

Equipment Control Sub-committee Minutes



The Equipment Control Sub-committee met at 09:30 – 13:30 hours on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at the Kempinski Hotel, Haitang Bay, Sanya, China.

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<i>Present:</i>	
Jan Dejmo (Chairman)	Jurgen Cluytmans (ISAF Classes Rep)
Dimitris Dimou (Vice Chairman)	Dick Rose (Racing Rules Rep)
Quanhai Li (ISAF Vice President)	Guy-Rolland Perrin
Bas Edmonds (Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Rep)	Haluk Suntay
Agnes Lill (Class Rules Rep)	Brian Todd (Disabled Sailing Rep)
<i>Apologies:</i>	
Ken Kershaw (Oceanic & Offshore Rep)	Jacob Jan Korpershoek
<i>Also Present:</i>	
Rob Taylor (Technical Co-ordinator)	Jason Smithwick (Head of Technical & Offshore Department)

1. Opening of the Meeting

Chairman, Jan Dejmo, opened the meeting by welcoming all committee members and giving a short introduction.

The Sub-committee acknowledged the absence of Ken Kershaw due to health reasons and noted a short update on his recovery from Bas Edmonds.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Equipment Control Sub-committee meeting of 4 November 2014 were noted and approved. There were no matters arising that were not already covered in the agenda.

3. Submissions

ISAF Committees

(a) Changes to Committee Structure for 2017-2020

Submission 019-15 from the Executive Committee regarding proposed changes to the ISAF Committee structure was noted and discussed by the Sub-committee. There was general agreement with the restructuring; however it was noted that the title of the new Sub-committee should be 'Equipment Control' rather than 'Equipment Rules' as this better reflected the work of the Sub-committee.

Opinion:

Approve with the following amendment

The title should be Equipment Control rather than Equipment Rules

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(b) Sub-Committee Recommendations to Council

Submission 020-15 from the Executive Committee regarding sub-committee reporting was discussed by the Sub-committee who noted that the Equipment Control Sub-committee could already make recommendations directly to Council for submissions relating to changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing and that this process should continue.

Opinion:

Approve

(c) Equipment Control and Class Rules Sub-Committee

Submission 027-15 from the Executive Committee regarding proposed changes to the Equipment Sub-committees structure was discussed with 019-15 by the Sub-committee. There was general agreement with the restructuring; however it was noted that the title of the new Sub-committee should be 'Equipment Control' rather than 'Equipment Rules' as this better reflected the work of the Sub-committee.

Opinion:

Approve with the following amendment

The title should be Equipment Control rather than Equipment Rules

ISAF Regulations

(d) Delete the Definition of Event Measurer

Submission 051-15 from the Executive Committee regarding the definition of Event Measurer was noted by the Sub-committee who agreed that the term Event Measurer was not used anywhere in the ISAF Regulations and that it could safely be removed.

Opinion:

Approve

Equipment Rules of Sailing

(e) C.3 Certification

Submission 061-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed by the Sub-committee who agreed that the restructuring of the rules clarified the situation regarding Certification Authority and who may issue certificates for specific parts of the boat.

Recommendation to Council:

Approve

(f) C.4 Equipment Control, C4.2 Certification Measurement, C.4.3 Event measurement, C.4.4 Certification Measurer, C.4.6 Event Measurer, H.1 Certification Measurement, H.2 Event Measurement

Submission 063-15 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Hellenic Sailing Federation, the International 420 Class Association, the International Lightning Class Association, the International Cadet Class, the International 29er Class Association and the International 470 Class Association regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Dick Rose and a vote of 3 in favour and 5 against the submission, it was the committee opinion to reject the submission and refer the matter to a Working Party to resolve.

Recommendation to Council:

Reject

Refer the matter to the new ERS/RRS Working Party

(g) C.4.6 Equipment Inspector

Submission 064-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed by the Sub-committee.

Following a unanimous vote against the submission, it was the Sub-committee opinion to reject

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the submission and refer the matter to a Working Party to resolve.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Refer the matter to the new ERS/RRS Working Party

(h) C.5.2 Skipper

Submission 065-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Dick Rose, seconded by Bas Edmonds and a unanimous vote in favour, it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(i) C.6.3(b) Measurement Trim

Submission 066-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a unanimous vote in favour, it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(j) C.6.3(c) Waterline

Submission 067-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(k) C.6.3(c) Flotation Trim

Submission 068-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(l) C.6.4(a) BOAT LENGTH

Submission 069-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed by the Sub-committee. It was suggested that the text should be amended such that it was more consistent with other definitions in the ERS and that adding the words "excluding sails" was more easily understood than simply removing them from the definition.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 6 in favour and 1 against it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission as amended at the table.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

C.6.4 (a) BOAT LENGTH

The longitudinal distance between the aftermost point and the foremost point of the **boat, excluding sails,** with ~~sails and spars~~ set as appropriate.

See H.3.4.

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(m) C.6.4(h) Boat Weight

Submission 070-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed by the Sub-committee. Whilst in general agreement with the submission, a minor grammatical amendment was considered necessary.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission as amended at the table.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

(h) BOAT WEIGHT

The weight of the **boat**, excluding sail(s) and variable ballast.

(n) C.6.4(i) Wingspan

Submission 071-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(o) C.6.4(j) List Angle

Submission 072-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 6 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(p) C.6.5 Boat Age

Submission 073-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 8 in favour it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(q) D.1.1 Hull

Submission 074-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(r) D.3.3 Hull Depth

Submission 075-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 6 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(s) E.1.2(l) Wing

Submission 076-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment

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Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(t) E.1.2(m) Foil

Submission 077-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 5 in favour and 3 abstentions it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(u) F.1.7 Rigging Types

Submission 078-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 5 in favour and 3 abstentions it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(v) F.1.4, F.1.7 & G.1.3 Kiteboarding Terms

Submission 079-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee and the International Kiteboarding Association regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(w) F.2.3(d) MAINSAIL LUFF MAST LENGTH

Submission 080-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 6 in favour and 2 abstentions it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(x) F.2.3(e) FORESTAY HEIGHT

Submission 081-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 8 in favour, it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(y) F.2.3(k) HEADSAIL HOIST HEIGHT

Submission 082-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

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(z) F.6 FORETRIANGLE MEASUREMENT DEFINITIONS

Submission 083-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(aa) F.7 Sail Setting Measurement Definitions

Submission 084-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed by the Sub-committee.

It was suggested that the text should be amended such that it used wording from the Foretriangle Base definition in order to be more consistent in terminology and wording and so the submission was amended as shown. This amendment did not change the measurement being taken but simply clarified the text used.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a unanimous vote in favour, it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission as amended at the table.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

F.7 SAIL SETTING MEASUREMENT DEFINITIONS

F.7.1 Spinnaker Tack Distance

The maximum longitudinal distance from the ~~forward face fore side~~ of the mast **spar** to the end of the longest **spinnaker pole** or the **bowsprit outer point** measured on or near the **boat** centreplane; or the longitudinal distance from the fore side of the mast spar, extended as necessary, and the deck including any superstructure, forward face of the mast spar at deck level to the spinnaker tack point on deck; whichever is the greatest.

(bb) G.1.1 Sail

Submission 085-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(cc) G.1.4(k) BATTEN POCKET

Submission 086-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed by the Sub-committee. Whilst in general agreement with the submission, a minor grammatical amendment was considered necessary.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 6 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission as amended at the table.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

k) BATTEN POCKET

~~Additional~~ **P**ply to form a pocket for a batten.

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(dd) G.4.2(b) Headsail Head Point

Submission 089-14 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee. It was noted that the diagram contained in the reasons for the submission was useful and should be included in the new version of the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a unanimous vote in favour, it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

The diagram contained in the reasons of the submission is to be included in the final Equipment Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020.

(ee) Sail Dimension Abbreviations

Submission 090-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee. Whilst in general agreement with the submission, it was agreed that the ERS Working Party should determine the best place for these abbreviations in the new edition.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a unanimous vote in favour, it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Equipment Rules of Sailing Working Party to determine the most appropriate location of abbreviations within the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

(ff) H.1.3 CERTIFICATION CONTROL

Submission 091-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

It was noted that although the text in H.1.3 was in part duplicated in the roles and responsibilities of Official Measurers, it was agreed that keeping this rule was important and that the duplication of text did not contradict or confuse users but added clarity to the role and so it was agreed that it was not necessary to delete rule H.1.3.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 5 in favour, it was the Sub-committee recommendation to reject the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

(gg) H.2.1 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Submission 092-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 5 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(hh) H.5.4 SAIL CORNER CUT-OUTS

Submission 093-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was discussed at length by the Sub-committee.

Dick Rose queried what 'uncertain' meant in this submission? If this is not defined then this is an unhelpful procedure.

Bas Edmonds noted that H.1.2 already deals with inconsistencies in measurement and that as such this rule is not required and so proposed the submission be rejected.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds to reject the submission, seconded by Dick Rose and a vote

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of 4 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention the Sub-committee made no recommendation on this submission and agreed to leave the final recommendation to Council to come from the Equipment Committee. The Chairman opted not to use his casting vote instead preferring to report the view of the sub-committee as a tied vote.

Recommendation to Council: No recommendation

A tied vote of 4 in favour and 4 against with 1 abstention

(ii) H.5.4 – Sail Measurement extended as necessary

Submission 094-15 from the IRC regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was also discussed at length by the Sub-committee.

Mike Urwin from IRC made a friendly amendment to the first line of the submission, adding reference to cut-outs to correct an omission.

Bas Edmonds gave a short presentation on the submission, emphasising the importance of finding accurate, consistent and repeatable corner points as the key to sail measurement, and noted that every other measurement on a sail is taken from a corner point. He continued, highlighting the impacts of approving or rejecting this submission noting that if approved there would be little or no impact on ISAF or the MNAs who currently use this method of sail measurement, and the only impact would be to those class associations which did not wish to use this method and they were given an option within submission 094-15 to write an alternative method in their respective class rules. The impact of rejecting the submission would be that ISAF would have to determine a new system for defining corner points and retrain all existing MNAs and IHC manufacturers and IOMs in a new method for defining corner points.

Dimitris Dimou commented that the prescribed method forces sail edges into circular shapes by the nature of how the batten is curved to extend an edge, and that nowhere in the Equipment Rules of Sailing is this specified. This circular sail edge shape is exaggerated when the batten used is sufficiently long to lie against the middle of the foot as it extends towards the corner.

Jurgen Cluytmans noted that sails measured using this system were all class rules compliant as sails generally measured smaller than sails measured using a method of bridging cut-outs. In addition, Jurgen noted that as submission 088-15 had been withdrawn by the Chairman of the Equipment Committee that it was sensible that this submission be rejected and the matter referred to a working party to resolve and this motion was presented to the Sub-committee and seconded by Dimitris Dimou.

In a proposal from Jurgen Cluytmans to reject the submission, seconded by Dimitris Dimou and a vote of 3 in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to reject this submission.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

(jj) H.7 Boat Measurement

Submission 095-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

ISAF Race Officials

(kk) International Equipment Inspector – Regulations and Racing Rules

Submission 141-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the creation of a new ISAF Race Official role was considered by the Sub-committee.

Dimitris Dimou informed the Sub-committee that it was the opinion of the International Umpires, International Judges and International Measurers Sub-committees to reject this submission.

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A proposal from Bas Edmonds to reject the submission and refer the matter to a working party was seconded by Dick Rose and received a vote of 4 against and 4 abstentions. A vote to simply reject the submission was proposed and received a vote of 5 in favour and 4 against. It was therefore the Sub-committee recommendation to reject this submission.

Opinion:

Reject

(II) Equipment Inspectors

Submission 147-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond regarding the introduction of a new term “equipment inspection committee” and to adjust relevant regulations accordingly was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a unanimous vote against, the Sub-committee recommendation was to reject this submission.

Opinion:

Reject

(mm) Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules 62.1(a), 85, 89.2(b), new Rule 92, New Rule 60.4, Change of Definition Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b), 61.3, H2, J2.2(9), K Header, K7.2, L20 and RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3

Submission 216-15 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Hellenic Sailing Federation, the International 29er Class Association, the International 420 Class Association, the International 470 Class Association, the International Cadet Class Association and the International Lightning Class Association regarding the term “measurement committee” was considered by the Sub-committee.

Submissions 216-220 were taken together and with a unanimous vote against, the Sub-committee recommendation was to reject this submission and refer the matter to a working party to resolve.

Opinion:

Reject

Refer the matter to the new ERS/RRS Working Party

(nn) Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules 62.1(a), 85, 89.2(b), new Rule 92, New Rule 60.4, Change of Definition Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b), 61.3, H2, J2.2(9), K Header, K7.2, L20 and RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3

Submission 217-15 from the International Optimist Class Association regarding the term “measurement committee” was considered by the Sub-committee.

Submissions 216-220 were taken together and with a unanimous vote against, the Sub-committee recommendation was to reject this submission and refer the matter to a working party to resolve.

Opinion:

Reject

Refer the matter to the new ERS/RRS Working Party

(oo) Racing Rules of Sailing - 43.1(c), 62.1(a), 78.3, 85, 89.2(b) and new Rule 92

Submission 218-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond regarding the term “equipment inspection committee” was considered by the Sub-committee.

Submissions 216-220 were taken together and with a unanimous vote against, the Sub-committee recommendation was to reject this submission and refer the matter to a working party to resolve.

Opinion:

Reject

Refer the matter to the new ERS/RRS Working Party

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- (pp) Racing Rules of Sailing - H2, J2.2(9), K Header, K7.2 and L20

Submission 219-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond regarding the term "equipment inspection committee" was considered by the Sub-committee.

Submissions 216-220 were taken together and with a unanimous vote against, the Sub-committee recommendation was to reject this submission and refer the matter to a working party to resolve.

Opinion:

Reject

Refer the matter to the new ERS/RRS Working Party

- (qq) Equipment Inspection Committee - New Rule 60.4, Change of RRS Definitions Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b) and 61.3 and Delete RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3

Submission 220-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond regarding the term "equipment inspection committee" was considered by the Sub-committee.

Submissions 216-220 were taken together and with a unanimous vote against, the Sub-committee recommendation was to reject this submission and refer the matter to a working party to resolve.

Opinion:

Reject

Refer the matter to the new ERS/RRS Working Party

Racing Rules of Sailing

- (rr) New Definition of Boat

Submission 162-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond regarding a new definition of boat was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a unanimous vote against, the Sub-committee recommendation was to reject this submission.

Opinion:

Reject

- (ss) RRS 78.1

Submission 211-15 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding the applicability of Racing Rule of Sailing 78.1 was considered by the Sub-committee.

Dick Rose informed the Sub-committee of the background and reasons behind this submission which is that it corrects an issue that has been in the rules for many years.

On a vote of 6 in favour and 2 abstentions it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Opinion:

Approve

- (tt) RRS 78.2

Submission 212-15 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding Racing Rule of Sailing 78.2 was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a vote of 6 in favour and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Opinion:

Approve

- (uu) Rule G1.2(a)

Submission 250-15 from the International Funboard Class Association regarding simplification of the sail number typeface rule was considered by the Sub-committee.

Dick Rose informed the Sub-committee that the Racing Rules Committee recommendation is to

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reject this submission believing the current rule is sufficiently clear just not enforced.

On a vote of 8 in against and 1 abstention it was the Sub-committee recommendation to reject the submission.

Opinion:

Reject

(vv) RRS Appendix G1.2(c)

Submission 251-15 from the International Lightning Class regarding the proper image of country flags on sails was considered by the Sub-committee.

Dick Rose informed the Sub-committee that the Racing Rules Committee recommendation is to reject this submission as there are only limited events that specify national flags are required and that the current events requiring national flags on sails should specify their requirements in the Notice of Race.

On a vote of 5 in against and 3 abstentions it was the Sub-committee recommendation to reject the submission.

Opinion:

Reject

(ww) Racing Rules of Sailing & Equipment Rules of Sailing - Joint Working Party

Submission 269-15 from the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and Race Officials Committee regarding a joint working party on the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Equipment Rules of Sailing was considered by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 5 in favour and 3 abstentions it was the Sub-committee recommendation to approve the submission.

Opinion:

Approve

4. Equipment Rules of Sailing

The Chairman of the Equipment Rules of Sailing Working Party gave a brief report noting that it had been a busy year for the Working Party as this was the last opportunity to amend the ERS for the 2017-2020 edition. The Working Party meeting held in June, during which the submissions were drafted; and also the meeting held on 9 November during which all the submissions were reviewed.

5. The Equipment Control Process

Jan Dejmo gave a very brief report on behalf of the Chairman of the Guide to Equipment Control Working Party, Dimitris Dimou who was attending the Race Officials Committee held at the same time, noting that further work would continue with the Guide to Equipment Control once the outcome of these meetings and the final decisions on submissions had been made.

6. Standard Class Rules

Bas Edmonds gave a report on Standard Class Rules Working Party activity, thanking the Working Party members for their contributions and noting that the work on modifications, maintenance and repair had been successfully completed with a number of classes already adopting the revised structure and wording proposed by the Working Party.

The two areas of development the Working Party would be focussing on in the coming year are discretionary penalties for class rule infringements and a restructuring of the Standard Class Rules so that sailors could easily find the rules that are more applicable to them at events etc.

7. In-House Certification

Rob Taylor gave a short verbal update on the ISAF In-House Certification (IHC) scheme noting that there had been further manufacturers added from South Africa and Palma de Majorca during 2015, and that there were interested parties in Slovenia and Philippines ready to get involved in the scheme. It was also noted that sales of certification stickers matched that of the same period in 2014, which

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had been the best year for IHC to date.

8. Equipment Inspection at ISAF Sailing World Cup Events

Bas Edmonds spoke briefly, highlighting the importance of consistent equipment inspection approaches from the individual events. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Sub-committee.

Recommendation to the Equipment Committee

Equipment Control Sub-committee would like to enforce to the Equipment Committee that a consistent approach to controls, processes and resources is emphasised to the organisers of the ISAF Sailing World Cup events.

9. Committees with Cross-representation – Reports & Opinions

(a) International Measurers Sub-committee

In the absence of Dimitris Dimou who was attending the Race Officials Committee held at the same time, Jurgen Cluytmans gave a verbal report on the International Measurers Sub-committee meeting held on Sunday 8 November. The IM Database, grouping system and means of assignment in order to reduce paperwork were all discussed during the IMSC meeting. The development of the IM Manual with a number of items to be added, measurers and classes would be contacted and asked to contribute in order to keep the material relevant. The IMSC would again focus on Asia and Americas as areas for further development of IMs. The 2015 Seminars and clinics schedule was successfully completed. Appointments: 50% of applicants were recommended for approval. A few candidates were missing a second principle event, and two failed applications due to missed seminar and test.

(b) Class Rules Sub-committee

Agnes Lill gave a verbal report from the Class Rules Sub-committee meeting held on Saturday 7 November, noting that the rules classes that were applying for ISAF Class status had been reviewed and although the rules are in the Standard Class Rules format there are some minor issues that exist within the rules which are being worked on by the ISAF Technical Department and the respective classes and they are suitable for approval.

(c) ISAF Classes Committee

A short verbal report from Jurgen Cluytmans, ISAF Classes representative, from the meeting held on Sunday 8 November was received noting the desire for more interaction between ISAF Classes and the International Measurers Sub-committee in order to better serve their needs.

(d) Oceanic & Offshore Committee

Bas Edmonds presented a short report on behalf of Ken Kershaw on Oceanic & Offshore Committee activity. It was noted that a large number of submissions on the Equipment Rules of Sailing related directly to offshore boats and that the Oceanic & Offshore Committee via the Empirical Handicap Sub-committee is promoting the standardisation of nomenclature for standard measurement parameters through the ERS Working Party on behalf of the Universal Measurement System (UMS) project.

10. Annual Report

A draft report from the Equipment Committee Chairman covering the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 would be published in due course.

11. Any other Business

There being no further business, Jan Dejmo thanked the Sub-committee for their on-going work and the meeting closed at 1345.