

MATCH RACING COMMITTEE



MET AT 0930 – 1500 HOURS ON SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE PALACIO ESTORIL, ESTORIL, PORTUGAL

MINUTES

Present:

Henry Louis Menin (ISV) – Chairman
Sally Burnett (GBR)
Jane Correia (BER)
Leo Kuret (CRO)
Nadine Stegenwallner (GER)

Alan Adler (BRA) – Vice Chairman
Walter Cavallucci (ITA)
Yuri Kryuchenkov (RUS)
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen (DEN)
Henri van der Aat (NED)

Nucci Novi Ceppellini (ITA) – Vice President

Apologies:

Gustavo Benavent (ESP)
Elizabeth Filter (USA)

Shane Borrell (NZL)

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1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The committee noted the minutes of the Match Racing Committee meeting of 5 November 2006.

(b) Minutes – matters arising

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

2. ISAF MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(a) Women's World Championship 2007

The committee noted a report from the ISAF Technical Delegate on the 2007 Women's World Championships held in Saint Quay-Portrieux, France. It was an excellent event with five days of racing using a new format for the Women's Worlds: a Round Robin sailed on day 1 and day 2, followed by a Repechage for all competitors placed 5 to 12. Quarter finals, Semi finals and Finals were sailed on the last two days. This format ensured the best sailors were in the finals. The organisers, with the active support from the French Sailing Federation, provided perfect conditions on shore and on water for a true world championship. The committee thanked the host for their outstanding contribution to this event.

(b) Women's World Championship 2008

The committee noted a report of progress from the ISAF Technical Delegate on the 2008 Women's World Championships to be held in Auckland, New Zealand. The dates have been confirmed as 1 – 6 April 2008. The relationship with the

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organisers is very good which is vital for a successful event. The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron have made a major effort to host this event and the committee is looking forward to seeing the best women racing in Auckland. Because of the remote venue it was decided to offer two qualifying events for additional entries (one in Sydney, Australia, one in Auckland), plus one Wild Card, 10 skippers from the last rankings and the defending World Champion.

(c) Women's World Championship 2009

The committee received and considered three bids for the ISAF Women's World Championship 2009. The bids came from Club Nautico Punta Lagoa, Vigo, Spain, from Lysekil Yacht Club Gullmar in Sweden and from the New York Yacht Club, USA. All bids were fully endorsed by the relevant MNA. The committee noted the high quality of the individual bids and took into consideration what would be the best for Women's Match Racing.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee recommend to Council to approve Lysekil, Sweden as the host of the 2009 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship, subject to contract.

(d) Open World Championship 2007 and Match Race World Tour

The committee noted a report from the Scott McLeod about the Match Race World Tour. There was an extended season to avoid a clash with the 32nd America's Cup. The Tour started in 2006 and will finish with the Monsoon Cup in November. This year the competitors have sailed 8 different boats in 10 countries. There have been a total of 61 competitors in 21 qualifying events over the year. For media, Sail TV has had an average 50,000 viewers per month. A total prize money of USD 1.9 million was distributed. Ian Williams from GBR is currently on the top of the leader board. There are still four skippers able to win the 2007 World Champion title.

The planning for 2008 is nearly finished. A provisional schedule is available and published on the website. A total of 1.6 million USD will be distributed as prize money in 2008. In addition to the published schedule, there are two more options. Potential venues are Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, and Qingdao in China.

The committee felt that the World Match Tour is a very successful World Championship for Open Match Racing and should continue in its present form. The committee thanked the World Tour for their contribution to the worldwide development of Match Racing.

The committee noted the interest to organise a World Tour for Women's Match Racing as well. The Women's World Championship however should not change the present format.

3. NATIONS CUP

(a) Nations Cup 2009

The committee received a verbal report from Sally Burnett on behalf of the Nations Cup Working Party. She pointed out that the working party considered

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a sufficient number of bids but they decided to extend the deadline for another month to respond to the latest expressions of interest. It was felt that it was a very positive trend that more and more countries with little match racing experience were bidding to host a Regional Final. The format of the Nations Cup where clinics will be organised just before each Regional Final will create the necessary knowledge, training and experience for sailors, umpires and race officers. For the Grand Final, the working party is looking for a spectacular venue that will be in the best interests of the development of Match Racing. The working party will finish the review by end of November 2007 and provide a proposal for the committee in December 2007. This will be distributed and agreed via email.

4. MATCH RACING GRADING, INVITATIONS AND RANKING

(a) Match Racing Rankings Sub-Committee

The committee noted a report from Acting Chairman Shane Borrell on the activities of the Match Racing Rankings Sub-Committee. He reported that the Sub-committee had to approve several “re-gradings” and had to impose “Zero Point Scores” for late withdrawing competitors. The members discussed possible development of the ranking system which should help to tackle issues. The committee noted that there are always some clashes of dates for Grade 1 events. However, the committee felt that if none of the events is able to move ISAF has to approve two Grade 1 events at the same time (if both applied before 30 November) or, if not, the later applicant has to move to another date.

(b) Submission 138-07

The committee noted the submission 138-07 from the Russian Yachting Federation about the open continental events. The committee affirms that this exemption should apply for the Continental Championship only.

Recommendation to Council

Approve submission 138-07 with the following amendment:

This exemption shall apply to one event per continent per year only.

(c) Submission 139-07

The committee noted the submission 139-07 from Yachting Australia about the weight limits for World Match Racing Tour events.

Recommendation to Council

Reject submission 139-07.

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(d) Late Event cancellation

The committee noted a policy document regarding late cancellations of events produced by the Competition Manager. The document should help to protect expenses made by race officials and competitors if an event will be cancelled at a very late stage. The Committee agreed on the principal but the Chairman will appoint a working party to produce a final document.

(e) Leaving an event before the last day

The committee discussed the problem for event organisers and media when competitors who still have racing scheduled leave an event before the last day. The committee agreed in principle that these competitors should receive “zero point penalty” if they leave early without the permission of the organising authority. The committee will provide a submission for November 2008.

5. RACE OFFICIALS

(a) Umpires

The committee received a verbal report from the Chairman of the International Umpires Sub-Committee on the Umpire appointments made in 2007 and plans for 2008. He reported the feedback received from female skippers indicated that it is not necessary to have more female umpires at Women’s events compared with Open events.

(b) Race Management

The committee noted the intention to appoint a joint working party by the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee regarding Race Management at Match Racing events. This working party should review, update and if necessary release relevant race management documents with particular interest of Match Racing (i.e. Damage Policy, Guidelines for Abandoning of racing, Standardisation of Match Racing documents). Members will be appointed from the Match Racing Committee, the Umpires Sub-Committee and the Race Management Sub-committee. The Chairman will recommend to Council to approve this joint working party in May 2008.

6. WOMEN’S MATCH RACING AS AN OLYMPIC EVENT

The committee discussed and considered the following submissions about the selection of events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

<i>No.</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Recommendation to Council</i>
084-07	Federation Francaise de Voile -	Did not discuss

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090-07	International Lightning Class	Did not discuss
110-07	Bermuda Sailing Association	Defer
111-07	Cayman Islands Sailing Club	Approve with the amendment as below:
112-07	Chairman of the Match Racing Committee	Approve with the amendment as below:
113-07	Danish Sailing Association	Approve with the amendment as below:
114-07	Federacion Argentina de Yachting, Federacao Brasileira de Vela e Motor, US Virgin Islands Sailing Association	Approve with the amendment as below:
115-07	Federacion de Vela de Puerto Rico	Approve with the amendment as below:
116-07	Icelandic Sailing Association	Approve with the amendment as below:
117-07	Swedish Sailing Federation	Approve with the amendment as below:
118-07	Turkish Sailing Federation	Approve with the amendment as below:
119-07	UAE Marine Sports Foundation	Approve with the amendment as below:
120-07	US SAILING	Approve with the amendment as below:
121-07	Yachting New Zealand	Approve with the amendment as below:

Recommendation to council

Approve with the following amendment:

The following is recommended for consideration by Council:

For the Olympic Games, the equipment will be selected in 2008; boats and all equipment will be supplied for the Olympic Sailing Competition in 2012. The qualification events will consist of 2011 ISAF World Championships (6), 2012 ISAF Nations Cup (4) and a final qualifying repechage event (latest possible date) for the last remaining spot.

There will be Grade 1 events (All Olympic Classes events and Match Racing Grade 1 events) in the calendar, open up to 64 teams each. These events will be open to competitors rather than invitational events and will be sailed with provided equipment or competitor owned boat's or partially provided boats.

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The format will consist of different stages with knock out stages with repechage (best of five or seven) from the beginning, but without the use of a Round Robin (similar to other sports like Tennis).

For the current All Olympic Classes events, there will be a balance between the increased costs for the organisers and the higher income produced by more competitors and better media exposure.

The Match Race Rankings have to be amended accordingly to reflect these changes.

The Committee recommend to Council to approve the proposal from the EC Working Party about the voting procedure (i.e. to decide on Match Racing or Fleet Racing as part of the list of the possible events).

7. MATCH RACING RULES

(a) Standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

The committee noted the current standard Match Racing documents and thanked the working party for their efforts to update these documents.

(b) Racing Rules of Sailing - Submissions

The committee considered the following submissions and made the following recommendations to Council:

<i>No.</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>about</i>	<i>Recommendation to Council</i>
229-07	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule C6.5(b)	Approve
230-07	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule C7.2(e)	Approve
231-07	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule C7.2(b)	Approve

8. MATCH RACING DEVELOPMENT

(a) The future

The committee discussed future developments in Match Racing. It was noted that organising clinics around the World and in particular in countries with little experience in Match Racing is a key factor in developing global Match Racing. It was noted that WIMRA (Women's International Match Racing Association) started a world wide programme with Match Racing clinics and this programme

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was highly successful. Furthermore, the Nations Cup clinics organised in conjunction with the Umpires Sub-committee were a key point in the success of the ISAF Nations Cup 2006. It was agreed that the planning and the organisation of clinics by ISAF and by WIMRA will be coordinated for 2008 to ensure the maximum benefit.

(b) **Women's Match Racing**

The committee received a verbal report from Lotte Meldgaard-Pedersen about the development of Women's Match Racing. There was still a visible increase in participation over the last three years. 29 nations are represented in the Women's ranking list 2007 (24 in 2005) and 195 skippers in total. Five Women's Grade 1 events offered significant prize money and the winners from Women's Grade 1 were invited to participate in World Match Tour events. The next step should be to establish a Women's World Tour with the existing events and to make Women's Match Racing an Olympic discipline.

9. MATCH RACING COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) **Submission 014-07**

The committee considered submission 014-07 from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee about the Terms of Reference.

Recommendation to Council

Approve submission 014-07.

(b) **Submission 020-07**

The committee considered submission 020-07 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about regulation 15.21.

Recommendation to Council

Approve submission 020-07.

10. ANNUAL REPORT

The committee noted the annual report from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee on their activities for the period 1 January 2007 to date. The ISAF Council will receive this report during its meeting of 9 November 2007.

11. ISAF STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee Terms of Reference, Skill Sets, Work Plan 2008-2012

- (i) The committee received a report from the Working Party (Walter Cavalucci, Jane Correia, Nadine Stegenwallner) regarding the Committee Terms of Reference and skill sets for the Match Racing Committee for the term of office November 2008 – November 2012. It was felt that the communication within the committee and with organisations outside should be improved. The committee will submit its comments to Executive Committee.
- (ii) The committee decided that the chairman will appoint a working party to deliver a four year work plan for the Match Racing Committee for the

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period November 2008 – November 2012. This working party will submit the proposal in good time to the committee to allow the chairman to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee by 31 March 2008.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business the chairman adjourned the meeting at 1500.