Marta Weöres (HUN)



Youth and Development Committee

Promoting and facilitating sailing for all ages

Key highlights

- **Publication of the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme**

Committee Structure

- The Youth and Development Committee works in partnership with the development work being undertaken through the ISAF Training and Development Department, Connect to Sailing and the Training Commission.
- At the Annual Conference the Committee was renamed the Development and Youth Committee with revised Terms of Reference.
- The new Committee will have responsibility for an overall Development Plan for the sport
- The work undertaken by the Training Commission and Connect to Sailing to introduce the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme will be an essential development tool for the new Development and Youth Committee.

Development Plan

- A four year development plan was completed in 2008 which will form the basis for the work of the Committee appointed for 2009-2012.
- The primary objective of the Plan is to increase participation in sailing worldwide and promote sailing as a lifetime sport through strengthening the existing members and attracting new ones.

Database

- A working party has developed a database of key information drawn from all areas of ISAF activity and across the ISAF Committees. This will be an extremely useful tool for development.
- The project brief is complete and the database will be implemented once the technical provision has been provided.

Fiona Barron (GBR) - Acting Chairman

Andrea Graef (BRA) - Vice-Chairman

A R Arshad (PAK)
Svedalin Atanasov (BUL)
Michael Ayalon (ISR) - Disabled Sailing representative
Henry Bacchini (FRA)
Paddy Boyd (IRL)
Mar Castanedo Diez (ESP)
Steve Colgate (USA)
Fabio Colivicchi (ITA)
Cathy Foster (GBR)
Barrie Harmsworth (UAE)
Carin Hildebrand (SWE)
Dorte Jensen (DEN)
Jakub Kozelsky (CZE)
Albert Lee (SIN)
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Carlos Ribeiro Ferreira (POR)
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Chako Tobari (JPN)
Zofia Truchanowicz (POL)



Part II

2008 ISAF Event Reports

2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship

2008 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship

2008 ISAF Match Racing World Championship

2008 ISAF Offshore Team World Championship



2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Sailing Competition brought together 400 of the world's finest sailors racing in 272 boats representing 62 nations. They demonstrated their talent to the world over the course of 117 races during 13 days of competition in 11 sailing events. After years of dedication and training, competition for the ultimate prize in sport came down to 11 Medal Races, where the winners of the 33 sailing medals of the Beijing Games were decided.

Reflecting on the Games, ISAF President Göran Petersson said, "I'd like to offer my congratulations to everyone involved in the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition who contributed to making it such a fantastic success. To the 400 sailors who have competed in Qingdao, congratulations on representing your nation and showcasing our sport to the world. To the medal winners, what more is there to say? You have reached the very pinnacle of sporting success; savour your triumph - you are all heroes of our sport and your success will inspire the sailors of the future."



"Our hosts in Qingdao provided a magnificent venue, a warm welcome and showed great dedication. A huge thank you to the Sailing Committee and to the thousands of volunteers who showed true Olympic spirit in their efforts and their enthusiasm for our sport. Their dedication ensured not just a great Games, but a great legacy for sailing. China won its first ever Olympic gold medal in sailing, but I am certain it will not be the last."

"To all of those who have followed sailing at the Games, whether it be watching on the television, via the internet, newspapers, radio, magazines or any other medium - thank you for showing your support of our sport. I hope sharing in the passion, the excitement and the spirit of the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition has inspired your own sailing dreams."

In many ways it was a landmark Games for sailing. It was the first time the Medal Race format, featuring the top ten competitors competing in a final double-points race, was used at the Olympic Games. China won its first ever gold medal in sailing, whilst Alessandra Sensini of Italy became the first female sailor to win four Olympic medals. British sailor Ben Ainslie won his third consecutive Olympic gold medal, a feat International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge called "equally fantastic" to the recording-breaking performances of American swimmer Michael Phelps and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.

In total 18 nations won medals, including the first ever sailing medal for Lithuania. With four gold, one silver and one bronze medal, Great Britain topped the sailing Medal Tally for the third consecutive Games. Other gold medals went to Australia (two), Spain, the USA, China, Denmark and New Zealand.

There were many remarkable and memorable moments: the roar of the crowd as China's Jian Yin fought her way back into a gold medal winning position in the Women's RS:X Medal Race; the nail-biting second beat in the Star Medal Race; and of course, the incredible 49er Medal Race are just three.

ISAF would like to say thank you once again to everyone involved with the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition. Competitors, coaches, fans, media, officials, organizers, spectators, support staff and volunteers have all contributed to a magnificent Games - we hope you've enjoyed it as much as we did.

Women's Keelboat - Yngling

The first ever Olympic Sailing Competition Medal Race was contested by the Yngling fleet. It was a stormy day with 15 knots of wind, heavy rain and large waves but nothing was going to stand in the way of the British trio of Sarah Ayton, Sarah Webb and Pippa Wilson.

The British team led around the course to win the Medal Race and with it the gold medal. The Dutch team of Mandy Mulder, Annemieke Bes and Merel Witteveen were just one point behind the Brits so the challenge for the gold was on both teams got away well with the Dutch appearing to have a slight advantage.

With places changing throughout the race, the Brits demonstrated superior downwind speed to move into first place on the final leg and cross the finish line to win the first ever Medal Race and the first gold medal of the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The Dutch team were an unknown quantity going into the Games as the unique Dutch selection process of rotating nine crew around three different boats meant the final team for Qingdao was only formed a few weeks before the competition. They sailed superbly throughout the ten days of racing but were unable to match the British crew in the heavier weather conditions. A fifth place finish in the Medal Race secured them the silver.

Crossing the finish line in second place was the German team helmed by Ulrike Schuemann but it was the team in third who were really celebrating. The 2004 two person dinghy silver medallist Sofia Bekatorou teamed up with Sofia Papadopoulou and Virginia Kravarioti to contest the women's keelboat event and were ecstatic to go home with the bronze medal for Greece.



Pos	Women's Keelboat - Yngling - 45 athletes (15 teams)	Pts
1	Sarah Ayton, Sarah Webb & Pippa Wilson (GBR) (left to right)	24
2	Mandy Mulder, Annemieke Bes & Merel Witteveen (NED)	31
3	Sofia Bekatorou, Sofia Papadopoulou & Virginia Kravarioti (GRE)	48
4	Ulrike Schuemann, Ute Hoepfner & Julia Bleck (GER)	56
5	Anne Le Helley, Catherine Lepesant & Julie Gerech (FRA)	56
6	Ekaterina Skudina, Diana Krutskikh & Natalia Ivanova (RUS)	56
7	Sally Barkow, Carrie Howe & Debbie Capozzi (USA)	61
8	Xiaqun Song, Yanli Yu & Xiaoni Li (CHN)	63
9	Siren Sundby, Lise Birgitte Fredriksen & Alexandra Koefoed (NOR)	69
10	Krystal Weir, Karyn Gojnick & Angela Farrell (AUS)	71



2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

Heavyweight Dinghy - Finn

The Finn Medal Race got away in 15-18 knot winds and the 'O' flag raised for free pumping on downwind legs for the first and only time in this regatta.

There were just two sailors able to win the gold medal, defending champion Ben Ainslie (GBR) and the USA's Zach Railey.

Ainslie kept Railey in his sights but was soon leading the fleet ensuring his gold medal was secure. Rounding the first mark in the lead, Guillaume Florent (FRA) followed in second place and Railey was in seventh with the silver medal still in his grasp.

In perfect Finn conditions, Ainslie maintained his lead leaving Railey to focus on keeping Daniel Birgmark (SWE) behind him to be sure he went home with the silver medal.

On the final leg of the race, the drama unfolded. Railey's silver medal was safe and it was the battle for bronze that got pulses racing. Florent dropped back to fourth whilst Birgmark moved up to seventh meaning they finished on equal points. The bronze medal therefore went to Florent as his Medal Race score was better.

Ainslie's victory was his third consecutive Olympic gold medal bringing his total medal tally to four. Of the Medal Race he said, *"today we had a nice little rain with wind up to 20 knots. It's a lot like sailing at home in Britain. I tried to keep my eye on the American during the start of the race. After a little while, I just went on and tried to sail my own race."*



Pos	Open One Person Dinghy - Finn - 26 athletes	Pts	Pos	Open Skiff - 49er - 38 athletes (19 teams)	Pts
1	Ben Ainslie (GBR)	23	1	Jonas Warrer & Martin Kirketerp Ibsen (DEN)	61
2	Zach Railey (USA)	45	2	Iker Martinez de Lizarduy & Xabier Fernandez (ESP)	64
3	Guillaume Florent (FRA)	58	3	Jan Peter Peckolt & Hannes Peckolt (GER)	66
4	Daniel Birgmark (SWE)	58	4	Pietro Sibello & Gianfranco Sibello (ITA)	66
5	Christopher Cook (CAN)	67	5	Nathan Outteridge & Ben Austin (AUS)	73
6	Jonas Hoegh-Christensen (DEN)	70	6	Tim Wadlow & Chris Rast (USA)	89
7	Gasper Vincenc (SLO)	72	7	Andre Fonseca & Rodrigo Duarte (BRA)	99
8	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic (CRO)	76	8	Nico Delle Karth & Nikolaus Resch (AUT)	99
9	Rafa Trujillo Villar (ESP)	80	9	Stevie Morrison & Ben Rhodes (GBR)	100
10	Rafal Szukiel (POL)	82	10	Emmanuel Dyen & Yann Rocherieux (FRA)	109

Open Skiff - 49er

The 49er Medal Race was arguably the most dramatic final of an Olympic sailing event ever seen with the gold medal changing hands countless times throughout the race.

Eventually it was Jonas Warrer and Martin Ibsen who were crowned Olympic Champions but only after an agonising 19-hour wait for a protest decision. The drama began even before racing started when the Danish team broke their mast whilst tuning up for the race. Warrer and Ibsen returned to the marina with their dreams crushed.

Meanwhile the race began without them and in gusty winds, heavy rain, big waves and poor visibility the gold medal was up for grabs and four teams had a realistic shot at claiming it.

It was a frenetic race and the tough conditions saw capsize after capsize and the gold medal changing hands as fortunes changed. Reigning World Champions Nathan Outteridge and Ben Austin (AUS), the Italian Sibello brothers, defending Olympic champions Iker Martinez and Xabier Fernandez (ESP) and the Peckolt brothers from Germany all tasted gold.

The experience of Maritnez and Fernandez shone through and they sailed a safe race to claim the Medal Race win. Germany followed in second with Great Britain third and the Italians fourth. Whilst all eyes were on the front of the fleet it was at the back that the true fairy tale was unfolding.

Determined to keep their dreams alive the Danish team had borrowed the Croatian team's boat and were back out on the race course, just scraping through to cross the start line before the time limit. With the Spanish team finishing first, Warrer and Ibsen had to finish eighth or better to win gold.

They crossed the line in seventh place and the gold was theirs. The Spanish won the silver medal and Jan-Peter and Hannes Peckolt won the bronze for Germany.

It did not end there, with uncertainty over whether all rules had been followed correctly with regard to the Danish team borrowing a boat and it was over to the Jury to decide the outcome. Eventually the positions were confirmed and it was affirmed that all procedures had been followed correctly.

In December 2008, the Pierre de Coubertin International Trophy for Fair Play was awarded to the Croatian 49er sailors, Pavle Kostov and Petar Cupac by the International Committee for Fair Play. The prestigious trophy is awarded annually and the Croatian team were nominated by the Croatian Olympic Committee and the Danish crew. Kostov and Cupac received a phone call telling them the Danish team had broken their mast and leapt into action, they agreed to lend them their boat and had it rigged and ready to go so that Warrer and Ibsen would be able to sail their Medal Race.





2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470

Australian's Nathan Wilmot and Malcolm Page had already secured the gold medal after pulling out an unassailable 22-point lead in the qualification series. Nothing was going to dull their competitive edge and they won the Men's 470 Medal Race to take the gold medal in style.

The Australians showed the power of consistent sailing and their Medal Race victory was extra sweet as it was their only race win in the competition. "We waited a long time for this medal. All the efforts that we put in finally paid off and we got what we waited for," said Page.

Behind the Australians the battle was on for the other medals with just five points separating the teams from The Netherlands, France and Great Britain.

The French got off to the best start and followed the Aussies around the top mark in second place, a position which would have given them the silver medal. Britain were back in ninth, with the Dutch trailing well behind in tenth.

Nick Rogers and Joe Glanfield (GBR) rose to the occasion and pulled through the fleet whilst the French began to slip back. Heading down the final run the Brits were in fourth and crucially had the Italians positioned between them and the French. With the Dutch out of the running in ninth, the Brits were in the silver medal position, but if the French could get ahead of the Italians it would be all change again.

Rogers and Glanfield took matters into their own hands as they sped downwind on the final run, overhauling the Spanish boat ahead of them to finish in third place. Charbonnier and Bausset came in sixth just managing to hold off a late charge from the Coster brothers which could have seen the Dutch leapfrog them into third. Silver went to Great Britain and France won their second bronze of the Olympic Sailing Competition.



Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470

Elise Rechichi and Tessa Parkinson completed an Australian double in the 470 fleets by securing the gold medal in the Women's Two Person Dinghy event.

Aged just 22 and 21 years old Rechichi and Parkinson were competing at their first Olympic Games and went into the Medal Race with an 18-point lead over their nearest rivals, the triple World Champions Marcelien de Koning and Lobke Berkhout (NED).

The Dutch team would need to finish first with the Australians last to snatch the gold medal so to avoid that situation the Australians set about ensuring that did not happen, match racing their rivals to the back of the fleet. De Koning and Berkhout rounded the first mark in last place putting them in danger of losing their silver medal.

At the front of the fleet, Brazilians Fernanda Oliveira and Isabel Swan were pushing hard against the Israel team of Nike Kornecki and Vered Buskila, both teams having a shot at a medal.

With the gold medal looking safe the Australians loosened their grip on the Dutch team who set about making their way back up through the fleet. By the final leg they were comfortably mid-fleet and a fifth place finish secured them the silver medal.

The race win went to the Brazilians who sailed the regatta of their lives to win the bronze medal. Rechichi and Parkinson finished the race in ninth place but could celebrate their gold medal and an Australian double with their team mates. Both Australian teams were coached by Victor Kovalenko, known as the "medal maker", who coached teams to medals in both men's and women's events in 1996 and 2000 - achieving the same double gold in 2000.



Pos	Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470 - 58 athletes (29 teams)	Pts	Pos	Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470 - 38 athletes (19 teams)	Pts
1	Nathan Wilmot & Malcolm Page (AUS) (centre)	44	1	Elise Rechichi & Tessa Parkinson (AUS) (centre)	43
2	Nick Rogers & Joe Glanfield (GBR) (left)	75	2	Marcelien de Koning & Lobke Berkhout (NED) (left)	53
3	Nicolas Charbonnier & Olivier Bausset (FRA) (right)	78	3	Fernanda Oliveira & Isabel Swan (BRA) (right)	60
4	Sven Coster & Kalle Coster (NED)	78	4	Nike Kornecki & Vered Bouskila (ISR)	66
5	Onan Barreiros & Aaron Sarmiento (ESP)	87	5	Giulia Conti & Giovanna Micol (ITA)	75
6	Gabrio Zandona & Andrea Trani (ITA)	91	6	Christina Bassadone & Saskia Clark (GBR)	82
7	Tetsuya Matsunaga & Taro Ueno (JPN)	97	7	Lenka Smidova & Lenka Mrzilkova (CZE)	83
8	Alvaro Marinho & Miguel Nunes (POR)	102	8	Sylvia Vogl & Carolina Flatscher (AUT)	84
9	Sime Fantel & Igor Marenic (CRO)	107	9	Stefanie Rothweiler & Vivien Kussatz (GER)	90
10	Javier Conte & Juan Maria de la Fuente (ARG)	110	10	Natalia via Dufresne & Laia Tutzo (ESP)	92



2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser

Paul Goodison (GBR) took an 18-point lead into the Medal Race and there was only one sailor who could challenge him for the gold medal, Rasmus Mygren of Sweden.

Not taking any chances in the light and shifty conditions, Goodison put a tight cover on Mygren and although he finished ninth the gold medal was secured as Mygren was behind him.

The competition was going on at the front of the fleet and it was New Zealand's Andrew Murdoch who got away to lead the race in clear air. Vasilij Zbogor (SLO) was never far behind and with his sights on the silver medal.

Goodison eventually released his grip on Mygren but by this point there was little chance that either of them would catch the rest of the fleet. Zbogor was the big winner and finished the Medal Race in second to secure the silver medal.

The story was then about the bronze and the battle was on between Diego Romero of Italy and Portugal's Gustavo Lima. Romero finished the race in third place behind Zbogor but crucially Lima was two places further back in fifth, giving the bronze medal to the Italian.

Goodison's gold medal was the third for Great Britain but it was heartbreak for Mygren who finished the competition in sixth overall. Goodison said: "I just wanted to make sure I got the gold at the end of day and there was only one way to guarantee it. Sweden knew it was coming too, but I just had to do what I got to do."



Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial

The Laser Radial Medal Race was set for an exciting showdown with just seven points separating the top two sailors. It was a race of two halves with overall leader Anna Tunnicliffe (USA) staging a magnificent comeback to take the first sailing medal for her nation.

Poland's Katarzyna Szotynska and World Champion Sarah Steyaert (FRA) established an early lead with Gintare Volungeviciute (LTU) playing the middle of the course to round the first mark in third. Volungeviciute need to put three boats between her and Tunnicliffe and it was looking good for her when the American rounded the first mark in eighth.

It went from bad to worse for Tunnicliffe and she dropped another position on the first downwind leg but a big wind shift on the next beat turned the race on its head. To the delight of her fans on the breakwater, Tunnicliffe read the shift perfectly and shot through the fleet to round the final mark in third place.

Volungeviciute meanwhile moved to the front of the fleet to win the bullet but with Tunnicliffe finishing in second the gold was safe for America.

Lijai Xu (CHN) made the same crucial decision as Tunnicliffe to also benefit from the wind shift and cruised home to finish the race in third place and secure the first sailing medal for the home nation, winning the bronze.



Pos	Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser - 43 athletes	Pts	Pos	Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial - 28 athletes	Pts
1	Paul Goodison (GBR) (centre)	63	1	Anna Tunnicliffe (USA) (centre)	37
2	Vasilij Zbogor (SLO) (left)	71	2	Gintare Volungeviciute (LTU) (left)	42
3	Diego Romero (ITA) (right)	75	3	Lijia Xu (CHN) (right)	50
4	Gustavo Lima (POR)	76	4	Sarah Blanck (AUS)	62
5	Andrew Murdoch (NZL)	81	5	Sarah Steyaert (FRA)	77
6	Rasmus Mygren (SWE)	83	6	Nathalie Brugger (SUI)	90
7	Julio Alsogaray (ARG)	92	7	Jo Aleh (NZL)	90
8	Jean Baptiste Bernaz (FRA)	104	8	Evi van Acker (BEL)	91
9	Mike Leigh (CAN)	109	9	Katarzyna Szotynska (POL)	109
10	Kristian Ruth (NOR)	109	10	Penny Clark (GBR)	112



2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

Women's Windsurfer - RS:X

Day 12 of the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition brought delight for the host nation as windsurfer Jian Yin won China's first ever gold medal in sailing.

Yin went one better than the silver medal she won at the Athens Games with a thrilling comeback to finish third in the Women's RS:X Medal Race and win gold by a single point. Heading toward the slalom course at the end of the Medal Race Yin was lying in fifth but, cheered on by thousands of spectators along the breakwater at the Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center, she staged a magnificent comeback to finish third and secure the gold medal.

Yin won by the narrowest of margins, finishing just one point ahead of Alessandra Sensini (ITA) who put in a true champion's performance to win the Medal Race but she could only watch and wait to find out the colour of her medal. Sensini's silver enters her to the record books as the first woman to ever win four Olympic medals in sailing.

Finishing the Medal Race in second position was Bryony Shaw of Great Britain which was enough to give her the bronze medal and bring her nation's medal tally to five.



Golden Rings

In December 2008, sailing's television coverage of the Beijing Olympic Games was recognized as 'The Best Sports Coverage by the Host Broadcasting Organization, the Beijing Olympic Broadcasting (BOB)' at the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) 'Olympic Golden Rings' ceremony held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The new Medal Race format proved a key element in the success of sailing's TV coverage and the award is further evidence that ISAF's decision made three years ago has helped take the sport forwards.

In total 27 films were in the running for awards across four categories. The films were watched by an international jury, chaired by IOC Honorary President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Men's Windsurfer - RS:X

In the Men's RS:X Medal Race Tom Ashley (NZL) sailed superbly to add Olympic gold to the World Championship title he won earlier in the year.

It was tight three way contest for the gold medal and in a 7 knot southeasterly breeze it was Hong Kong's light wind specialist King Yin Chan who lead round the course. Ashley sailed a solid race to finish in third place but crucially ahead of both sailors challenging for the gold.

Julien Bontemps of France, who had the overall lead going into the race, finished just one place behind Ashley to claim the silver medal whilst Israel's Shahar Zubari edged out Nick Dempsey of Great Britain to win the bronze.



Pos	Women's Windsurfer - RS:X - 27 athletes	Pts	Pos	Men's Windsurfer - RS:X - 35 athletes	Pts
1	Jian Yin (CHN) (centre)	39	1	Tom Ashley (NZL) (centre)	52
2	Alessandra Sensini (ITA) (left)	40	2	Julien Bontemps (FRA) (right)	53
3	Bryony Shaw (GBR) (right)	45	3	Shahar Zubari (ISR) (left)	58
4	Marina Alabau (ESP)	54	4	Nick Dempsey (GBR)	60
5	Jessica Crisp (AUS)	66	5	Ricardo Santos (BRA)	77
6	Barbara Kendall (NZL)	75	6	King Yin Chan (HKG)	84
7	Zofia Klepacka (POL)	82	7	Aichen Wang (CHN)	95
8	Olga Maslivets (UKR)	83	8	Nikolaos Kaklamanakis (GRE)	97
9	Wai Kei Chan (HKG)	93	9	Ivan Pastor (ESP)	109
10	Maayan Davidovich (ISR)	111	10	Makato Tomizawa (JPN)	116



2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

Multihull Open - Tornado

Fernando Echavarri and Anton Paz won gold for Spain after a superb performance throughout the series and solid performance in the Tornado Medal Race.

Echavarri and Paz led the series since day one of the competition but the Australians Darren Bundock and Glenn Ashby were hard on their heels. The Spanish team went into the Medal Race with a three point lead over the Australians and quickly took the initiative by blasting off the start line to establish an early lead. At their best in moderate to strong wind conditions, the 12-15 knot breeze and big waves suited them perfectly and they sailed a near-flawless race to keep the upper hand in their battle against the Australians.

Echavarri and Paz finished in fourth place to claim the gold medal, with Bundock and Ashby coming home in fifth to secure the silver. Argentina's Santiago Lange and Carlos Espinola won the bronze medal, a repeat of their performance in 2004 in Athens.



The next Olympic Games takes place in London, Great Britain in 2012. Weymouth and Portland will host the Olympic Sailing Competition.

Men's Keelboat - Star

British crew Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson won the final gold medal of the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition after a thrilling finish.

The Star Medal Race was perfectly poised with just two points separating the leaders, Fredrik Lööf and Anders Ekström from Sweden, and the British crew with Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada from Brazil ready to pounce on any mistakes in third position. Between them these six sailors already owned five Olympic medals so it was a genuine battle of the heavyweights.

A 12 knot southeasterly and big seas were perfect conditions for a thrilling race. The action began with Percy and Simpson gaining a slight advantage over Lööf and Ekström in the pre-start allowing the Brazilians to get off to a flier and snatch an early lead. The Brits re-claimed some ground on the first downwind leg but by the halfway stage, the race was wide open. With the fleet tightly packed together positions were constantly changing.

Polish World Champions Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki made big gains and held their lead to take the final bullet of the Olympic Sailing Competition but the action unfolded behind them to decide the medals. The Brazilian crew clawed back two places on the final leg to finish third with Percy and Simpson not far behind in fifth. After a frantic final metres, Lööf and Ekström could not make up any places and finished the race in tenth place, albeit just one second behind the French crew of Xavier Rohat and Pascal Rambeau. This gave Scheidt and Prada the bronze medal and the Lööf and Ekström the bronze.



Pos	Open Multihull - Tornado - 30 athletes (15 teams)	Pts	Pos	Men's Keelboat - Star - 32 athletes (16 teams)	Pts
1	Fernando Echavarri & Anton Paz (ESP) (centre)	44	1	Iain Percy & Andrew Simpson (GBR) (centre)	45
2	Darren Bundock & Glenn Ashby (AUS) (left)	49	2	Robert Scheidt & Bruno Prada (BRA) (left)	53
3	Carlos Espinola & Santiago Lange (ARG) (right)	56	3	Frederik Lööf & Anders Ekström (SWE) (right)	53
4	Oskar Johansson & Kevin Stittle (CAN)	61	4	Mateusz Kusznierewicz & Dominik Zycki (POL)	59
5	Mitch Booth & Pim Nieuwenhuis (NED)	64	5	Flavio Marazzi & Enrico de Maria (SUI)	59
6	Leigh McMillan & Will Howden (GBR)	68	6	Xavier Rohat & Pascal Rambeau (FRA)	69
7	Francesco Marcolini & Edoardo Bianchi (ITA)	74	7	Marc Pickel & Ingo Borowski (GER)	70
8	Johannes Polgar & Florian Spalteholz (GER)	74	8	Afonso Domingos & Bernardo Plantier Santos (POR)	72
9	Roman Hagara & Hans Peter Steinahcer (AUT)	82	9	Hamish Pepper & Carl Williams (NZL)	80
10	Iordanis Paschalidis & Konstantinos Trigonis (GRE)	82	10	Diego Negri & Luigi Viale (ITA)	92



2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship

The 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship took place in Århus, Denmark from 9 to 19 July. 245 competitors from 58 nations



took part making the 2008 championship the second largest in the event's history.

The event was organized by Sailing Aarhus mba, a cooperation of five yacht clubs in and around Aarhus. The wind ranged from 8 to 25 knots over the seven day event. The seven events included the Boy's and Girl's one person dinghy using the Laser and Laser Radial, Boy's and Girl's two person dinghy both in the 29er, Boy's and Girl's windsurfing both in the RS:X and a mixed multihull event sailed in the SL16.

The Volvo Trophy for the best overall performing nation went to Great Britain but the fight for second place was a close fought one with New Zealand pipping Australia to the post by just two points.

In the boy's 29er fleet, Argentina's German Billoch and Gaston Cheb Terrab clinched a win in the last race of the series pushing the American's Judge Ryan and Hans Henken into bronze position to win the silver medal behind the British team of James Peters and Edward Fitzgerald.

In the girl's 29er fleet it was Great Britain again who took home the gold medal after a consistent performance from Frances Peters and Claire Lasko. The Dutch team Annemiek Bekkering and Jeske Kisters pushed the Brits throughout the series to win the silver medal with Hannah Natrass and Michelle Muller of Australia winning their second consecutive Youth Worlds bronze medal.

In the SL16 fleet the French brothers Valentin Bellet and Romain Bellet had secured overall victory with a day to spare. Of the four teams who had a shot at a medal, Singapore put in the best performance on the final day with a second place but it was not quite enough.

The young South African team of Matthew Whitehead and Michael Ovenstone scored their worst result of the regatta with a tenth place finish, but were close enough to their closest challengers James Ellis and Andrew Glover from Great Britain to claim the silver medal. Ellis and Glover won the bronze medal on countback from Wen Chun Low and Jonathan Russell Chew.

Team Cyprus had only three competitors in the championships, making their two gold medals, one by Pavlos Kontides in the Laser and the other in the boy's RS:X fleet by Michalis Malekkides, even more impressive. Kontides' gold medal enters him into the Youth Worlds record books as the first person to win consecutive gold medals in the boy's one person dinghy event. Luke Lawrence (USA) won the silver medal from New Zealander Sam Meech.

In the Laser Radial fleet Gabrielle King (AUS) secured her second consecutive Youth Worlds gold medal ahead of Susana Romero of Spain with Cushla Hume-Merry (NZL) winning the bronze medal.

Records were broken in the girl's windsurfer fleet too with Italy's Laura Linares picking up her third consecutive gold medal making her the first sailor to ever win five medals at the Youth Worlds. Maja Dziarnowska of Poland posted a first on the final day but this was not enough to clinch the silver medal from Patricia Freitas of Brazil.

In the boy's windsurfer event Michalis Malekkides won a second gold medal for Cyprus. Thiseas Kampas of Greece claimed the silver medal with Oliver-Tom Schliemann in the bronze medal position.

Although narrowly missing out on the medals, the Singapore team did not leave Århus empty handed. They won the Bengt Julin Trophy for Sportsmanship, re-introduced at the 2008 championship and voted for by other teams and competitors.

Team Singapore won the Trophy for their friendly attitude and helpful manner with everyone at the championships, especially the Athlete Participation Programme (APP) sailors (see page for a full report on the APP)

With a full ISAF International Jury and three International Race Officers appointed as course representatives the Race Management team take a proactive role in sharing their expertise with the sailors to ensure they get the most of their experience. Before competition started a Rule 42 briefing was held to help make the sailors and coaches fully aware of the standards the Jury would apply during the Championship.

ISAF thanks the sponsors, event organizers, volunteers and equipment suppliers: Ovington (UK) - 29ers, Neil Pryde - RS:X, Laser Performance - Lasers and Laser Radials, Sirena SL16.

The 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship will take place in Buzios, Brazil from 9 to 18 July.

Pos	Boy's One Person Dinghy - Laser - 45 athletes	Nation	Pos	Girl's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial - 40 athletes	
1	Pavlos Kontides	CYP	1	Gabrielle King	AUS
2	Luke Lawrence	USA	2	Susana Romero	ESP
3	Sam Meech	NZL	3	Cushla Hume-Merry	NZL
Boy's Two Person Dinghy - 29er - 50 athletes (25 teams)			Girl's Two Person Dinghy - 29er - 36 athletes (18 teams)		
1	James Peters & Edward Fitzgerald	GBR	1	Frances Peters & Claire Lasko	GBR
2	German Billoch & Gaston Cheb Terrab	ARG	2	Annemiek Bekkering & Jeske Kisters	NED
3	Judge Ryan & Hans Henken	USA	3	Hannah Natrass and Michelle Muller	AUS
Boy's Windsurfer - RS:X - 27 athletes			Girl's Windsurfer - RS:X - 15 athletes		
1	Michalis Malekkides	CYP	1	Laura Linares	ITA
2	Thiseas Kampas	GRE	2	Maja Dziarnowska	POL
3	Oliver-Tom Schliemann	GER	3	Patricia Freitas	BRA
Open Multihull - SL16 - 32 athletes (16 teams)			Volvo Trophy - Best Performing Nation		
1	Valentin Bellet & Romain Bellet	FRA	1	Great Britain	359
2	Matthew Whitehead & Michael Ovenstone	RSA	2	New Zealand	331
3	James Ellis & Andrew Glover	GBR	3	Australia	329



2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship



The 2008 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship gold medallists

*Laura Linares (ITA)
Pavlos Kontides (CYP)
Gabrielle King (AUS)
Frances Fitzgerald & Claire Lasko (GBR)
Valentin Bellet & Romain Bellet (FRA)
James Peters & Edward Fitzgerald (GBR)
Michalis Malekkides (CYP)
and
Team Great Britain, winners of the Volvo Trophy for the best performing nation.*

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2008 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship

The BSPORT ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship took place from 1 to 6 April 2008.

The tenth edition of the championship was hosted by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron on Waitemata Harbour in Auckland, New Zealand and concluded with a frustrating finish as the wind failed to show up. Four prior days of superb racing had set the scene for a spectacular finale, but it was not to be.

Conditions were light for the final day's racing, with a range often less than 5 knots and racing stalled for some time due to 180 degree wind shifts that Auckland is as famous for as its gusty southwesterers.

Claire Leroy (FRA) successfully defended the title she won on her home waters of St Quay, France last year. American Liz Baylis took silver, and Silja Lehtinen of Finland bronze in a frustrating day that was mostly spent waiting for the wind to arrive, meaning that final places for the split at first and third place were determined on countback.

Leroy, at 28 years of age and representing Sport Nautique de Saint Quay Portrieux, has been virtually untouchable in her recent match racing career, hanging on tight to the #1 spot in the Women's ISAF World Match Race Rankings since May 2005.

Of Leroy's crew of Marie Riou, Elodie Bertrand and Claire Pruvot, both Riou and Pruvot are newcomers to the team this year, and in true Leroy style they have pulled together to achieve a distinctive edge in boatspeed that enables them to win time and time again.

While Leroy was disappointed not to meet up with Baylis in the finals, she was glad to have the confidence of knowing she had great round robin results to fall back on if needed. *"We are very happy with all of the results. It's nice to come back with a trophy."*

In the other semi-final, Lehtinen beat American Baylis by 6 seconds in the third flight, bringing the score up to 2-1 in Lehtinen's favour. Then, after a lengthy wait for wind, Baylis took both the final matches to get the best of three, and qualify for the finals with Leroy.

Baylis commented that her crew of Suzy Leech, Lee Icyda and Karina Shelton made some great tactical calls. *"Suzy and Lee knew where they wanted us to go, and we made sure we sailed there as fast as we could."*

Of missing out on meeting Leroy in the finals she said, *"It would have been nice but the conditions were what they were. It pays to win early, then you're in position if races are cancelled."*

Pos	Skipper	Nation
1	Claire Leroy	FRA
2	Liz Baylis	USA
3	Silja Lehtinen	FIN
4	Josie Gibson	GBR
5	Katie Spithill	AUS
6	Silke Hahlbrock	GER
7	Nicky Souter	AUS
8	Jessica Smyth	NZL
9	Christelle Philippe	FRA
10	Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen	DEN
11	Camilla Ulrikkeholm	DEN
12	Sabrina Gurioli	ITA
13	Jan Dawson	NZL
14	Gemma Farrell	GBR

Earlier in the day Leroy secured her third back to back win over Josie Gibson of Great Britain, beating Gibson by 39 seconds in the last race of the semi-final.

Bronze medallist Lehtinen, aged 22, was the youngest competitor in the fleet, a former World Champion skiff sailor (29er), and a second year student at medical school. She entered the regatta ranked #8 in the world and with a team that includes her stepmother Vivi Fleming Lehtinen, Maria Klemetz and Livia Varesmaa, she is not only a skilled match racer: she also represented Finland in the Yngling class at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Fourth place finish Gibson, a former 470 sailor, represents Island Sailing Club and also won through to the semi-finals in the 2007 edition of the ISAF Women's World Match Racing Championship.

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Commodore John Crawford was hearty in both his congratulations of the winners, and his gratitude to the team who organized the event. *"In particular I would like to congratulate this week's podium finishers. The spirit of competition from all concerned has been very rewarding to see,"* he said.

"We were disappointed with the conditions on the final day of racing, but the first four days of racing provided excellent sailing."

The BSPORT ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship was hosted by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and sponsored by BSPORT, Giltrap City Toyota and Auckland City Council.

The 2009 event will take place in Lysekil, Sweden



Top - Claire Leroy (FRA) - 2008 World Champion
Bottom - Liz Baylis (US) - silver medallist
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2008 ISAF Match Racing World Championship 2008 ISAF Offshore Team World Championship

2008 ISAF Match Racing World Championship

The ISAF Match Racing World Champion title is awarded to the winner of the World Match Racing Tour. In 2008 Ian Williams (GBR) of *Bahrain Team Pindar* successfully retained his title.

Williams title was confirmed at the quarter-final stage of the final event of the 2008 World Tour, the Monsoon Cup in Malaysia in December.

Going into the final event with a point score of 92, Williams and his team (Mark Nichols, Gerry Mitchell, Rich Sydenham and Simon Shaw) were in strong position to retain their title. Their nearest rivals, Sébastien Col and Mathieu Richard, both from France, had to make it through to the quarter-finals to stay in the hunt for the title.

Williams met Richard, the #1 skipper in the ISAF World Match Race Rankings, in the quarter finals whilst Col went up against Peter Gilmour (AUS), himself a four-time winner of the World Championship title (in 1990, 1997, 1998 and 2006). Williams showed his World Champion credentials by storming past Richard 3-0.

The celebrations began when Col lost his quarter final match against Gilmour in a technical protest. *"It was a strange to win on a protest decision that didn't involve us, but I really felt we deserved it,"* commented Williams.

With the Monsoon Cup still at stake Williams faced Adam Minoprio (NZL) in a semi-final. Minoprio came back from a 2-0 lead to clinch a 3-2 win and earn his place in the final but it was Gilmour who went on to win the event.

Ian Williams was nominated for the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards in recognition of his consistent success on the match racing circuit.

The ISAF World Match Racing Champion title is awarded annually to the winner of the World Match Racing Tour. Points awarded at each of the nine World Tour events count towards the World Championship standings.



Ian Williams and his World Championship winning team with the stunning Wedgewood trophy
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Pos	Skipper	Team	Nation
1	Ian Williams	<i>Bahrain Team Pindar</i>	GBR
2	Sébastien Col	<i>French Team/K Challenge</i>	FRA
3	Mathieu Richard	<i>French Team/Team French Spirit</i>	FRA
4	Adam Minoprio	<i>ETNZ/Black Magic Racing</i>	NZL
5	Torvar Mirsky	<i>Mirsky Racing Team</i>	AUS
6	Magnus Holmberg	<i>Victory Challenge</i>	SWE
7	Paolo Cian	<i>Team Shosholoza</i>	ITA
8	Peter Gilmour	<i>Yanmar Racing</i>	AUS

2008 ISAF Offshore Team World Championship

Team Spain was crowned ISAF Offshore Team World Champion for the second time in June 2008, lifting the Rolex Offshore Team World Championship Trophy following victory at the Sardinia Rolex Cup in Porto Cervo.

Each of Spain's boats – Massimo Mezzaroma's Farr 40 *San Miguel telefonica Nerone* helmed by Antonio Sodo Migliori with Vasco Vascotto on tactics; Marco Salvi's Swan 45 *Telefonica Vertigo* with Francesco Bruni on tactics; and Jose Cusi's *Bribon Telefonica* with Campos at the helm and tactician Ray Davies – took four victories over eight races.

Aside from Team Germany's brief spell at the top of the classification on day one prior to the results of protests, Spain led for the duration of the event.

Pedro CAMPOS, helmsman of the Spanish TP52 *Bribon Telefonica* was understandably pleased on his return to port: *"We are delighted with this victory: it was hard-fought with the Italian Team but in the end we did it. Yesterday we sealed things with three straight victories on the TP52. What a fantastic job from the whole team. This is my third victory in the Sardinia and my 12th World Championship."*

"It has been a challenging week in which teamwork has been fundamental. We spent a lot of fun evenings together and created a team 24 hours a day and the results speak for themselves!" commented Vascotto of Nerone.

Team Italy placed second, 11 points behind Spain. All three of the Italian owners are YCCS members and both Riccardo Simoneschi's TP52 Audi powered by Q8 and Danilo Salsi's Swan 45 *DSK* placed well but it was Vincenzo Onorato's *Mascalzone Latino* that really shone collecting two victories, five second's and one third place leaving her top of the Farr 40s.

Team Germany finished in third place despite the best efforts of the *United Internet Team Germany* sailors on board the TP52 *Platoon* who tied down three victories in the first three days of sailing. Teams Southern Europe and Russia took fourth and fifth place respectively.

The Sardinia Cup Challenge Trophy was awarded to Team Spain by Princess Zahra Aga Khan, President of the Board of Directors of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, during the prize giving held on the Club's Piazza Azzurra.



The fleet in action
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2008 ISAF Approved World Champions

Class	World Champion	Nation
2.4M	Stellan Berlin	SWE
5.5M	Kristian Nergaard, Harry Melges III, Mark Strube	NOR
8M	Alluette - Eckhard Kaller	GER
29er	Steven Thomas & Jasper Warren	AUS
49er	Nathan Outteridge & Ben Austin	AUS
420 Open	Michalis Mileosand Evangelos-Vasileios Mitakis	GRE
420 Ladies	Katerina and Sofia Kaitatzidou	GRE
470 Men	Nic Asher & Elliot Willis	GBR
470 Women	Erin Maxwell & Isabelle Kinsolving	USA
470 Junior Open	Steven Le Fevre & Steven Krol	NED
470 Junior Women	Hannah Mills & Katrina Hughes	GBR
60ft Monohull	Armel Le Cleach	FRA
505	Ian Pinnell & Carl Gibbon	GBR
A-Catamaran	Glenn Ashby	AUS
Byte	Jon Emmett	GBR
Cadet	Quinten Lauwers & Nele de Munchk	BEL
Contender	Marcus Hamilton	AUS
Dart 18	Emmanuel Dodé & Billy Besson	FRA
Etchells	Bill Hardesty, Erik Shampain, Steve Hunt & Jennifer Wilson	USA
Europe Men	Teemu Rantanen	FIN
Europe Women	Josefin Olsson	SWE
Farr 40	Mascalzone Latino - skipper Vincenzo Onorato	ITA
Finn	Ben Ainslie	GBR
Finn Masters	Andre Budzien	GER
Flying Dutchman	Szabolcs Majthenyi & Andras Domokos	HUN
Fireball	Matt Mee & Richard Wagstaff	GBR
Formula Experience	Morane Demont	FRA
Formula Windsurfing Men	Wotjek Brzozowski	POL
Formula Windsurfing Women	Marta Hlavaty	POL
Formula Windsurfing Youth	Jules Denel	FRA
Formula Windsurfing Masters	Xavier Ferlet	GBR
Formula 18	Coen De Koning & Jeroen van Leeuwen	NED
Funboard Men	Ben Van der Steen	NED
Funboard Junior Slalom	Sebastian Kornum	DEN
Funboard Junior Freestyle	Christopher Kalk	EST
Funboard Youth Slalom	Enes Yilmazer	TUR
Funboard Youth Freestyle	Kiri Thode	AHO
Funboard Master Slalom	Thomas Fauster	ITA
GP14	Ian Dobson & Andy Tunnicliffe	GBR
H-Boat	Claus Høj Jensen, Henrik Olsen, Jacob Guhle	DEN
Hobie Dagoon	Matthew Whitehead & Megan Du Plessis	RSA
Hobie Tiger	Mark Laruffa & Daniel Sims	AUS
International 14	Archie Massey & Matt Noble	GB-US
IOD	Charles van Orhis & crew	USA
J/22	Greg Fisher	USA
J/24	Andrea Casale, Fabio Montefusco, Ernesto Angeletti, Vittorio Rosso & Enzo di Capua	ITA
J/80	Ignacio Camino Rodriguez, Alberdo Gomez, Jose Luis & Armando Gutierrez	ESP



2008 ISAF Approved World Champions

Class	World Champion	Nation
Laser	Tom Slingsby	AUS
Laser 4.7 Boys	Shahar Jacob	ISR
Laser 4.7 Girls	Elizabeth Yin	SIN
Laser Radial Open	Mike Leigh	CAN
Laser Radial Women	Sarah Staeyaert	FRA
Laser Radial Youth Boys	Andy Maloney	NZL
Laser Radial Youth Girls	Gabrielle King	AUS
Laser Masters	Jan Scholten	AUS
Laser SB3	Geoff Carveth, Roger Gilbert, Sarah Allan & Roz Allan	GBR
Lightning Youth	Taylor Lutz, Luke Vreeland & Bernie Roesler	USA
Melges 24	Paolo Brescia, Simona Crispo, Gabriele Arnulfo, Pietro Rocceo Perelli & Alessandro Saettone	ITA
Micro	Piotr Tarnacki, Jerzy Chodubski & Bohdan Goralski	POL
Moth	John Harris	AUS
Mumm 30	Optimum - Guy Stenning	AUS
Musto Performance Skiff	Richard Stenhouse	GBR
OK Dinghy	Karl Purdie	NZL
Optimist	Raul Rios	PUR
Platu 25	Kostas Karageorgiou, Mantis Takis, Vassilis Portosalte, Vaggelis Kappas & Stauros Arguros	GRE
RS Feva	Tim Gratton & Chris Taylor	GBR
RS Tera	Hermann Tomasgaard	NOR
RS:X Men	Tom Ashley	NZL
RS:X Women	Alessandra Sensini	ITA
Shark	Dave Foy, Jamie Foy & David O'Sullivan	CAN
SL16	Elodie Wuilmart and Benjamin Dutreux	FRA
Snipe Women	Marina Gallego & Marina Sanchez	ESP
Soling	Bostjan Antoncic, Gennadi Strakh & Karlo Hmeljak	SLO
Speed Windsurfing Men	Antoine Albeau	FRA
Speed Windsurfing Women	Karin Jaggi	SUI
Splash	Ben Lutz	NZL
Star	Mateusz Kusznierewicz & Dominik Zycki	POL
Sunfish	Paul Foerster	USA
Swan 45	Earlybird - Christian Nagel & Hendrik Brandis	GER
Techno293 U17 Boy	Pawel Tarnowski	POL
Techno293 U17 Girl	Helene Noesmoen	FRA
Techno293 U15 Boy	Martin Olmeta	FRA
Techno293 U15 Girl	Catherine Fogli	ITA
Tempest	Frank Weigelt & Christian Rusitsch	GER
Topper	Elliott Hanson	GBR
Tornado	Darren Bundock & Glenn Ashby	AUS
TP52	Quantum Racing - skipper Terry Hutchinson	USA
Vaurien	Marco Faccenda & Giovanni Galassini	ITA
X-35	L'Irascibile - Alberto Signorini	ITA
X99	IMMAC Sailing Team/Baltic Bay Laboe - skipper Christian Sayoa	GER
Yngling Open	Tom Otte, Mark Haven & Floortje de Vries	NED
Yngling Womens	Sarah Ayton, Sarah Webb & Pippa Wilson	GBR
Zoom 8 Boys	Thomas Palme	AUT
Zoom 8 Girls	Lena Hess	AUT

Note: This list only includes 2008 World Championship title holders.

Those classes not listed either did not hold a World Championship in 2008 or have not notified ISAF of the results.

Part III

Accounts

International Sailing Federation Limited

(incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2008

Company Number (IOM): 79772C



Directors' Report

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

Review of the Business

The company is the controlling authority of the sport of sailing in all its forms throughout the world. It is also involved in protecting and promoting the use of International Sailing Classes.

Results for the Year

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year are shown below:

Göran Petersson	
George Andreadis	
Nucci Novi Ceppellini	(deceased 15 February 2008)
Kamen Fillyov	
Tomasz Holc	
Jean-Pierre Champion	
Teo Ping Low	
David Tillett	
Maximo Rivero Kelly	
Jane Moon	
Eric Tulla	
Charles Cook	
David Irish	
Ross Robson	
Jeffrey Martin	
Cornelia Sertl	
Luisa Teresa Lara Anzola	
Christopher Atkins	
Ajay Balram	
John Crebbin	
Nazli Imre	
Fiona Kidd	
Alexander Kotenkov	
Takao Otani	
Gerardo Pombo	
Quanhai Li	
David Sprague	
Sergio Gaibisso	

The following directors resigned in November 2008

David Kellett	Dierk Thomsen
Fiona Barron	Philip Tolhurst
Joe Butterfield	Henri van der Aat
Kim Reinhard Andersen	Helmut Jakobowitz
Carin Hildebrand	

The following directors were appointed in November 2008

Patrick Bergmans	Stig Hvide Smith
Alberto Predieri	Tomasz Chamera
Harry Adler	Kurt Lonnqvist
Khalifa Mohd Al-Sewaidi	Rolf Baehr
Ralph Roberts	Andres Santana
Tatjana Antoncic	

The company held third party indemnity insurance for the directors during the year.

Directors Responsibility Statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to;

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Acts 1931-2004. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the directors is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution re-appointing haysmacintyre will be proposed at the AGM.

By Order of the Board

J. Pels
Secretary

Registered Office:
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Isle of Man
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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of the International Sailing Federation Limited

We have audited the financial statements of International Sailing Federation Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account, the Consolidated and Parent Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Act 1931-2004. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Act 1931-2004 and whether the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Act 1931-2004; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

haysmacintyre
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

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15 Fulwood Place
London
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Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
OPERATING INCOME			
Subscriptions		214,667	203,399
Olympic receipts		5,313,182	-
Income from special events		200,294	104,224
Investment income		95,469	118,890
Other income		662,236	1,348,271
		<u>6,485,848</u>	<u>1,774,784</u>
DIRECT COSTS			
Governance		295,597	193,659
Olympic costs		299,387	110,905
Special events		148,270	60,667
Other direct costs		314,991	988,158
		<u>1,058,245</u>	<u>1,353,389</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS			
Employment costs		866,461	705,089
Other administrative costs		384,543	407,458
		<u>1,251,004</u>	<u>1,112,547</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION	2	4,176,599	(691,152)
TAXATION CHARGE	3	(19,438)	(12,551)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>4,157,161</u>	<u>(703,703)</u>
Reserves brought forward		2,926,339	3,630,042
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£7,083,500</u>	<u>£2,926,339</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year dealt with in the financial statements of :			
Parent company		3,995,304	(794,862)
Subsidiary company		81,447	44,478
Quasi-subsubsidiary		80,410	46,681
		<u>£4,157,161</u>	<u>£(703,703)</u>

Turnover and operating deficit are derived solely from continuing activities.

All recognized gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account.

A separate movement of shareholders' funds statement has not been provided since there are no movements other than the retained deficit for the current period.



Consolidated Balance Sheet

	Note	2008		2007	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		5,976		19,228
Investments	6		1,346,402		1,328,328
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	268,687		274,005	
Cash on deposit	8a	2,573,057		955,903	
Cash at bank and in hand	8b	3,333,306		792,078	
		<u>6,175,050</u>		<u>2,021,986</u>	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	<u>(378,959)</u>		<u>(443,203)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>5,796,091</u>		<u>1,578,783</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>7,148,469</u>		<u>2,926,339</u>
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	10		<u>(64,969)</u>		<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>£7,083,500</u>		<u>£2,926,339</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS	16				
Accumulated fund			<u>£7,083,500</u>		<u>£2,926,339</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 12 June 2009 and were signed below on its behalf by:

Göran Petersson
President



Parent Balance Sheet

	Note	£	2008 £	£	2007 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	82,422		191,533	
Cash on deposit	8a	2,573,057		955,903	
Cash at bank and in hand	8b	3,124,799		674,910	
			<u>5,780,278</u>	<u>1,822,346</u>	
CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
	9	(316,074)		(433,446)	
			<u>5,464,204</u>	<u>1,388,900</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
NET ASSETS					
			<u>£5,464,204</u>	<u>£1,388,900</u>	
MEMBERS' FUNDS					
Accumulated fund			<u>£5,464,204</u>	<u>£1,388,900</u>	

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Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	14	4,091,744	(726,147)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		31,507	57,097
Dividends received		63,692	61,793
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		95,199	118,890
Taxation			
UK corporation tax paid		(12,551)	(11,169)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Payments to acquire investments		(76,918)	(258,616)
Payments to acquire fixed assets		(3,689)	(7,693)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		63,591	201,870
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		1,006	-
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment		(16,010)	(64,439)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH		<u>£4,158,382</u>	<u>£(682,865)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH INFLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS			£
Increase in cash for year			4,158,382
Movements for the year			4,158,382
Net funds as at 1 January 2008			1,747,980
Net funds at 31 December 2008			<u>£5,906,362</u>



Notes to the Financial Statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING BASIS

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Income and expenditure in currencies other than sterling are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of receipt of payment.

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Differences arising on exchange are written off to the profit and loss account.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of the assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment 20% per annum or 33 1/3% per annum on cost

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred tax is provided using the full provision method. Deferred tax is recognized in respect of all timing differences which have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. It is the company's policy not to discount deferred tax to reflect the time value of money.

OPERATING LEASES

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to profit and loss account as incurred.

2 DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION

	2008 £	2007 £
This is stated after charging/(crediting) :		
Auditors' remuneration	20,380	17,650
Depreciation	15,884	22,424
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	83,750	71,190
- other	2,099	2,099
Realised and unrealised foreign exchange loss/(gain)	(171,606)	(57,753)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



Notes to the Financial Statements

3 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2008 £	2007 £
a) UK Corporation tax on profits for the year		
Corporation tax at 19%	-	2,977
Corporation tax at 20%	4,658	9,574
Corporation tax at 21%	14,780	-
Total current tax (note 4(b))	19,438	12,551
Deferred tax	-	-
	£19,438	£12,551
b) Tax charge reconciliation		
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax		
- Parent	3,995,304	(794,862)
- Subsidiary	100,885	57,029
- Quasi subsidiary	80,410	46,681
	£4,176,599	£(691,152)
Profits on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard UK rate of corporation tax 28%/30% (2007: 30%) – subsidiary	25,117	17,109
Effects of:		
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	1,548	1,870
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	32	82
Marginal relief	(7,259)	(6,510)
	£19,438	£12,551

The parent company and the quasi subsidiary are not subject to corporation tax on profits or surpluses.

4a STAFF COSTS

	2008 £	2007 £
Wages and salaries (including directors)	806,624	620,755
Social security costs	62,478	62,498
Pension costs	43,018	38,742
	£912,120	£721,995
	No.	No.
The average monthly number of employees during the year was	21	21

4b DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

No director received any emoluments during the year.



Notes to the Financial Statements

5 TANGIBLE ASSETS – GROUP

Furniture, fittings and equipment £

At 1 January 2008	220,332
Additions	3,689
Disposals	(3,184)

At 31 December 2008	220,837
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DEPRECIATION

At 1 January 2008	201,104
Charge for year	15,884
Eliminated on disposal	(2,127)

At 31 December 2008	214,861
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NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2008	£5,976
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At 31 December 2007	£19,228
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6 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS – GROUP

Listed investments £

Cost at 1 January 2008	1,328,328
Additions	76,918
Disposals	(58,844)

Cost at 31 December 2008	£1,346,402
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Market value at 31 December 2008 was £1,545,151 (2007: £1,359,052).

7 DEBTORS

	Group		Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions and international class fees receivable	11,946	14,105	10,085	14,090
Other debtors	160,402	59,864	11,275	45,310
Prepayments and accrued income	96,339	200,036	61,062	132,133
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	-	-	-	-
	£268,687	£274,005	£82,422	£191,533

Within other debtors is an amount of £Nil (2007: £39,090) owed by A. Sundheim, a director of the wholly owned subsidiary ISAF (UK) Limited during the year. No interest is being charged on the loan. The loan is repayable in 48 equal monthly instalments, repayments commenced in December 2004. A. Sundheim resigned as a director during the year and fully repaid the loan.



Notes to the Financial Statements

8a CASH ON DEPOSIT

	Group		Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Sterling balances	2,195,837	-	2,195,837	-
Euro balances	377,220	955,903	377,220	955,903
	<u>£2,573,057</u>	<u>£955,903</u>	<u>£2,573,057</u>	<u>£955,903</u>

The exchange rate used at 31 December 2008 was €1.03: £1.

8b CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK

Sterling balances	3,187,646	508,694	2,979,139	422,192
Euros balances	32,252	44,415	32,252	13,750
US Dollar balances	113,408	238,969	113,408	238,968
	<u>£3,333,306</u>	<u>£792,078</u>	<u>£3,124,799</u>	<u>£674,910</u>

The exchange rates used at 31 December 2008 were €1.03: £1 and \$1.447: £1

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	40,146	113,203	29,983	103,717
Other creditors	4,514	18,593	4,514	16,182
Other taxes and social security	15,732	28,468	-	11,822
UK Corporation tax	19,438	12,551	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	299,129	270,388	184,680	258,384
Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking	-	-	96,897	43,341
	<u>£378,959</u>	<u>£443,203</u>	<u>£316,074</u>	<u>£433,446</u>

10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

Accruals and deferred income	<u>£64,969</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
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11 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

Every full member of the Federation undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Federation if it should be wound up while they are a Full Member or within one year after they cease to be a Full Member, for payment of the Federation's debts and liabilities contracted before they cease to be a Full Member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

The number of full members on 31 December 2008 was 126 (2007: 121).

12 OPERATING LEASES – GROUP

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£	£	£	£
Annual commitment under operating leases:				
Expiring within one year	-	-	-	-
Expiring after one year but within five years	-	-	-	-
Expiring after five years	<u>83,750</u>	<u>71,190</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>2,099</u>



Notes to the Financial Statements

13 SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

At 31 December 2008 the company owned the whole of the issued share capital of ISAF (UK) Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain and ISAF Event Management Limited which is incorporated in the Isle of Man.

14 RECONCILIATION OF (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR TO NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2008 £	2007 £
Operating surplus/(deficit)	4,176,599	(691,152)
Depreciation	15,884	22,424
(Profit)/Loss on sale of investment	(4,747)	4,328
Loss on sale of fixed assets	51	107
Decrease in debtors	5,318	42,329
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(6,162)	14,707
Interest received	(31,507)	(57,097)
Dividends	(63,692)	(61,793)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	£4,091,744	£(726,147)

15 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH

	At 1 January 2008 £	Cashflow £	At 31 December 2008 £
Cash at bank and in hand	792,077	(376,908)	415,169
Cash on deposit	955,903	4,535,290	5,491,193
	£1,747,980	£4,158,382	£5,906,362

16 MEMBERS' FUNDS

	Fund £
At 1 January 2008	2,926,340
Surplus for the year	4,157,161
	£7,083,501



Notes to the Financial Statements

17 QUASI SUBSIDIARY

The ISAF Trust is a quasi-subsiidiary of the International Sailing Federation Limited.

Profit and loss for the year ending 31 December

	2008 £	2007 £
Income		
Investment income	66,031	62,960
Foreign exchange gain	22,146	2,635
	88,177	65,595

Expenditure

Fees	(10,814)	(13,388)
Accountancy fees	(1,700)	(1,199)
Bank charges	-	-
Profit/(loss) on sale of investments	4,747	(4,328)
Foreign exchange loss	-	-
Surplus for the year	£80,410	£46,680

Balance sheet as at 31 December

	£	£
Fixed asset investments – at cost	1,346,402	1,328,328
Debtors	27,776	27,474
Cash	124,946	60,477
Creditors	(9,877)	(7,442)
Net assets	£1,489,247	£1,408,837

Part IV

2009 Budget

1 January 2009 - 31 December 2009



2009 Budget Summary

	£
Income	
Normal Income	713,000
America's Cup	0
TOTAL Income	£713,000
Expenditure	
Direct costs	781,000
Olympics	117,000
Administration	990,000
TOTAL Expenditure	£1,888,000
Operational Deficit	£(1,175,000)



Income

	£
MNA and Associate Member Subscriptions	200,000
Affiliated Member Subscriptions	2,000
ICA Subscriptions	15,000
New Class Application Fees	2,000
Licensed Builder Fees	15,000
Fees on New Boats Built	190,000
Publications	2,000
Technical specifications	5,000
ISAF Merchandise	10,000
Special Events & Approval Fees	120,000
Sponsorship	145,000
Copyright Fees	2,000
Advertising Income	5,000
TOTAL INCOME	£713,000



Expenditure

Direct costs	£
ISAF Meetings	170,000
Executive Committee Meetings	40,000
ISAF Review Board	5,000
Executive Expenses	30,000
Committees' Activities	25,000
World Cup	25,000
IMO	5,000
Race Officials Programme	70,000
Athletes Participation Programme	15,000
Umpires/Judges Payments	50,000
ISAF Events	80,000
Marketing/Media & Awards Presentations	30,000
Connect to Sailing	30,000
Website & IT Development	35,000
Insurance	45,000
Building Fees - Class & Designer Share	58,000
Plaques Purchased	5,000
Technical Specifications/In House Certification	10,000
Olympic Solidarity - General	2,000
ISAF Goods	20,000
Publications	10,000
International subscription fees	5,000
Bad debts	1,000
Legal fees	10,000
Regional Games	5,000
TOTAL Direct costs	£781,000
Olympics	
Staff Salaries	50,000
IOC Meetings	25,000
Olympic 2008	2,000
Anti Doping Program	40,000
TOTAL Olympics	£117,000
Administration	
Salaries	550,000
Employment costs	160,000
Other staff costs	8,000
Office rent & rates	120,000
Office running costs (inc. heat, light & power)	25,000
Equipment rental & renewals	25,000
Travelling	5,000
Telecommunications	15,000
Printing & stationery	10,000
Postage	16,000
Audit & accountancy fees	16,000
Bank charges & interest	20,000
Depreciation	20,000
TOTAL Administration	£990,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,888,000