



**International Association
for Disabled Sailing**

The Executive Committee and the Committee Chairmen of the International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) met by telephone on Tuesday 20 March 2007 from 2100-2230 GMT/UTC.

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Present:

IFDS Executive Committee

Serge Jorgensen (USA) – President	SJ
Gustaf Fresk (SWE) – Vice President	GF
Linda Merkle (USA) – Vice President	IH
Jan Romme (NED) – Vice President	JR
David Staley (AUS) – Vice President	DS
John Twomey (IRL) – Vice President	JT

IFDS Committee Chairmen

Ian Harrison – IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission Chairman	IH
Jurgen Schwittai – IFDS Medical Officer	JS

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Luissa Smith (GBR) – Director of Training and Development	LS
Emma Little (GBR) – Disabled Sailing Secretary	EL

Apologies:

Pauline Harrison – IFDS Development Committee Chairman	PH
Nucci Novi Ceppellini (ITA) – Vice-President	NC

1. IFDS MEDICAL COMMITTEE

(a) IFDS International Classifications

The Medical Committee had been contacted with regard to providing further opportunities for sailors to receive IFDS International Classifications. It has been agreed that there will be classifications at the Semaine Olympique Française, Hyeres, 19-27 April 2007 and the 10th Berlin Cup 2007, 4-6 May 2007.

A system is currently being devised which will assist in the process of selecting IFDS International Classifiers to attend events based on

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geographical location and to ensure a spread of events for each classifier.

(b) Per diem – IFDS International Classifications

The per diem for IFDS International Classifiers was discussed.

Decision

- 1. When event organizers have requested that there be IFDS International Classifications available, then the travel, accommodation and sustenance costs of the classifiers are to be met by the organizing committee.**
- 2. When IFDS International Classifiers have been asked to attend an event by the IFDS Executive Committee, then IFDS will cover the travel costs, with the accommodation and sustenance to be covered by the organizing committee.**

(c) IFDS International Classification Seminar

The progress of the IFDS International Classification Seminar, 6-8 September 2007 was discussed and it was noted that the organizing committee were assisting in the organization of this event.

(d) IPC Classification Code

It was noted that the IFDS Medical Committee had provided feedback on the IPC Classification Code. The version of the IPC Code is due to be reissued in April 2007.

(e) Budget

The chairman of the Medical Committee was asked to supply a list of events where IFDS International Classifiers had to attend, so that these could be incorporated in the IFDS' Budget.

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2. IFDS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The report from the Chairman of the Development Committee, was noted. This indicated that the Development Committee were currently working on the Sailing Manual. Further information about the work of the Development Committee would be sent to the IFDS Executive Committee.

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3. IFDS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Due to the absence of the Chairman of the IFDS Technical Committee, past chairman, Linda Merkle presented a report highlighting the following issues:

(a) Terms of Reference

Decision

The revised Terms of Reference for the IFDS Technical Committee and the additions made to the membership of the Measurement/Classes Committee were approved.

(b) Revisions – IFDS Race Management Manual

The proposed revisions to the IFDS Race Management Manual were noted. It was recommended that the last sentence of 2(d) be measured and reconsidered.

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4. **IFDS EVENTS & SCHEDULING COMMISSION**

(a) Two-Person Keelboat – 2008 Paralympic Qualification Event

The Events & Scheduling Commission are currently exploring the possibility of holding the second qualification event for the Two-Person Keelboat in Singapore during March 2008.

(b) IFDS International Multihull Championship, 2007, Magnesia, Greece, 1-9 June 2007

The event organizers are receiving a great deal of support in the preparation of this event and the Notice of Race is about to be published. Further information about this event will be published in future IFDS Bulletins and available from the IFDS Website.

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(c) IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2007, Single-Person, Two-Person, Three-Person Keelboat, Rochester, New York, USA, 7-15 September 2007

It was noted that the Notice of Race for this event had been published on the event website.

(d) IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2009, Blind Sailing International, NZL

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On a recommendation by the IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission, it was unanimously agreed that this event be held in New Zealand and Ian Harrison would communicate directly with the organizing committee.

5. **IFDS EQUIPMENT EVALUATION COMMISSION**

The structure of the IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission was discussed and it was decided that members should be appointed to this committee by the 2007 IFDS Annual General Meeting.

6. **IFDS SAILORS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Sailor's Advisory Council chair did not attend the conference call.

7. **IFDS COACHES COMMISSION**

The Coaches Commission chair did not attend the conference call.

8. **PARALYMPIC ISSUES**

It was noted that a number of issues were currently being discussed by the IFDS Technical Delegates and BOCOG and a site visit had been arranged for May 2007.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

(a) IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen Telephone Meeting

The date of the next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen Meeting will be arranged by email.

(b) IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen Face-to-Face Meeting

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The next IFDS Executive & Committee Chairmen Meeting has been arranged for 5-6 September 2007.

(c) IFDS Annual General Meeting

It is proposed that the IFDS Annual General Meeting be scheduled at the same venue as the ISAF in Estoril, Portugal and will take place in November 2007. A final decision will be taken at the next meeting.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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