

### **Constituting the Offshore Committee**

A submission from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee

**Proposal:**

Regulation 15.17 to be amended as follows:

***Constituting the Committee***

- 15.17.1 The Offshore Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 59.
- 15.17.2 The Offshore Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 59 **and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.** **All members shall be active at the time of their appointment in offshore racing or its administration and at least half of them shall be representatives of the principal offshore racing areas of the world.**
- 15.17.3 The Chairman shall be appointed by the Council.
- 15.17.4 **The Vice Chairman shall be appointed by the Council and shall be one of the members of the Offshore Committee appointed in accordance with this regulation.**
- 15.17.5.1 In addition to the Chairman, the following shall comprise the committee:
- (a) The Chairman of the Oceanic Sub-Committee
  - (b) The Chairman of the Special Regulations Committee
  - (c) The Chairman of the International Regulations Commission
  - (d) The Chairman of the Empirical Handicap Committee
  - (e) **One member, other than the Chairman, of the Oceanic Sub-Committee who shall be nominated by the Chairman of the Offshore Committee as having knowledge of major oceanic events**
  - (f) **Two members selected by Rating Systems designated in accordance with Regulation 28. In the event that more than two members are nominated by those Systems, two of those so nominated will be selected by ballot.**
  - (g) Ten other members
- 15.17.5.2 **When selecting members for the Offshore Committee, the Council shall have regard to**
- (a) the experience in offshore racing of the individual and his active participation in it or its administration; and
  - (b) **the need to maintain a geographical balance in its selection; and**
  - (c) **the need to ensure representation of those countries with the largest offshore racing fleets.**
- 15.17.6 **In order to assist the Council in making its selection, not later than six months before each General Assembly, the Offshore Committee shall identify to the Council those regions in the world that are the principle offshore racing areas and that have the largest offshore racing fleets**

Current Position:**Constituting the committee**

15.17.1 The Offshore Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 59.

15.17.2 The Offshore Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 59.

15.17.3 The Offshore Committee shall be comprised as follows:

- (a) One member representing Offshore Classes;
- (b) One member representing Major Oceanic Events (shall be an Oceanic Sub-committee member);
- (c) Two members representing International and Recognized Rating systems;

*Note: Each of these groups of organizations will be entitled to appoint, substitute, and replace individuals to represent them at meetings of the Offshore Committee. Where there are two or more such organizations within a group then between them, they shall select their representative by vote. If they are unable or unwilling to make such a selection then the Chairman of the Offshore Committee shall, taking account of any proposals made to him/her by the members of that group, make such selection as he/she deems appropriate.*

- (d) Chairman of Oceanic Sub-committee;
- (e) Chairman of Special Regulations Sub-committee;
- (f) Chairman of International Regulations Commission;
- (g) Ten members of the Offshore Committee shall be nominated by Member National Authorities (these to be selected by the Executive Committee and approved by Council, having regard to the individual's experience and active participation in offshore racing, maintaining a geographical balance and representation of those countries with the largest offshore racing fleets);
- (h) All representatives shall be currently active in Offshore Racing, or its administration, and at least half of the Committee shall be representatives of the principle offshore racing areas in the world.

*Note: The above wording was approved by Council in June 2004, subject to House Keeping changes by the ISAF Constitution Committee.*

15.17.4-15.17.5      *Reserved for future use*

Reason:

Housekeeping as required by the regulations.

**2007 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE****COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2007**

Council received Submission 145-07 from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee.

The recommendation from the Offshore Committee was noted.

**Decision**

**Council deferred Submission 145-07 for further consideration.** *(28 in favour, 4 against, 0 abstain)*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPINIONS – NOVEMBER 2007**

**Executive Committee Recommendation**

The Executive Committee recommended to reject submission 145-07.

**Constitution Committee Opinion**

The Constitution Committee considered submission 145-07 from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee about Constituting the Offshore Committee.

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

The Constitution Committee has reviewed this submission and is satisfied with the proposed wording subject to the amendments below:

That Regulation 15.17.2 be amended as follows:

The Offshore Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 59 **and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.**

**All members shall be active at the time of their appointment be active in offshore racing or its administration and at least half of them shall be representatives of the principal offshore racing areas of the world.**

That Regulation 15.17.5.1 (g) be amended as follows:

**(g) Not more than** ten other members

The Constitution Committee notes that in event that the Oceanic Sub-committee is disbanded (See Submission 015-07) there will need to be conforming changes to Regulation 15.17.

**Offshore Committee Opinion**

The Committee received Submission 145-07 from the Chairman of Offshore Committee regarding constituting the Committee. The Chairman explained that principally the submission was just housekeeping amendments he had prepared with the Chairman of the Constitution Committee. However he noted that considerable work had been done by the late Ken Ellis in creating the current Offshore Committee membership and that those background papers should be reviewed before considering any changes to the structure and bearing in mind the debate regarding oceanic event representation he recommended that the submission be deferred.

**Opinion:Defer**