

ISAF CLASSES COMMITTEE

MET AT 1030 – 1800 HOURS ON SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2008 IN THE HIDALGO ROOM, AT THE HOTEL MELIA CASTILLA, MADRID, SPAIN.

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



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Committee

Jeff MARTIN (GBR) – Chairman (Laser Class)
David SPRAGUE (CAN) – Vice Chairman (Lightning)
Richard HART (GBR) Equipment Control Rep
Michael Grandfield (USA) Equipment Committee Rep

David BROOKES (AUS)
- Class Rules Rep. (Hobie 14,16,17,18, Tiger)
Ceri WILLIAMS (GBR) Windsurfing Rep
Dina KOWALYSHYN (USA) Womens Rep

Classes Representatives

6 Metre –
8 Metre - John Lammerts van Bueren
12 Metre -
Int 14 - Colin Smith
29er -
49er - Malav Schroff
420 - Jose Massapina
470 - Alberto Predieri
Cadet - Steve Proffitt
Contender - Martin Söderström
Europe - Jan Abrahamsen
Enterprise – John Woodward
Dart 18 -
Finn - Corrine Rolland-Mckenzie
Fireball - Andrew Davis
Flying Dutchman – Stephen Perry
Formula Experience Windsurfing
- Marc Cardon

Funboard - Bruno de Wannemaeker

Mirror – Jeremy Pudney
Melges 24 - Henri Samuel
Nacra F18– Jim Young
Optimist - Helen Mary Wilkes
RS:X – Rich Jeffries
Sonar – Gilmour Manuel
Sunfish – Andres Jantana
Snipe - Brainard Cooper
Speedsailing - Markus Schwendtner
Splash – Pam Johnson
Star – Bill Allen
Tornado – Carolijn Brouwer
Vaurien - Ugo Zappi
Yngling - Mattais Dahlström

*Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 14 November 2008 on the ISAF website for the **final council** decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes. The final decision on all submissions is the ISAF Council. Where an 'opinion' to 'reject' or 'approve' is shown against a submission in the minutes this is only the opinion of the ISAF Classes Committee (ICC). The final decision by the ISAF Council may be different from the ICC after hearing the opinions of other committees.*

Before proceeding to the agenda, the Chairman noted that several Class Representatives did not have the submission booklet. The Secretariat post the submission booklet to the principal Class Association contact person in September. The deadline in Regulation 6.1.1(a)(i) for the Class Association to appoint its representative to the Classes Committee is two weeks before the November meeting. The onus is on the Class Association to provide their representative

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attending the Classes Committee meeting with the submission details which are also on the ISAF Website. Regarding the submission spreadsheet which the Chairman circulates to Classes in October it was agreed that when the Class Representative has been nominated they should be also included on the email circulation.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The minutes were noted of the ISAF Classes Committee meeting of 3 November 2007. There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda.

2. SUBMISSIONS

(a) Deferred submission 166-07 International Race Manager – Change Title of International Race Officer

Deferred submission 166-07 was reviewed regarding changing the title of International Race Officer to International Race Manager. There was a view that 'officers give orders and managers manage'. On a proposal by David Sprague, seconded by Michael Grandfield the submission was rejected.

Opinion: Reject it was recommended to change the term 'Race Official' rather than 'Race Officer.'

(b) 005-08 Class Rules Sub-committee- Terms of Reference - Regulation 15.2.6

Submission 005-08 was received from the Executive Committee regarding a house-keeping submission to the Class Rules sub-committee terms of reference.

Opinion: Approve

(c) Olympic Classes Representation on Council Article 39.1(e) – Submission 017-08

Submission 017-08 was received from the Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee about representation of a member of Olympic Classes Sub Committee on Council. On a proposal by Jeff Martin, seconded by David Sprague the submission was approved with one against.

Opinion: Approve with the caveat that if passed, the ICC will have one representative from Olympic classes and one from non-Olympic classes.

(d) Olympic Classes Representation on the Events Committee – Submission 018-08

Submission 018-08 was received from the Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee about representation on the Events Committee.

Opinion: Approve with the caveat that if passed, the ICC will have one representative from Olympic classes and one from non-Olympic classes

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(e) **Athletes Commission Representation on Council – Submission 019-08**

Submission 019-08 was noted from the Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee about representation of the Athletes Commission on Council.

Opinion: Approve

(f) **022-08 International Umpire - Regulation 18.16.1 (c)**

Submission 022-08 was noted from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about fees.

Opinion: Approve

(g) **024-08 Olympic Jury - Regulation 16.3.1**

Submission 024-08 was noted from Bulgarian Sailing Federation regarding the composition of the Olympic Jury.

Opinion: Reject

However, it was noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee support parts (a) and (f) of the submission and the ISAF Classes Committee agree with this position.

(h) **027-08 Classification Code - Competitor Classifications - Regulation 22.2**

Submission 027-08 was noted from the Executive Committee regarding clarification of payment for services in the ISAF Sailor Classification Code.

Opinion: Approve

(i) **029-08 Committee Appointment Process - Regulation 6.2.2**

Submission 029-08 was noted from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation regarding requiring the committee member appointment process to only appointment one chairman from any country and only one committee member on each committee from a country. It was noted that the majority of classes had indicated prior to the meeting that they wanted to reject the submission. On a proposal by Jeff Martin, seconded by David Sprague the submission was rejected with 1 abstention and 3 against.

Opinion: Reject

(j) **030-08 Internet Provision - New Regulation 11**

Submission 030-08 was noted from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation regarding the provision of free internet access at ISAF Conferences and Meetings.

Opinion: Approve

(k) **031-08 ISAF Development Policy**

Submission 031-08 was noted from the Irish Sailing Association regarding allocation of a specific budget for development in countries in ISAF Category 2 or less.

Opinion: Approve

(l) **Reinstatement of Multihull Committee - Submission 032-08**

It was noted that submission 032-08 had been withdrawn by the Formula 18 Class Association regarding reinstating the Multihull Committee.

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(m) Offshore Racing - Regulation 18.7 - Submission 033-08

Submission 033-08 from the Executive Committee was noted about updating the regulations regarding IMS to reflect ORCi.

Opinion: Approve subject to it also being supported by the Offshore Committee

(n) ISAF Anti-Doping Code – Submission 039-08

Submission 039-08 from the Executive Committee was noted about updating Regulation 21 ISAF Anti-Doping Code.

Helen-Mary Wilkes questioned whether WADA's rules have changed since 2002 regarding testing at one age-group events which only involve under 16 year-olds. Helen Fry (the ISAF Staff member responsible for anti doping administration), advised that an education program will be on the ISAF website and a mailshot will be sent to all ISAF Classes. More information www.sailing.org/medical

(o) Obtaining Designation as an International or Recognized Class - Submission 071-08

Submission 071-08 from US Sailing was noted about requiring Offshore Special Regulations compliance for yacht classes obtaining designation as an ISAF Class. It was felt that the wording of the submission implied that the OSR should be applied instead of the ERS which was not appropriate. It was felt that safety regulations should be event driven.

Opinion: Reject

(p) Formation of Class Rule Interpretation Panel - Submission 072-08

Submission 072-08 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee was noted about the formation of the class rule interpretation panel.

Opinion: Approve

(q) 082-08 Olympic Sailing Competition - Strategy

Submission 082-08 from Yachting Australia was noted about developing a strategy for the sport of sailing in the Olympic Games.

Opinion: Approve with the ISAF Classes having a formal input to this strategy

(r) 083-08 Olympic Sailing Competition - Selection Process

Submission 083-08 from the Chairmen of the Womens Committee and Womens Forum was received regarding the selection of events and equipment for the Olympic Games.

Opinion: Approve with the ISAF Classes having a formal input to this strategy

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(s) Olympic Sailing Competition - Classes and Equipment - Submission 091-08

Submission 091-08 was received from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation about only selecting International classes for the Olympic sailing competition. On a vote of 19 in favour and 21 against the submission was rejected. The principle of permitting Recognised classes and one exception was approved on a vote of 18 in favour and 6 against. The motion to remove the exception for one class was rejected on a vote 6 in favour and 10 against.

Opinion: Reject suggested wording "Only International or Recognised Classes shall be selected to sail at the Olympic Sailing Competition with the exception of one class per quadrenium"

(t) 093-08 Agenda for Ordinary General Meeting - Article 33

Submission 093-08 was received from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation about amending the Constitution Article 33 so that the agenda of the General Assembly includes selecting the Events and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition. On a proposal by David Sprague seconded by Jeff Martin the submission was rejected with one against.

Opinion: Reject

(u) 094-08 Olympic Sailing Competition - Classes and Equipment - Regulation 16.1.1 - 16.1.5

Submission 094-08 was noted from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation about amending Regulation 16 so that the General Assembly selects the Events and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition. On a proposal by David Sprague, seconded by Helen-Mary Wilkes the submission was rejected.

Opinion: Reject

(v) 101-08 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships - Regulation 17.4.4

Opinion: No Recommendation

(w) 102-08 Classes for the ISAF Sailing Youth World Championship - Regulation 17.4.10

Opinion: No Recommendation

(x) 103-08 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships - Equipment - Regulation 17.4.4

It was noted that there was a secretarial error in the submission which should have included the current multihull discipline.

Opinion: No Recommendation

(y) 104-08 Addition of Event to Youth Worlds - Regulation 17.4.4

Opinion: No Recommendation

(z) 105-08 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship - Regulation 17.4.10

Opinion: No Recommendation

(aa) 109-08 Youth Olympic Games Equipment Selection - Introduce Common Policy and New Regulations

Submission 109-08 was noted from the International Laser Class Association

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regarding selecting equipment for the Youth Olympic Games in a similar manner to the Olympic Sailing Competition.

Opinion: Approve

(bb) 111-08 Prize Money - Prize Money Olympic Class Events and Championships

Submission 111-08 was noted from the International RS:X Class Association proposing that prize money be made available at Olympic Class Events.

Opinion: Approve support in principle

(cc) 147-08 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 89

Submission 147-08 was noted from the Royal Yachting Association regarding clarifying that RRS 89.1(c) does not include class associations. It was suggested that the submission did not sufficiently clarify the present situation. On a proposal to reject by David Sprague seconded by Henri Samuel the submission was rejected with one vote against.

Opinion: Reject

(dd) 148-08 Racing Rule of Sailing 50.4 - Headsail Definition - The Distinction Between Headsails and Spinnakers

Submission 148-08 was noted from the International Flying Dutchman Class Organisation, proposing an amendment to Racing Rule 50.4 regarding the definition of a headsail.

Ken Kershaw as an observer considered that the RRS 50.4 needs to be changed but that the proposal in the submission was undesirable and that the matter should be referred to the Equipment Control Sub-Committee.

Opinion: Defer to the Equipment Control Sub-Committee to come up with a workable solution.

(ee) 175-08 Membership of the Windsurfing Committee - Kite Surfing

Submission 175-08 was noted from the Chairman of the Windsurfing Committee proposing that a representative of the kitesurfing community be added to the Windsurfing Committee.

Opinion: Approve

3. REGULATION 20 – ADVERTISING CODE

(a) Advertising Code - Submission 038-08

Submission 038-08 was received from the Executive Committee about amendments to the ISAF advertising code.

Philip Tolhurst as Chairman of the working party reported that some amendments had been made regarding the definition of a competitor, the reference to a class General Assembly had been changed to normal class association governance. Colin Smith expressed concern regarding 20.5.3(c) regarding Organising Authorities. It was felt that it should be made clear that the competitor has a right to remove manufacturers marks from their

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own boat. The consensus was that the classes were pleased to have an Advertising Code with a provision for Class Sponsorship. Ken Kershaw expressed concern about the dimensions in the code and would ask the Equipment Control Sub-Committee to comment. On a proposal by David Sprague seconded by Helen Mary Wilkes the submission was approved unanimously on the basis that further work would be made by Philip Tolhurst and Alberto Predieri.

Opinion: Approve based on the amendments made by the Working Party. The ICC recommend the working party is maintained to quickly answer any issues and interpretations that may arise.

4. EQUIPMENT RULES OF SAILING

It was noted that the 2009-2012 Equipment Rules of Sailing has been circulated by email to ISAF Classes and MNAs on the 16th June 2008.

www.sailing.org/ers

5. CLASS RULES & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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

Deferred submission 065-07 was received from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding class rules containing championship rules. Bill Abbott as Chairman of the working party reported on their proposal to divide Class Rules into two sections:

- (i) The Class Equipment Rules would include rules always in effect (unless changed by Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions).
- (ii) The Class Event Rules - Rules that have to be individually invoked by Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions and 'Other Rules'

Henri Samuel thought that rules that can be protested should be in Class Rules. It was questioned whether ISAF would need to approve Class Event Rules. David Sprague felt that the proposal was an attack on a class's autonomy. John Koopman noted the ERS terminology such as the word 'shall' does not go well with Race Management issues.

On a proposal by David Sprague, seconded by Brainard Cooper it was agreed to defer the submission and circulate working party draft proposals to all classes.

Opinion: Defer until the mid year meeting of the Equipment Committee 2009 to allow the working party further time to develop a satisfactory solution. Working Party members Bill Abbott(Chairman), Stephen Parry, David Sprague, Michael Grandfield and Dick Rose.

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6. OLYMPIC CLASSES SUB-COMMITTEE

The ISAF Classes Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee:

(a) OCSC Agenda Item No 6a – 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition

Recommendation to Council:

A representative of the Olympic Classes Sub Committee should be appointed to the Events Committee Format Working Party.

(b) OCSC Agenda Item No 6b – Nation Qualification System for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition

Recommendation to Council:

Approve

Nation Qualification System for the 2012 Olympic Qualification:

Report for November 2008 meeting

Council should adopt the following policy for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition:

“There shall be two nation qualification regattas for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition. These shall be the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships and a class World Championship (or major continental championship agreed with ISAF) held in 2012 before 1 June 2012. 75% of each event's entry quota shall be qualified from that event's 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships. 25% of each event's entry quota shall be qualified from that event's 2012 World Championships (or major continental championship agreed with ISAF). Those NOCs already qualified from the previous qualifying events shall not be considered.”

This is the same policy adopted by Council for the 2008 Olympic Games. The principle of 2 country qualification events prior to an Olympic games using the ISAF Sailing World Championships and a following major class championship has worked well since introduced for the 2004 Olympic Games. The 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships is the pinnacle ISAF event and should be the major nation qualifying regatta for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition. The decision should be made now to allow potential host countries and class associations to organise and plan events in what is a very small time window in 2012.

(c) OCSC Agenda Item 7 – ISAF Sailing World Cup

Recommendation to Council

It is recommended that a representative from the Olympic Classes Sub Committee and the Athletes Commission should be appointed to the ISAF Sailing World Cup Managing Group.

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(d) OCSC Agenda Item 7 – ISAF Sailing World Cup

Recommendation to Council

1. Where possible ISAF shall appoint race officials for the 2009 ISAF Sailing World Cup events. For 2010 and beyond ISAF shall appoint race officials for the ISAF Sailing World Cup.
2. The ICC also recommend that a policy be established for judging levels and practices at World Cup events through the ISAF Sailing World Cup event manual and that a similar policy for grade one events.

(e) OCSC Agenda Item 9 – 2013 ISAF Sailing World Championships

Recommendation to Council

The Olympic Classes Sub Committee recommends that the ISAF Sailing World Championships should be held every four years. The Council decision of May 2008 to run the ISAF Worlds every two years from 2013 should be reviewed. Holding the ISAF Worlds every two years will create conflict with the ISAF Sailing World Cup, affect Olympic Class World Championships and create problems finding enough suitable venues.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ICC REPRESENTATIVES ON ISAF COMMITTEES

(a) Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee.

In accordance with Regulation 6.11.1 (a) :

Jeff Martin was proposed as Chairman by Jeremy Pudney, seconded by Corrine Rolland-Mckenzie and unanimously re-elected.

For the position of Vice-Chairman there were two nominations:

- (i) Helen-Mary Wilkes proposed by Corrine Rolland-Mckenzie and seconded by Jose Massapina.
 - (ii) David Brookes proposed by Jeff Martin and seconded by Steve Parry
- Helen-Mary Wilkes was elected as Vice-Chairman.

(b) Appointment of the Council Member for the ISAF Classes Committee

Jeff Martin was proposed as the Council Member by David Sprague and seconded by Helen Mary Wilkes and unanimously approved.

(c) Election of ISAF Classes Committee representatives to other committees

The ISAF Classes Committee representatives to other committees were elected as follows:

Events Committee: Corrine Rolland-Mckenzie – Proposed by Jeff Martin, seconded by Helen Mary Wilkes.

Equipment Committee: David Brookes – Proposed by Jeff Martin, seconded by David Sprague

Equipment Control Sub-Committee: Richard Hart – Proposed by Jeff Martin, seconded by David Sprague

Class Rules Sub-Committee: Michael Grandfield – Proposed by Jeff Martin, seconded by David Sprague

Windsurfing Committee: Ceri Williams – Proposed by Bruno de Wannemaeker seconded by Marc Cardon

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8. REVIEW OF ISAF CLASSES

It was noted that the class annual reports are available on the ISAF website.
(www.sailing.org/classes)

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Connect to Sailing

Tim Coventry gave a presentation regarding the Connect to Sailing project which is aimed at fostering young sailors at grass roots level in learn to sail programs. www.sailing.org/connecttosailing.php

(b) In-House Certification

Bas Edmonds (RYA) made a short report on progress with the ISAF In-House Certification scheme in the UK with a training structure in place and three sailmakers signed up with the scheme. www.sailing.org/ihc

There being no further business the Chairman closed proceedings at 1813 by thanking David Sprague for his work as the Vice Chairman.