

## **TEAM RACING SUB-COMMITTEE**



MET AT 1430 – 1800 HOURS ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008 AT THE HOTEL MELIA CASTILLA, MADRID, SPAIN

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#### **Present:**

Chris Atkins (GBR) – Chairman  
Ajay Balram (IND)  
Susan Daly (USA)  
Alfredo Ricci (ITA)  
David Sprague (CAN)

#### **Apologies received:**

Jan Krecirik (CZE) – Vice Chairman

## **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **(a) Minutes**

The committee noted the minutes of the Team Racing Sub-Committee meeting of 6 November 2007.

### **(b) Minutes – matters arising**

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

## **2. TEAM RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **(a) 2009 ISAF Team Racing World Championship**

The committee received an update report from the Technical Delegate on the 2009 ISAF Team Racing World Championship to be held in Perth, Western Australia from 31 January to 8 February 2009.

In general, the preparations are well underway and the two host clubs are ready to welcome the competitors for the World Championship.

It was noted that the number of entries will be 16 or 17 but most of the teams will qualify for the Under 21 competition as well.

The committee learned that some potential entries did not enter due to the economical climate.

### **(b) 2011 ISAF Team Racing World Championship**

The committee noted an expression of interest from Schull, Ireland, to host the 2011 World Championship.

It was felt that Schull would be very suitable venue for a successful championship. The suggested host is a small sailing club with a lot of team racing experience and with a highly developed sailing centre enclosed. All equipment is already in place which would help to keep the costs low.

## **TEAM RACING SUB-COMMITTEE (CONT).**

The event should return to Europe for 2011 and the location which is easily accessible by plane or car should help to attract many competitors.

The committee encourages Schull to bid for the event and the Competitions Manager was asked to provide Schull guidance for a successful bid.

(c) **Strategy for future World Championships**

The committee discussed the future development of the World Championships. It was felt that the event should be the pinnacle event for Team Racing world wide.

The committee discussed the proposal to change the restriction on teams per country. It was felt that this would help to increase the number of participating teams and most probably the quality of the event. This will however need some changes in the current policies (number of teams entitled to win a medal per country). Furthermore, a quota system per country needs to be developed.

It was felt that a series of qualifying events should be developed where winners would be offered fixed entries to the World Championship. Such events could be the Optimist Team Racing World Championship, the Bruno Rizzotti Trophy in Venice or the Wilson Trophy in West Kerby or the Hinman Trophy in the USA.

It noted that as for all other ISAF events the entries need to be endorsed by the relevant member national authority.

Another discussion was about age restrictions. It was noted that most of the teams at the 2007 Worlds and entered to the 2009 Worlds would qualify for the Under 21 competition. The committee felt that the development of age groups should be monitored carefully and the age groups should be reviewed if necessary.

### **3. PROMOTION OF TEAM RACING**

(a) **Objectives and strategy**

The committee noted activities around the world in the past year.

The introduction of a Youth Championship in Great Britain was an important step for Team Racing. Significant development of Team Racing took place in Asia (Singapore, Thailand, Qatar, Bahrain, Algeria) and in conjunction with events in the Optimist class.

The committee felt that the inclusion of Team Racing into Regional Games as discipline for youth sailing is an important objective for the next team.

## **TEAM RACING SUB-COMMITTEE (CONT).**

(b) Youth and Junior Team Racing

The committee strongly felt that a partnership with youth classes is vital for the development of Team Racing as youth and junior discipline. Links to the Optimist class are already well established, a partnership with the 420 class should be a main aim for the future.

(c) Promotion of Team Racing through MNA's and Clubs.

The committee felt that the promotion of keelboat team racing (2 against 2) will have positive impact to establish adult's team racing. The use of existing match racing fleets should be used for Team Racing as well. The New York Yacht Club has already such scheme which works very well.

(d) ISAF Website

The committee recommended that the chairman of the next committee should appoint a working party to review and update the presentation of Team Racing on the ISAF website.

## **4. TEAM RACING MANAGEMENT**

The committee noted the Team Racing Standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and the format options for Team Racing events provided in these documents.

The committee thanked the working party for producing these documents.

## **5. UMPIRES**

(a) Seminars

Alfredo Ricci reported on the scheduling of Seminars and Clinics. It was noted that there will be an ISAF Team Racing Seminar in Oxford, UK in autumn 2009. The committee felt that Seminars and clinics are an important tool to promote Team Racing and to increase the quality of race officials and competitors.

(b) Assessments and Clinics

The committee recommended the IUSC to identify and to appoint a Team Racing Umpire Assessor for North America during 2009.

(c) Standards

The committee thanked the Rapid Response and Call Book Working Parties for their work over the past year, in particular the Call Book Working Party which has updated the Call Book to reflect the 2009-2012 rules. A small working group has already made good progress on updating and improving the Team Racing Umpire Manual; this should be taken forward by the next committee in liaison with the relevant members of the Race Officials committee and its sub-committees.

## **TEAM RACING SUB-COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **6. RACING RULES OF SAILING**

#### **(a) Submissions**

To consider the following submissions and make a recommendation to the Events Committee:

<i>No.</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>about</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
155-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Delete current Team Racing Calls: B5, D9, D10, E9 and J2	Approve
157-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	New Team Racing Call D9	Approve subject to better wording
158-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	New Team Racing Call D10	Approve
159-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	New Team Racing Call H5	Approve
160-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	New Team Racing Call M7	Approve
161-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	New Team Racing Call M8	Approve
162-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	New Team Racing Call J6	Approve
163-08	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	New Team Racing Call L6	Approve

### **7. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Submission 011-08**

The committee considered the submission 011-08 from the Executive Committee about the Committee's Term of Reference.

#### **Recommendation to the Events Committee:**

***Approve with the following amendment:***

***Delete "each year" in 15.26.6 (a).***

## **TEAM RACING SUB-COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The chairman thanked the committee members for their contribution in the past four years.

As there were no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 18.00hrs.