

INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS SUB-COMMITTEE



MET AT 0730 – 1330 HOURS ON SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE
VILA GALE HOTEL, ESTORIL, PORTUGAL

Present:

David Sprague – Chairman

Antonio Cardosa – Vice Chairman

Gunter Ahlers

Dimitris Dimou

Heinz Staud

Hyo-Kyung Yang

Observers:

Andrew Davies

Bruno De Wannemaeker

John Doerr

Richard Hart

Peter Hinrichsen

Georg Tallberg

Ceri Williams

Ken Ryan

Please refer to the ISAF website, www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on these minutes.

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1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The Minutes of the International Measurer's Sub-Committee meeting of 5 November 2006 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted. The minutes can be downloaded at

www.sailing.org/meetings/minutes/2006_IMSC_05_11.pdf

(b) Minutes – matters arising

There were none.

2. OBITUARIES

Thankfully, None.

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3. ISAF STRATEGIC PLAN

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

- (i) Noted the Committee Terms of Reference and skill sets for the Race Officials Committee submitted to the Executive Committee for the term of office November 2008 – November 2012
- (ii) Discussion on the four year work plan for the Race Officials Committee for the period November 2008 – November 2012. Agreed that the IMSC objects shall include better education of measurers on ERS etc, helping classes get organized regarding class rules, measurer networks and that a submission to the ROC shall be prepared regarding equipment control in ISAF Grade 1 events. A working party shall be formed to prepare the recommendations before March 2008.

(b) Progress Reports, Objective 4, Race Officials

Presentation by the chairman on

- (i) The ISAF Race Official Guide
- (ii) The ISAF Mentor Scheme
- (iii) Role and Job Description
- (iv) Training clinic material
- (v) ISAF RO Code of conduct
- (vi) Introduction of another level of ROs
- (vii) ROs Scholarship Scheme
- (viii) Implementation of the communications project
- (ix) ISAF ROs work experience policy

Following discussion, it was agreed that item (i) needs modification regarding the proposed IM timescale, item (iii) will need further work, that CDs from the IM Conference have to be sent to MNAs (item (iv)), and that the ISAF ROs Code of conduct has to be harmonized with the IM code of conduct currently in effect.

4. INTERNATIONAL MEASURER NOMINATIONS

Applications for the appointment to IM status and the applications for renewal of status were reviewed (Separate sheet - Confidential).

5. RACE OFFICIALS PERFORMANCE REPORTING

(a) Investigation Procedures

None received

(b) Commendations

None

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6. KEY AREAS TO PROGRESS IN 2008

(a) Equipment Control Sub-Committee

We discussed the working relationship with the Equipment Control Sub-Committee and noted the problems created from the publication of the IM Manual and agreed that the IMSC will propose to the EQSC a joint working party. This would be established to address the issue of a common Measurement document including the guide to measurement and material from the IM Manual.

(b) Classes, MNAs

The relationships between classes, MNAs and ISAF on measurement issues was discussed. A great number of MNAs are not active in Measurement, Certification & training so we discussed how the committee could overcome this.

(c) Equipment Rules for Sailing

Great concern was expressed about the last minute amendment of Submission 062-07. The latest version will be circulated to IMSC members for review.

(d) IM Code of Conduct

The Code of conduct will be integrated with the ISAF RO Code of conduct.

(e) Criteria for Appointment as IM

The criteria for appointment as an IM was briefly discussed; working party to be created for reviewing the current situation and proposing amendments.

(f) MNAs

It was agreed that the Technical Offices of each MNA shall be invited to future seminars and clinics to improve information exchange and cooperation.

7. INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS SEMINAR/CLINIC PROGRAMME

(a) Seminar / Clinic Programme 2007

(i) Noted that joint IJ, MR and IM clinics were held in Mumbai, India in January 2007, IM instructor was Barry Johnson.

(ii) Noted that Measurement clinics were held in May 2007 in Brazil and in October 2007 in Qatar. IM Instructor for both was David Sprague and he was assisted in Brazil by Alex Finsterbusch

(b) Clinic / Seminars in association with Regional Games

(i) Noted that no requests were received to host clinics in association with Regional Games in 2007 although the Brazil seminar was partially held to assist the Brazil organizers and was run a month in advance.

(ii) Noted that Regional Games do not take place in the year of the Olympic Regatta therefore the next possibility will be in 2009

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(c) Seminar / Clinic Programme 2008 and beyond

Agreed to work on the schedule and promotion of the IM seminar / clinic programme in 2008 and beyond. There is currently a Seminar planned for January 2008 in Brussels. The plan is to have at least one seminar and one clinic per year in various parts of the world. We will be looking for a seminar or clinic in North America in 2008/9 and possibly one before the Madrid meeting.

(d) IM Conference 2007

Noted that the IM Conference took place in February 2007 in Southampton. There were 5 key projects identified to be worked on and chairs were appointed to start the work and are expected to report by the end of 2007.

8. PAYMENTS TO RACE OFFICIALS

The proposal regarding the payment of Race Officials on a contractual basis in the long term will be discussed when the relevant paper is made available.

9. INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS ADMINISTRATION

(a) Submission 010-07

Approved

(b) Submission 153-07

Approved

(c) Submissions 154-07

Approved

(d) Submission 155-07

Approved

10. APPOINTMENT OF RACE OFFICIALS TO EVENTS

(a) Noted the publication of Race Officials to events on the ISAF website, in accordance with the recommendation from Council November 2005.

(b) Discussion on the appointment process for IMs to events. Ken Ryan explained the way the ISAF is working for these appointments.

11. PRE-EVENT CHECKLIST FOR MEASURERS

The Vice-chairman gave a verbal report on the project expressing concern about the need of a universal checklist. Most Classes are already using their own checklists. The IMSC will encourage classes to follow this example and relevant material will be added to the IM manual.

12. EVENTS PAGE ON RACE OFFICIAL AREA OF ISAF WEBSITE

Noted the creation of an area on the ISAF website where event organisers may advertise race official appointments. The view of the IMSC is that Classes need to cooperate to ensure appointments of qualified IMs

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13. MAJOR EVENTS

- (a) Olympic Regatta
- (b) ISAF Worlds, Cascais
- (c) Test Event
- (d) Other Major Events

David Mentioned that a Gold Medal at the Pan American Games was decided on a Measurement Protest.

No discussion was done on the other events.

14. PUBLICATIONS

- (a) IM Manual
 - (i) Noted the new IM Manual
 - (ii) Agreed that a working party will be formed for updating and expanding the current version, with a target date for the next edition of May 1st 2008.
- (b) Agreed that the ISAF RO Secretariat will send email notices to all IMs and MNAs including the link for downloading the IM manual.
- (c) Noted that the manuals and publications are included in the scope of work of the Technology Working Party appointed in April 2007

15. SUBMISSIONS* NOT INCLUDED IN SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS

None

16. RACE OFFICIALS CLOTHING

- (a) RO Clothing 2007
No report received.

17. RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE AGENDA

No action taken

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A number of potential projects were discussed and the concept of a number of working parties were to be set up. David Sprague will publish a list of the potential projects and distribute them to the committee. David will then assign the chairs as required with the intent of having appropriate work plans and submissions prepared for 2008.

The ROC Chair charged the committee with the responsibility to help develop a succession plan for the committee for the 2008 Quadrennial.