

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE



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MET AT 0930 – 1600 HOURS ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE PALACIO ESTORIL HOTEL, ESTORIL, PORTUGAL

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Present:

Dick Batt (Chairman)
Riccardo Simoneschi (Vice-Chairman)
Kim Andersen
Jan Dejno (EQSC Chairman)
Georg Fundak
Michael Grandfield (ICC representative)
Dina Kowalyszyn

Mark Pryke
Henri Samuel
Georg Tallberg
Sofia Bekatorou (part of meeting)
Bruno Finzi (part of meeting)
Marta Weores (part of meeting)

Apologies:

Ian Harrison
Alejandro Abascal

Ron Barak
Patrick Lindqvist

Also present:

Simon Forbes (Technical Manager)
Rob Taylor (IHC Technical Co-ordinator)

Henry Thorpe (Technical Co-ordinator)

Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 8-10 November 2007 for the final Council decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes. Please refer to the ISAF website, www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions and supporting papers.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the committee gave its respects to Jan Linge who had died earlier in the year. It was also noted that the ISAF Classes Committee had appointed Michael Grandfield in place of Darren Dunkley-Smith.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Equipment Committee meeting of 20 April 2007 were noted there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2. WORLD SAILING SPEED RECORD COUNCIL

(a) A report from the World Sailing Speed Record Council

Claude Breton, Chairman of the WSSRC presented a report of activity

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during the year. He also reported that a recent record claim had been made for the outright women's 500m record by a kite surfer and questioned the previous ISAF policy that kite surfing should be considered a separate category and not accepted as the outright sailing record. The Committee noted that if submission 055-07 was approved by Council which adopts the term 'kite-surfing' into the ISAF regulations, then presumably the policy was changed to permit a kite-surfer to hold the outright sailing record. Claude also reported that the WSSRC website had been re-designed to keep past record information readily available.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR ISAF INTERNATIONAL STATUS

(a) Musto Performance Skiff

The committee received the application from the Musto Performance Skiff to upgrade from Recognised status to International Status. The Worldwide Distribution List presented by Dave Hall of Ovington Boats demonstrated the required numbers in AUS, ESP, GBR, GER, SUI and USA.

On a proposal by Mark Pryke the application for International status was recommended for approval.

Recommendation: Approved

(b) Club Swan 42 (also known as NYYC 42)

The committee received the application for International status from the Club Swan 42 class including the Club Swan 42 Class Rules and Distribution List. It was noted that the distribution requirements for Recognised status were satisfied by boats in GBR, JPN and USA. The Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee reported that a draft in a satisfactory format is awaiting adoption by the class.

On a proposal by Riccardo Simoneschi, seconded by Kim Andersen it was agreed to reject the submission until further work on the class rules had been made.

Recommendation : Reject

4. APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNISED STATUS

(a) RS Tera

The application from the RS Tera Class for Recognised status was received. MNA letters of support had been received from GBR and SWE. Martin Wadhams presented the class rules and the required distribution in ESP, GBR, NOR and SWE and noted that over 700 boats had been built so far. The Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee reported that the class rules are acceptable.

On a proposal by Mark Pryke and seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi the application for Recognised Status was recommended for approval.

Recommendation : Approve

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(b) Open Bic Sport

The application from the Open Bic Sport for Recognised status was received. An MNA letter of support had been received from FRA. Peter Durham presented the class rules and the required distribution in FRA, GER, ITA, USA showing over 1100 boats built to date. The Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee reported that the class rules are acceptable and that further work with the class regarding references to age divisions and Advertising Code will be made.

On a proposal by Dick Batt seconded by Mark Pryke the application for Recognised Status was recommended for approval.

Recommendation : Approve

(c) SKUD 18

The application from the Access Class Association for Recognised status was received. The Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee reported that the class rules are in a satisfactory format. It was noted that the class had requested a dispensation regarding the worldwide distribution requirements due to its selection as Paralympic equipment. The Committee discussed with Serge Jorgensen (IFDS President) whether a dispensation as a paralympic boat was appropriate bearing in mind the class rules which permit trapezing did not define a boat exclusively for disabled sailing. On a proposal by Jan Dejmo, seconded by Kim Andersen it was agreed (with one vote against) to defer the application.

Recommendation : Defer until the ISAF Mid-Year Meeting in 2008

(d) Ultimate 20

The application from the Ultimate 20 Class Association for Recognised status was received. The Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee reported that the class rules are in a satisfactory format. Though the class rules on crew weight limit and crew hiking required re-wording. Bill Abbott spoke as a former builder of the class and it was noted that the required distribution was met by CAN, GER and USA.

On a proposal by Kim Andersen the application for Recognised Status was recommended for approval.

Recommendation : Approve

(e) Laser SB3

The application from the Laser SB3 Class Association for Recognised status was received. Class President, Daniel Geoghegan advised that class rules in the standard format had just been adopted. The Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee reported that the class rules are acceptable. The worldwide distribution requirements were met by GBR, IRL, POR and SIN. On a proposal by Riccardo Simoneschi seconded by Georg Tallberg the application for Recognised Status was recommended for approval.

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Recommendation : Approve

(f) GP 42

The application from the GP42 Class Association for Recognised status was received. Bruno Finzi reported that there were currently 14 boats racing and that the class was not planning to hold a World Championship in 2008. On a recommendation by Bruno Finzi the application was deferred.

Recommendation : Defer until such a time that the class fulfils the requirements for ISAF status.

(g) TP 52

The application from the TP52 Class Association for Recognised status was received. Rob Weiland the Class Manager reported that the class rules are a box rule using some aspects of the IMS Rule, a recent re-draft had been made to remove reliance on the IMS definitions. The Committee requested that the Standard Class Rules format be considered for the next re-write anticipated in 2009. The class met the worldwide distribution with ESP, GBR and USA amongst the 25 boats representing 14 countries.

On a proposal by Dick Batt, seconded by Dina Kowalyshyn the application for Recognised Status was recommended for approval as it was accepted that the class rules are satisfactory, despite not being in the standard format.

Recommendation : Approve

5. EQUIPMENT RULES OF SAILING

(a) ERS – Submission 062-07

Submission 062-07 was received from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding general amendments to the ERS. Jan Dejmo advised that the original submission had been amended principally by deleting proposed definitions of sails set in front of the mast. Further amendments had been made at the Equipment Control Sub-Committee meeting.

Recommendation : Approve as amended by the Equipment Control Sub-Committee.

(b) ERS 3.1 – Definition of Class Rules – Submission 063-07

Submission 063-07 was received from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee regarding ERS definition of class rule. Although there was sympathy for the proposal it was rejected in favour of the wording in 062-07.

Recommendation : Reject

(c) Regulation 32 Equipment Rules Administration - Submission 064-07

Submission 064-07 was received from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding Regulation 32. The submission was approved on a proposal by Kim Andersen, seconded by Riccardo Simmoneschi.

Recommendation : Approve

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6. RACING RULES – PERSONAL BUOYANCY

(a) RRS 1.2 – Submission 177-07

Submission 177-07 was received from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding RRS 1.2, Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Buoyancy.

Opinion : Approve

(b) RRS 27.1 – Submission 188-07

Submission 188-07 was received from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding RRS 27.1 – Other Race Committee Actions before the Starting Signal. Despite reservations about the use of the word “adequate” the submission was approved.

Opinion : Approve

(c) RRS 40 – Submission 199-07

Submission 199-07 was received from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding RRS 40 – Personal Buoyancy; Harnesses. Despite reservations about the word “appropriate” the submission was approved.

Opinion : Approve

(d) RRS Appendix J, K and L – Submission 238-07

Submission 238-07 was received from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding RRS Appendix J,K,L - Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions – Guides

Opinion : Approve

7. RACING RULE 41– OUTSIDE HELP

(a) RRS 41 – Submission 203-07

Submission 203-07 was received from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee regarding RRS 41 – Outside Help.

On a proposal by Jan Dejmo seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi on a vote of 5 in favour, 0 against and three abstentions.

Opinion : Reject, it is felt the current rule is adequate and fit for purpose.

8. RACING RULE 78 – COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS RULES; CERTIFICATES

(a) RRS 78 – Submission 217-07

Submission 217-07 from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee regarding adding Safety Requirements to Rule 78.

Opinion : Approve

9. ISAF REGULATIONS

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(a) **ISAF Regulations – New Definition – Boat and Class - Submission 055-07**

Submission 055-07 was received from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding a new definition of boat and class. On a proposal by Dina Kowalyshyn seconded by Kim Andersen it was agreed to approve the submission as amended by the Equipment Control Sub-Committee.

Opinion : Approve with the following amendment: In the definition of class, the first sentence is amended to read “Boats which conform to a physical specification to allow competitive racing among their Class under the Racing Rules of Sailing.”

(b) **Notices and Submissions Regulation 1.5.1 – Submission 056-07**

Submission 056-07 was received from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding notices and submissions.

Opinion: Approve

(c) **Class Rules of ISAF and National Classes - Submission 065-07**

Submission 065-07 was received from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding class rules of ISAF and National Classes. On a proposal by Dick Batt, seconded by Jan Dejmo it was agreed to reject the submission in favour of a review of the issue by a working party.

Recommendation : Reject – support the principle, however recommend a working party led by the Class Rules Sub-Committee Vice Chairman and consisting of members of Race Officials Sub-Committee and the ISAF Classes Committee to develop a satisfactory solution.

(d) **Regulation 26.10 - Class Rules changes - Submission 066-07**

Submission 066-07 was received from the Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee regarding Regulation 26.10. Michael Grandfield (ISAF Classes Committee representative) suggested that the appropriate place for defining the responsibilities of the Class Rules Sub-Committee is not Regulation 26.10 but in the Terms of Reference in Regulation 15.2 . The Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee noted that if there is to be a prescribed list which limited the items on which the CRSC could reject class rule proposals it would need to be significantly longer than that proposed in the submission.

Recommendation : Reject

(e) **ISAF Regulations – Definitions – Class Rules – Submission 067-07**

The submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding class rules definition in ISAF Regulations and make a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation : Approve with the following amendment, change the

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word “section” to “rule” in the second sentence.

10. 2008 OLYMPIC REGATTA

(a) 2007 Test Event

The Chairman gave a verbal report of Equipment Control at the 2007 Test Event.

(b) Measurement Regulations

A letter signed by all the competitors in the Tornado Class at the Test Event was received which proposed that a minimum combined crew weight of 135kg be applied for the Olympic Sailing Competition in 2008. Michael Grandfield (ITA President) explained that a class ballot to introduce a minimum crew weight had narrowly failed to be passed by the majority required in the ITA constitution. The Committee expressed concern at introducing a requirement at short notice, the interference with national qualification of teams and the precedent for other classes.

Recommendation: Form a working party to research the position and report to the Chairman of the Equipment Committee as soon as possible.

11. OLYMPIC EQUIPMENT – 2012

(a) Selection of Equipment - Submission 124-07

Submission 124-07 was noted from the US Virgin Island Sailing Association regarding the selection of men's and women's 470 Class boats.

(b) Selection of Equipment - Submission 125-07

Submission 125-07 was noted from the Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation regarding the selection of men's and women's 470 Class boats.

(c) Womens High Performance Dinghy – Submission 097-07

Submission 097-07 was noted from the Japan Sailing Federation regarding reducing the target total crew weight to 110-130kg. It was observed that ideally a crew stature equalisation system would be available. On a proposal by Dick Batt, seconded by Mark Pryke the submission was approved.

Opinion: Approve

(d) Womens High Performance Dinghy – Submission 098-07

Submission 098-07 was received from the Japan Sailing Federation regarding delaying the introduction of a womens' high performance dinghy. It was agreed that any Evaluation Panel should consider worldwide distribution of any new equipment. On a proposal by Kim Andersen seconded by Georg Fundak the submission was rejected.

Opinion: Reject

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12. STANDARD PARAMETERS & NOTATIONS FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF BOATS

It was noted that the Working Party regarding Standard Parameters & Notations for Descriptions of Boats would be meeting in February 2008.

13. EQUIPMENT CONTROL

(a) Equipment Control Policy

It was noted that the Equipment Committee Chairman was drafting a paper which would be circulated.

(b) Web-based Certification

Ken Kershaw gave a presentation on a web-based certification system and requested ideas and suggestions.

14. IN-HOUSE CERTIFICATION

Rob Taylor gave a verbal report on developments in the In-House Certification program. www.sailing.org/ihc

15. SMALL CRAFT SAFETY

(a) A paper was received by the Working Party Chairman on Category 6

(b) A paper was received by the Working Party Chairman on Category 6 Safety Boat requirements.

(c) Ken Kershaw reported that the ISO Quick Release Trapeze Harness Standard had been published as a draft in September 2007. The FDIS vote is by 27 February 2008 and it would be effective by July 2008. Ken was thanked for his work on this project.

16. REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL & RECOGNISED CLASSES

(a) International Tempest Class

It was noted that the Tempest class is now only active in two continents (Europe and North America) and that in line with Regulation 26.12 the class status be reviewed. Michael Adams on behalf of the Tempest Class requested that dispensation from the three continent requirement be granted due to the unique aspect of the boat as a keel boat with a trapeze. On a proposal by Georg Tallberg seconded by Henri Samuel it was agreed that the Tempest Class does not serve a unique aspect of sailing. 10 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Recommendation : The Tempest Class status be changed from International to Recognized.

(b) Recognised Open 50 Monohull Class

It was noted that the Class Association for the Open 50 Monohull Class had been IMOCA(Open 60 Class) . IMOCA had voted at an AGM in 2006 to no longer be the Class Association for the Open 50 Class. There does not

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appear to be a replacement class association for the Open 50 monohull class. On a proposal by Riccardo Simoneschi, seconded by Jan Dejmo it was agreed to recommend Open 50 ISAF Class status be withdrawn.

Recommendation : The Open 50 Monohull Class ISAF Recognised Status be withdrawn.

(c) Recognised Sonar Class

Peter Galloway reported that with nine boats in Ireland the requirements for Recognised Status were satisfied.

(d) NACRA F18 Class

It was noted that communication had just been re-established with the class and that a review would be deferred to the next meeting.

17. STRATEGIC PLAN

(a) Committee Terms of Reference, Skill Sets, Work Plan – 2008-2012

(i) It was noted that the proposed Committee Terms of Reference and Skill Sets for the Equipment Committee had been submitted to the Executive Committee for the term of office November 2008 - November 2012. It had been proposed that the Equipment Committee should select the Olympic Equipment in future. It was also suggested that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee should be members of the Equipment Committee.

(ii) A four year work plan for the Equipment Committee for the period November 2008 – November 2012 would be recommended to the Executive Committee by 31 March 2008. This included closer budgeting of ISAF technical services and development of commercial services.

18. ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee noted the Chairman's report to the ISAF Council meeting of 9th November 2007 on the activities of the Equipment Committee for the period 1 January 2007 to date.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Class Rules Format

Henri Samuel questioned whether Class Rules which do not specify any dimensions in a manufacturer's class was an acceptable format.

(b) Equipment Inspection at ISAF Graded Events

Michael Grandfield expressed concern at the lack of equipment inspection at ISAF Graded Events.

(c) Class worldwide distribution requirements

Henri Samuel proposed an amendment to Regulation 26.2 (e)(i) regarding the distribution requirements for International Status and suggested that as

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alternative to six MNAs from at least three continents, the following could be added: "or if only two continents from eight MNAs". It was noted that this would have to be dealt with in the form of a submission. Also noted was the principle of reducing the number of World Championships which had been included in the Strategic Plan under Event Strategy.

There being no further business, proceedings then terminated at 1600.