

Tracking System, Electronic Control of the Starting Line and Course

Invitation to Tender

A submission from the Hungarian Yachting Association and the Russian Yachting Federation

Proposal

To prescribe the mandatory use of a tracking system for the races including the electrical control for the starting line OCS and course at the following regattas:

- Olympic Sailing Competition
- Olympic Qualifying Events
- ISAF Sailing World Championships
- ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
- Sailing World Cup Events

Current Position

Heterogeneous.

Reason

1. To increase media and public interest and appeal.
2. To generate ISAF income. As it is done with the current rule book (This could be done in a partnership arrangement) .
3. Leasing to other sports is always a fund raiser.
4. To assist the IROs and International Juries in controlling our sport for the benefit of all sailors worldwide.
5. To eliminate the risk of human failure when controlling premature starts.

2009 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2009

Council received submission 082-09 from the Hungarian Yachting Association and the Russian Yachting Federation

Decision:

Council deferred submission 082-09 to November 2010 (27 in favour, 8 against, 2 abstain).

Council recommended that the Technology Working Party work specifically on 2 areas; Tracking as part of the initiative to improve the presentation of the sport and Tracking Systems to improve

race management and OCS decisions. An interim report to Council should be produced for May 2010.

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee

Events Committee

Recommendation to Council: Defer

The Events Committee recommends that the work of the Technology Working Party to develop standards and specifications be continued; the use of tracking devices in Medal Races at events is strongly encouraged.

Opinions from the Other Committees

Equipment Committee

Opinion: Reject

The Equipment Committee believes in this project, but do not believe the technology is ready yet. We are waiting for a standard to be proposed

Executive Committee

Opinion: Reject

Impossible to implement at this stage. Executive Committee has asked the Technology Working Party of the Race Officials Committee to develop a specification for tracking equipment.

Race Officials Committee

Opinion: Defer

The ROC strongly recommends that the work of the Technology Working Party to develop standards and specifications be continued; the use of tracking devices in Medal Races at SWC events is strongly encouraged.

ISAF Classes Committee

Opinion: Reject

Support the intent of the submission, but recommend rejecting the submission as the systems are still far from being ready to use and still require further development, especially regarding control of startlines
