

RACING RULES COMMITTEE

MET AT 0930 – 1800 HOURS ON TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2007 AT THE PALACIO HOTEL, ESTORIL, PORTUGAL

MINUTES

Present:

David Tillett – Chairman
David Irish – Vice-President
Bjørn Anker-Møller
Bernard Bonneau
Kamen Fillyov
Carlos Gastelu
Luciano Giacomi
Josje Hofland
Nelson Horn Ilha
Pertti Lipas
Jack Lloyd

Marianne Middelthon
Bill O'Hara
Dick Rose
Bo Samuelsson
Ana Sánchez del Campo Ferrer
Katsumi Shibamura
Leo Pieter Stoel
Richard Thompson
Costas Tsantilis

Apologies:

Bryan Willis – Vice-Chairman

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1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Racing Rules Committee meeting of 7 November 2006.

(b) Minutes – matters arising

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

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2. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER 2006

(a) Deferred Submission 125-06

The Committee reconsidered submission 125-06 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about rule 18.1(c).

Recommendation to Council:

Reject.

(b) Deferred Submission 128-06

The Committee reconsidered submission 128-06 from the Royal Yachting Association about rule 41.

Recommendation to Council:

Reject. See decision on sub. 202-07.

(c) Deferred Submission 134-06

The Committee reconsidered submission 134-06 from the Canadian Yachting Association about rule 69.

Recommendation to Council:

Reject. Impractical to implement; undesirable control.

(d) Deferred Submission 135-06

The Committee reconsidered submission 135-06 from the Royal Yachting Association about rule 70.

Recommendation to Council:

Reject. See sub. 216-07.

(e) Deferred Submission 137-06

The Committee reconsidered submission 137-06 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond about rule 70.1.

Recommendation to Council:

Reject. See sub. 216-07.

(f) Deferred Submission 143-06

The Committee reconsidered submission 143-06 from the Cyprus Yachting Association about rule B8.8.

Recommendation to Council:

Defer. See sub. 225-07.

(g) Deferred Submission 159-06

The Committee reconsidered submission 159-06 from US Sailing about a new case.

Recommendation to Council:

Reject. Controversial.

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3. PROPOSED CHANGES TO RACING RULES

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

| <u>Number</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Rule</u> | <u>Recommendation</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| 172-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Definition Class Rules (New), Definition Rule (d) Rule J2.1(9) and Appendix L, Instruction 4.3 | WITHDRAWN | WITHDRAWN However, the Committee recommended the principle that championship and format rules should not be in the class rules. |
| 173-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Introduction | Recommendation to Council: Approve | Typos to be corrected. |
| 174-07 | US SAILING | The use of 'racing rule' in The Racing Rules of Sailing | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Accept principle. Implement by adding a new second sentence in Introduction, Terminology: "Racing rule' means a rule in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> ." |
| 175-07 | Executive Committee | Definitions - Introduction | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Add new rule 79; see attachment . Add new rule 79 and Regulation 22 to the list in rule 86.1(a). |
| 176-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Introduction, Terminology and Rule 87 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 177-07 | Chairman of the Equipment Committee | Rule 1.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Change 'Buoyancy' to 'Flotation Devices' in title. |
| 178-07 | Chairman of the Race Officials Committee | Rule 2 and 69 | WITHDRAWN | WITHDRAWN |
| 179-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 3 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 180-07 | Executive Committee | Rule 5 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Edit rule to read 'A competitor shall comply with the rules of the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Agency and with ISAF Regulation 21, Anti-Doping Code. <i>[no further change]</i> ' Further editing may be desirable. |
| 181-07 | US SAILING | Preamble to Part 2 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Added sentence unnecessary, can be confusing. However, accept editorial changes proposed. |
| 182-07 | Japan Sailing Federation | Rule 17.1, 17.2 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Not rulebook style. |
| 183-07 | Norwegian Sailing Federation | Rule 17.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 184-07 | Chairman of the | Section C of Part 2 | Recommendation to | See attachment . WP to edit in |

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| | Racing Rules Committee | and Related Definitions; Rule 17.2 | Council: Approve with the following amendment | response to timely suggestions from members of RRC. |
| 185-07 | US SAILING | Rule 19.1 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | |
| 186-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 20 & C2.8 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 187-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 22.2 & C2.10 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 188-07 | Chairman of the Equipment Committee | Rule 27.1 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Replace added text with 'personal flotation devices'. |
| 189-07 | US SAILING | Rule 28.1 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 190-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Rule 29.1 and Appendix A | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Problem recognized. Experimentation and new submissions encouraged. |
| 191-07 | US SAILING | Rule 29.1 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 192-07 | US SAILING | Rule 30 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | See attachment. |
| 193-07 | Swiss Sailing | Rule 30.1 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Impracticable for race officers. |
| 194-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 30.2, 30.3 and 80 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Accept reworded rule 80. Reject for rules 30.2 and 30.3. See sub. 192-07. |
| 195-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Rule 32.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 196-07 | US SAILING | Rule 32.2 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | See sub. 195-07. |
| 197-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Rule 33 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 198-07 | Yachting New Zealand | Rule 33(b) | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Change wording to 'if the length will be decreased [increased]'. |
| 199-07 | Chairman of the Equipment Committee | Rule 40 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Prefer subs. 200-07 and 201-07. |
| 200-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 40 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |

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| 201-07 | US SAILING | Rule 40.1 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Change added words to 'except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment'. Change 'life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy' to 'personal flotation devices'. |
| 202-07 | Fédération Française de Voile | Rule 41(a) | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Accept principle. To implement principle, amend proposal to read 'Delete rule 41(a).' |
| 203-07 | Chairman of the Race Officials Committee | Rule 41 | Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation | No guidelines provided to RRC. |
| 204-07 | US SAILING | Rule 44.3 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 205-07 | US SAILING | Rule 51 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Change first sentence to 'All movable ballast, including sails that are not set, shall be properly stowed.' Delete 'sails' from second sentence. |
| 206-07 | Chairman of the Race Officials Committee | Rule 60.2 and 78.3 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Change the added sentence to 'However, when the race committee receives a report required by rule 43.1(c) or 78.3, it shall protest the boat.' Also, change rule 43.1(c) by deleting ', which shall protest the boat of the competitor'. |
| 207-07 | International 49er Class Association | Rule 62.1 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Unnecessary, covered by current rule. |
| 208-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Rule 62.1 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Replace added text by ', but not by a protest committee decision when the boat was a <i>party</i> to the hearing'. |
| 209-07 | US SAILING | Rule 63.3(b) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 210-07 | Yachting New Zealand | Rule 63.4 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Only second sentence to be incorporated into rule 63.4 |
| 211-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 63.7 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 212-07 | Chairman of the Race Officials Committee | Rule 69 | Recommendation to Council: Defer | Accept principle of proposal 1. Text and reasons to be requested from ROC. RRC to vote by e-mail. Reject proposal 2; contrary to the concept of a warning. |
| 213-07 | US SAILING | Rule 69.1 and 69.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Accept principle for rule 69.1, WP to edit. Correlate with sub. 212-07. Reject proposal for rule 69.2(b); undesirable effect. Add '69.1(d)' to the rule numbers listed in rule 69.2(a). |

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| | | | | The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, John Doerr, stressed that it was important that any changes were put into the Race Officials Manual. |
| 214-07 | US SAILING | Rule 69.1(b) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 215-07 | US SAILING | Rule 69.2(a) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 216-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 70.1 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | See attachment. |
| 217-07 | Chairman of the Offshore Committee | Rule 78 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Accept in principle. Wording to be decided in consultation with Offshore Committee. |
| 218-07 | Chairman of the Race Officials Committee | Rule 86 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | No wording provided. Rules 86.2 and 86.3 allow these tests. |
| 219-07 | Royal Spanish Sailing Federation | Rule 86.1(c) and G5 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Not appropriate for non-ISAF classes. |
| 220-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 86.1 (b) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | See attachment. |
| 221-07 | Executive Committee | Rule 87 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | Accept second alternative. WP to provide wording. |
| 222-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 87 (new), J1.2(9) and J2.2(7), Appendix K, paragraph 1.5, and Appendix L, Instruction 1.5 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 223-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 87, J1.2(4), J2.2(5) and J2.2(6) | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Change title to 'National Prescriptions'. In rules J1.2 and J2.2 change 'prescription' to 'national prescription'. |
| 224-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule 89 .2(b), J1.2(4) and J2.2(6)J | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Insert 'When appropriate' at the beginning. |
| 225-07 | Bulgarian Sailing Federation and International RS:X Class | Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules | Recommendation to Council: Defer | Can be finalized only after main rulebook is determined. |
| 226-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule A11 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |

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| 227-07 | US SAILING | Rule A11 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Prefer sub. 226-07. |
| 228-07 | International Funboard Class Association | Appendix B2.4 | Recommendation to Council: Defer | See sub. 225-07. |
| 229-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix C, Rule C6.5(b) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 230-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix C, Rule C7.2(e) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 231-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix C, Rule C7.2(b) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 232-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Appendix D, Rule D1.1 | Recommendation to Council: Defer | Depends on decisions on main rulebook. |
| 233-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Appendix D , Rule D1.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 234-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Appendix D, Rule D2.1 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 235-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Appendix D, Rule D2.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 236-07 | Croatian Sailing Federation | Appendix E, Rule E4.2(b) | Recommendation to Council: Defer | Depends on decisions on main rulebook. |
| 237-07 | Croatian Sailing Federation | Appendix E Rule E4.4 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | WP to edit. |
| 238-07 | Chairman of the Equipment Committee | Appendix J, K and L | Recommendation to Council: Defer | No wording provided. WP to work together with Equipment Committee. |
| 239-07 | Royal Yachting Association | Appendix K and L , Preamble | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Impractical. |
| 240-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix K and L | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Extended to App. J too. |
| 241-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix K, Preamble | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 242-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix K, Paragraph 1.2 1st option, and Appendix L, Instruction 1.2, 1st option | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Change 'country' to 'national authority'. |
| 243-07 | Chairman of the | Appendix K, | Recommendation to | |

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| | Racing Rules Committee | Paragraph 1.4 and Appendix L, Instruction L1.4 | Council: Approve | |
| 244-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix K, Paragraph 1.6 (new) | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Unnecessary. |
| 245-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix L, Preamble, 3rd principle | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 246-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix L, Instruction 19.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Delete 'sails or'. Delete marginal note. |
| 247-07 | US SAILING | Appendix L, Instruction 9.1 and Instruction 9.2(new) | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 248-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix M, Preamble | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 249-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Appendix N | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 250-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule N2.2 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | See attachment. |
| 251-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Rule N2.3 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 252-07 | Chairman of the Race Officials Committee | Appendix P | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | See attachment. |
| 253-07 | US SAILING | Rule P2 and New Rule P4 | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | Proposal for rule P4 combined with sub. 252-07. Accept changes in rule P2. |
| 254-07 | US SAILING | Rule P3 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | |
| 255-07 | Royal Spanish Sailing Federation | Appendix P4 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Equivalent rule included in 2005. |

Special thanks to the Rule 18 Working Party, in particular the Chairman.

4. THE CASE BOOK

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

| <u>Number</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Rule</u> | <u>Recommendation</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| 256-07 | US SAILING | New Case | Recommendation to | Status already clear. |

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| | | | Council: Reject | |
| 257-07 | Royal Yachting Association | New Case | Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment | CBWP to edit. |
| 258-07 | US SAILING | New Case | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Encourage edited resubmission in 2008. |
| 259-07 | Royal Yachting Association | New Case | Recommendation to Council: Reject | |
| 260-07 | US SAILING | New Case | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 261-07 | US SAILING | New Case | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Improper to advise use of technicalities to avoid rule 69 action |

5. THE CALL BOOK FOR MATCH RACING

The Committee considered submission 267-07 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and made the following recommendation to Council:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Rule</u> | <u>Recommendation</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| 267-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Call UMP 20 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |

6. ISAF POLICY ON MNA PRESCRIPTIONS TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

The Committee considered submission 262-07 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about national prescriptions and made the following recommendation to Council:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Rule</u> | <u>Recommendation</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| 262-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |

7. ISAF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

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

| <u>Number</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Rule</u> | <u>Recommendation</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| 263-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | New Definition and Housekeeping | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |

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| 264-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Housekeeping | Recommendation to Council: Approve | |
| 265-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Regulation 31 | Recommendation to Council: Approve | In Reg. 31.3.4, add 'or procedures' after first 'the rules'. WP to edit references to ISAF website. In Reg. 31.2.5, delete "event's". |
| 266-07 | Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee | Regulation 31.2.5 | Recommendation to Council: Reject | Prefer sub. 265-07. |

8. ISAF REGULATIONS – RACING RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee considered submission 002-07 (other Committee) from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation about Regulation 6.1.1(a)(iv).

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve

Minor editing needed.

9. ISAF REGULATIONS – MAJOR EVENTS, EVENTS OF CLASSES AND ISAF EVENTS ADVERTISING

The Committee considered submission 006-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Regulation 18.16.5.

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve

10. RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE – CONSTITUTING THE COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee considered submission 018-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Regulation 15.19.

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Delete 'approve and' from Reg. 15.19.8(d).

11. RACING RULES COMMITTEE – CONSTITUTING THE COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee considered submission 020-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Regulation 15.21.

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Delete 'approve and' from Regs. 15.21.7(g) and (h).

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12. EQUIPMENT RULES OF SAILING

(a) Submission 063-07 Definition Equipment Rules of Sailing C.3.1

The Committee considered submission 063-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about definition C.3.1 and title to C.3.

Recommendation to Council:

WITHDRAWN

(b) Submission 064-07 Equipment Rules of Sailing ISAF Regulations – Housekeeping

The Committee considered submission 064-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Regulation 32.2.1.

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve

(c) Submission 067-07 ISAF Regulations - Definitions

The Committee considered submission 067-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about class rules.

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Change 'Section 3.1' to 'Rule C.2.1' and 'Rules, Class' to 'Class Rules'.

13. CLASS RULES OF ISAF AND NATIONAL CLASSES

The Committee considered submission 065-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about class rules of ISAF and national classes.

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve

14. RULES COMPLIANCE WORKING PARTY

The Race Officials Committee Chairman announced that the membership of the Working Party has to be reviewed as Bryan Willis had retired from the chairmanship. He reported that educational packages would be produced for race organizers, race officials and sailors around the world to help clarify issues of fair play, bad behaviour and rule 69 cases. He explained that the cost of these packages would come out of the Race Officials budget.

15. ISAF RACING RULES QUESTION AND ANSWER SERVICE

The Race Officials Committee Chairman reported that the Q&A service had got off to a slow start this year but was getting better with time; out of 10 questions answered, 5 have now been published.

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16. MEDAL RACE

(a) Report by the Addendum Q Working Party

The Committee received a verbal report from the Chairman of the Working Party. He reported that the Addendum Q Working Party was making a good deal of progress and that the medal race format was working well.

(b) Addendum Q

The Committee noted the current addendum.

(c) Information to Competitors

The Committee noted the current information.

(d) Experimental Appendix Q

The Committee received a verbal report from the Chairman of the Working Party.

17. RACING RULES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

(a) Equipment Committee

The Committee received a verbal report from the Equipment Committee Representative.

(b) Equipment Control Sub-Committee.

The Committee received a verbal report from Equipment Control Sub Committee Representative.

(c) Class Rule Sub-Committee

The Committee received a verbal report from Class Rule Sub Committee Representative. There had been issues over rule 86 and it was suggested that there were better ways to change the racing rules.

(d) Race Officials Committee

The Committee received a verbal report from the Race Officials Committee Chairman. He highlighted the cooperation between the Racing Rules Committee and the Race Officials Committee.

18. ISAF STRATEGIC PLAN

- (a) It was reported that a draft Racing Rules for Novices had been written and that it was a good basis for taking the project forward in 2008. The aim was to get feedback from the Committee over the next few months. Then the draft would be sent out to 50–100 sailing schools, yacht clubs, etc., around the world to try out. The rules should then be finalized with a view to publishing them after the November conference in 2008.

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- (b) Committee Terms of Reference and Skill Sets for the Events Committee submitted to the Executive Committee for the term of office November 2008 – November 2012.

It was agreed that a broad range of experience was required for the Committee: from active sailors to race officials and event organizers.

19. ANNUAL REPORT

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

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Submission 056-07 ISAF Regulations – Notices and Submissions

The Committee considered submission 056-07 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Regulation 1.5.1.

Recommendation to Council:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Add new last sentence: 'A submission or proposal to change a rule or regulation shall include proposed wording.'

- (b) The Chairman thanked the Working Party for all their hard work in a year with so many submissions. Special thanks for Dick Rose and the Rule 18 Working Party. The Chairman went on to thank the Committee, Vice President David Irish and the ISAF Staff for their support during the year.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Attachment:

Submission 175-07

79 CLASSIFICATION

If the notice of race or class rules state that some or all competitors must satisfy classification requirements, the classification shall be carried out as described in ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

Renumber current rules 79 and 80 appropriately.

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Submission 184-07

Delete Section C of Part 2 and replace it with:

Section C – At Marks and Obstructions

*Section C rules do not apply at a starting **mark** surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to **start** until they have passed them.*

18 AT A MARK

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However,

- (a) it only applies between boats on opposite *tacks* when the *mark* is an *off-wind mark* for both boats;
- (b) it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it; and
- (c) if the *mark* is a continuing *obstruction* rule 19 applies and rule 18 does not.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When boats are *overlapped* the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*, unless rule 18.2(b) applies.
- (b) If boats are *overlapped* when the first of them reaches the *zone*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*. If a boat is *clear ahead* when she reaches the *zone*, the boat *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*.
- (c) When a boat is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* is

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established. However, if either boat passes head to wind or if the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

- (d) If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an *overlap* in time, it shall be presumed that she did not.
- (e) If a boat established an inside *overlap* from *clear astern* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat has been unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking When Approaching a Mark

If two boats were approaching a *mark* on opposite *tacks* and one of them tacks, becoming subject to rule 13 in the *zone* when the other is *fetching* the *mark*, rule 18.2 does not thereafter apply. The boat that changed *tack*

- (a) shall not cause the other boat to sail above close-hauled to avoid her or prevent the other boat from passing the *mark* on the required side, and
- (b) shall give *mark-room* if the other boat becomes *overlapped* inside her.

18.4 Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she gybes she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.4 does not apply at a gate *mark*.

18.5 Exoneration

If a boat entitled to *mark-room* is at the *mark*, and she breaks a rule of Section A or B in taking the *mark-room* to which she was entitled, she shall be exonerated, except when contact causes damage or injury.

19 ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION

19.1 When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between boats at an *obstruction* except when it is also a *mark* the boats are required to leave on the same side. However, at a continuing *obstruction*, rule 19 always applies and rule 18 does not.

19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction

- (a) When boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat shall give the inside boat *room* to pass between her and the *obstruction*, unless the outside boat has been unable to give *room* from the time the *overlap* began.
- (b) In exception to rule 19.2(a), while boats are passing a continuing *obstruction*, if a boat that was *clear astern* and required to *keep clear* becomes *overlapped* between the other boat and the *obstruction* and, at the moment the *overlap* begins, there is not *room* for her to pass between them, she is not entitled to *room* and shall *keep clear* while the boats remain *overlapped*. In this case, rules 10 and 11 do not apply.

20 ROOM TO TACK AT AN OBSTRUCTION

When approaching an *obstruction*, a boat sailing close-hauled or above may hail for *room* to tack and avoid another boat on the same *tack*. After a boat hails,

- (a) she shall give the hailed boat time to respond;
- (b) the hailed boat shall respond either by tacking as soon as possible or by immediately replying 'You tack' and then giving the hailing boat *room* to tack and avoid her; and
- (c) the hailing boat shall then tack as soon as possible.

A boat shall not hail unless safety requires her to make a substantial course change to avoid the *obstruction*. Also, she shall not hail if the *obstruction* is a *mark* that the hailed boat is *fetching*. When rule 20 applies, rules 18 and 19 do not.

Renumber rules 20, 21 and 22 appropriately.

17 ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE

17.1 If a boat *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* within two of her hull lengths to *leeward* of a boat on the same *tack*, she shall not sail above her *proper course* while they remain **on the same tack and overlapped** within that distance, unless in doing so she promptly sails astern of the other boat. *[No further change.]*

17.2 Except on a beat to windward, while a boat is less than two of her hull lengths from a *leeward* boat, or a boat *clear astern* **on the same tack** sailing a course to pass to *leeward* of her, she shall not sail below her *proper course* unless she gybes.

Note: Prior to 1 January 2007, ISAF agreed to change rule 17.2 by deleting 'steering a course' and replacing it with 'sailing a course to pass'.

Definitions

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One boat is *clear astern* of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is *clear ahead*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern*. However, they also *overlap* when a boat between them *overlaps* both. **These terms always apply to boats on the same tack. They only apply to boats on opposite tacks when both boats are sailing off-wind.** ~~These terms do not apply to boats on opposite tacks unless rule 18 applies.~~

Fetching A boat is *fetching* a *mark* when she is in a position to pass to windward of it and leave it on the required side without changing *tack*.

Mark-Room *Room* for a boat to sail to the *mark*, and then *room* to sail her *proper course* while at the *mark*. However, *mark-room* does not include *room* to tack unless the boat is **overlapped to windward and on the inside of the boat required to give mark-room.**

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Obstruction An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions*. However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her, give her *room* or mark-room or, if rule ~~22~~ 24 applies, avoid her. **A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.**

Off-Wind A boat is sailing *off-wind* if she is sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind. A mark is an *off-wind mark* for a boat if, were she approaching it on the direct course from her previous *mark*, she would be sailing *off-wind*.

~~**Two-Length Zone** The area around a mark or obstruction within a distance of two hull lengths of the boat nearer to it.~~

Zone The area around a *mark* within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*.

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Submission 192-07

30 STARTING PENALTIES

30.1 **I Flag Rule** ~~Round-an-End Rule~~

If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the **last** minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before *starting*.

30.2 **Z Flag Rule** ~~20% Penalty Rule~~

If flag Z has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the **last** minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% **Scoring Penalty** ~~scoring penalty~~ calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). She shall be penalized even if the race is restarted **or** resailed ~~or rescheduled~~, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. **If she is similarly identified during a subsequent attempt to start the same race, she shall receive an additional 20% Scoring Penalty.**

30.3 **Black Flag Rule**

If a black flag has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the **last** minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted **or** resailed ~~or rescheduled~~, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. If a general recall is signalled or the race is *abandoned* after the starting signal, the race

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committee shall display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score. ~~If this rule applies rule 29.1 does not.~~

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Submission 216-07

End rule 70.1 at 'facts found'.

Insert new rule 70.3 as follows:

- 70.3** An appeal under rule 70.1 or a request by a protest committee under rule 70.2 shall be sent to the national authority with which the organizing authority is associated under rule 88.1. However, if boats will pass through the waters of more than one national authority while *racing*, the sailing instructions shall identify the national authority to which appeals or requests may be sent.

Renumber current 70.3, 70.4 and 70.5 appropriately.

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Submission 220-07

86 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

86.1 A racing rule shall not be changed unless permitted in the rule itself or as follows:

- (a) *[No change]*
- (b) Sailing instructions may change a racing rule ~~by referring specifically to it and stating the change~~, but not rule 76.1, Appendix F, or a rule listed in rule 86.1(a). **However, the sailing instructions may change to 'two' or 'four' the number of hull lengths determining the zone around marks, provided that the number is the same for all boats using those marks. If the sailing instructions change a rule or that definition, they shall refer specifically to the rule or definition and state the change.**

Add to Appendix L:

Use when the racing area is particularly small.

1.5

In the definition zone the distance is changed to two hull lengths.

Use when the boats racing are particularly fast.

1.6

In the definition zone the distance is changed to four hull lengths.

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Submission 250-07

N2.2 Unless the organizing authority directs otherwise, the jury shall **decide**

- (a) ~~decide~~ questions of eligibility, measurement or boat certificates; and
- (b) **whether to** authorize the substitution of competitors, boats, ~~sails~~ or equipment when a *rule* requires **such a decision** authorization.

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Submissions 252-07 and 253-07 – Combined Rule P4

A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the protest committee or its designated observer under rule P1 except when the action was improper due to the judge's failure to account for a race committee signal or a class rule.