



The International Measurers Sub-committee met at 0900 - 1330 hours at the Melia Palas Atenea Hotel, Palma, Mallorca, Spain on Sunday 2 November 2014

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<i>Present:</i>	
Dimitris Dimou (Chairman)	Nicola Sironi
Barry Johnson (Vice Chairman)	Jurgen Cluytmans
Jean-Louis Conti	Bruno de Wannemaeker (ISAF Classes Rep)
Andy Halcon	Hyo-Kyung Jang
Alexander Finsterbusch	
<i>Also Present:</i>	
Rob Taylor (Technical Co-ordinator)	Jan Dejmo (Chairman, Equipment Control Sub-committee)
Yann Rocherieux (Athlete's Commission Representative)	
<i>In Attendance :</i>	
Madeleine Dunn (Competitions & Race Officials Administrator) – Closed Session	Jan Stage (Chairman, Race Officials Committee) – Closed Session
Jon Napier (ISAF Competitions Manager) – Event appointments	

1. Opening of the Meeting

Dimitris Dimou opened the meeting by welcoming all committee members and invited Alexander Finsterbusch and Andy Halcon to give a brief introduction to the sub-committee having been absent from the first meeting of this group in 2013. Also introduced was Jan Dejmo, Chairman of the Equipment Control Sub-committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the International Measurers Sub-committee meeting of 10 November 2013 were noted and approved. There were no matters arising that were not already covered in the agenda.

3. IM Grouping

(a) 2014/2015 Grouping System

Dimitris Dimou gave a report on the IM grouping system for 2014/2015, noting the disappointing response of only 42 out of 113 International Measurers responding to the grouping invitation. Of these applications, 9 IMs would be allocated Group 1 status and 17 IMs Group 2 status; of those allocated to Group 2, 3 IMs may move to Group 1 pending the successful completion of the IM test.

Bruno de Wannemaeker indicated that the timeframe for grouping may have led to

some difficulty for some IMs to get applications in on time. Dimitris Dimou did not share this view citing that 6 months was adequate time to comply and that deadlines should be complied with more precisely.

Additional criteria for grouping were also discussed, with Barry Johnson proposing an age limit of 70 years of age in line with the policy of Race Officials reapplying every two years from the age of 70 onwards. This was generally agreed by the Sub-committee along with a need to encourage younger IMs to be more involved.

James Dadd, speaking as an observer, commented that enforcing an upper age limit may be more likely to discourage the older IMs rather than encourage younger ones. Barry Johnson noted that if younger IMs did not get the opportunity to officiate at events they would be more likely to stop measuring altogether. Bas Edmonds, speaking as an observer, suggested a solution might be to offer more 'deputy' roles to younger IMs to increase their number of events and amount of experience; however realised this would likely increase the costs for event organisers, but felt some compromise could be made.

It was agreed that Barry Johnson would draft a proposal for further consideration and that Dimitris Dimou would include this topic in the International Measurer newsletter, along with other upcoming projects.

(b) IM Database

The Sub-committee discussed the desired creation of an IM database, to be broadly similar to the existing ISAF Sailor database but specifically for International Measurers and would list events that IMs had officiated at rather than competed in.

The notable advantages of such a system would be that it would remove the need for grouping applications in the future as information could be taken directly from the database, and that all IM's could be easily grouped unless specifically requested otherwise.

The need to make event reporting mandatory was discussed and this was considered something relatively straightforward. This would be made more feasible once there are sufficient easily accessible electronic event report forms to give the previous 5 years' worth of data.

It was agreed that data input would be started by Bruno de Wannemaeker, Alexander Finsterbusch, Jurgen Cluytmans and Barry Johnson.

4. IM Appointment & Re-appointment Criteria

The criteria for appointment and re-appointment as an International Measurer was reviewed and proposals for any future amendments to the appointment process were discussed.

Dimitris Dimou questioned whether requiring two events over four years was too low a requirement for gaining or maintaining International Measurer status, as compared to other race officials this was quite lenient. This was answered by noting that IMs were class specific and that not all classes had, or were required to have a world championship every calendar year. It was asked how would this affect IMs for classes that only hold World Championships every other year?

Jurgen Cluytmans expressed that putting a requirement on the position is more realistic than increasing the number of events.

The question was asked about including ISAF multi-class events as part of the event count needed to gain/maintain IM status. It was suggested that three multi-class events in place of one Class event/principle event could be considered. Andy Halcon was in favour of this approach, but noted that this should not decrease the quality of measurement or event

inspections

James Dadd, speaking as an observer, suggested there could be a requirement to be Chief Measurer for at least one event during the four year period. Alexander Finsterbusch noted that some classes have it written in their constitution that they will send the class chief measurer to a world championship and so the chances of less experienced IMs getting involved in high level events was often limited. Mike Urwin, speaking as an observer, also commented that some Chief measurer appointments at events are not decided by the classes.

It was agreed that a submission to change the Regulations would be drafted in time for 1 August 2015 deadline and that this topic would be added to IM newsletter for further discussion and input.

5. IM Manual

Dimitris Dimou gave an update on the International Measurers Manual, noting that there had been no updates since February 2013 and that there was some work to be done to correct small errors as well as to develop the content further. This work was now due.

The EQSC guides would also be included once they are published

A number of areas for development have been identified, including Metre Class boats, multihulls, Rating Systems and Kiteboarding. The timeline for amendments was discussed with the aim of having the common sections, the number of small errors and some of the missing information to be drafted for inclusion by November 2015. This was considered a realistic target and Andy Halcon, Alexander Finsterbusch and Dimitris Dimou would begin work on the updates.

6. ISAF Classes and IMSC

The International Measurers Sub-committee discussed the relationship with the ISAF Classes and ways of ensuring appropriate support and development of the Classes.

Dimitris Dimou reminded the sub-committee members that the regulations required at least one International Measurer per ISAF Class; however noted this was not always followed and suggested that if the regulations are unachievable then they should be amended to match reality.

It was suggested that the ISAF Classes be reminded of their obligations with regards to International Measurers. Bruno de Wannemaeker would inform the ISAF Classes Committee (ICC) at the afternoon session of their meeting, however it was noticed that not all classes were present at the ICC meeting and it was the ones who were not present at ICC who were most likely to need contacting as those that were present there already knew their obligations. Alexander Finsterbusch offered to draft a letter to all classes by the end of 2014 which would be circulated in due course.

7. Education and Development

(a) Seminars and Clinics

- i) The chairman outlined the 2014 program of seminars in Gdansk (POL) and Incheon (KOR) and clinics in Stockholm (SWE), Trieste (ITA) and Montevideo (URU). It was noted that there had been a number of difficulties in finding candidate organisers in countries where there was a need for developing the International Measurer program, and that the number of participants had been low.

It was questioned whether to make attendance at clinics mandatory before potential IMs attend seminars.

There are still many applicants that passed the test but have not applied to IM status, Dimitris Dimou asked for a volunteer to find a suitable class for those applicants that have passed the test in order to get them into the system, the list is classified so only a IMSC member can do it. Since there were no volunteers it will be assigned to someone by the Chairman.

- ii) The 2015 program was introduced to the Sub-committee. It was planned to hold a seminar in September or October time, most likely in Switzerland. There were also hopes to hold clinics in Russia, to cover Eastern Europe and Denmark, Belgium or France to cover Western Europe. Worldwide, there were plans to hold a seminar in Rio de Janeiro prior to the 2015 Aquece Rio Test Event and clinics in Toronto prior to the PanAm Games and one further clinic somewhere in Asia or the Middle East.

(b) Conferences

The Sub-committee noted proposals from the Chairman for upcoming conferences or development seminars. There would not be any seminars run in 2015, but preferring to run one in 2016 instead as this could take into account any changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing. It was agreed that the concept and content of any future IM Conference is still to be defined with proposals sought from the wider 'measurement community' rather than exclusively International Measurers Sub-committee members.

8. Event Appointments

- (a) ISAF Competitions Manager Jon Napier gave a report from the Event Appointments Working Party (EAWP) detailing the procedures of the Event Appointments Working Party and informing the Sub-committee on the identification of race officials for development to high level roles at events and future best practice.

Concern was raised by the Sub-committee that identifying potential IMs to the EAWP was difficult where an event did not assign a deputy role and that this presented limited opportunities to test potential future candidates. This would be even more difficult for classes which do not currently use or require deputy chief measurers for their events.

9. Strategy and Development

The International Measurers Sub-committee discussed the following points on strategy and development:

(a) Seminar Attendance

The Sub-committee discussed attendance at International Measurer seminars and clinics. It was unanimously thought appropriate to make attendance at an IM Seminar mandatory within a four year period, for all International Measurers who have not already done so.

Also discussed was the option of running smaller training courses on more specific measurement topics although the criteria for such was still to be determined.

(b) Professional Race Officials

For certain events such as the ISAF Sailing World Cup where prize money is awarded, the Sub-committee considered it logical to look at appointing paid professional race officials who were properly trained to a high standard to ensure the quality of the officials matched the standard of the competition.

- (c) Dimitris Dimou pointed out the importance of the Event Report Forms and the IM

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Reference Forms in order to identify new candidates as well as the help of the Classes in this area.

10. Race Officials Committee

The International Measurers Sub-committee discussed the topic of Race Official uniforms enquiring as to the current situation with the supply of Race Officials clothing. They were informed by the Chairman that the contract with Atlantis had ended and that the new supplier was very likely to be Gill, although this was still subject to final contractual arrangements. The extent of the agreement was not yet known and so the likely content of the new uniforms was still to be determined.

The Sub-committee members were unanimous in their support for continuing the Race officials clothing and uniforms and would wait for further announcements on what would be available and when.

11. Submissions

(a) The International Measurers Sub-committee considered the following submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee:

- i) Submission 109-14 – ISAF Race Officials – New Disciplines, Regulation 6.9.6 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- ii) Submission 110-14 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 31 – Race Official Examinations from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- iii) Submission 111-14 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 32 – Race Official Performance from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

(b) The International Measurers Sub-committee considered the following submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:

- i) Submission 001-14 – IFDS Merger with ISAF – New Regulations 5.1(c) and 6.4, Changes to current Regulations and Articles from the Executive Committee.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- ii) Submission 013-14 – Appointment of Race Officials to Events – Regulation 25.8 from the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of the Regional Games Committee and Race Officials Committee.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- iii) Submission 014-14 – Event Appointments Working Party – Regulation 25.8.2 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- iv) Submission 021-14 – Continental Associations to Train and Certify Regional Technical Officers and Race Officials from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Sailing Cook Islands, the Cyprus Sailing Federation, the Fiji Yachting Association, the Hungarian Yachting Association, the Yachting Association of India, the Oman Sailing Committee, the Pakistan Sailing Federation, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association, Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation, the Russian Yachting Federation, the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation, the Yachting Association of Sri Lanka, UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Bruno De Wannemaeker, it was unanimously voted in favour of rejecting the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Reject

The submission does not mention International Measurers.

- v) Submission 022-14 – Appointment of Technical Delegates and ITOs to Continental Games – Regulation 25.9 from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Sailing Cook Islands, the Cyprus Sailing Federation, the Fiji Yachting Association, the Hungarian Yachting Association, the Yachting Association of India, the Oman Sailing Committee, the Pakistan Sailing Federation, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association, Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation, the Russian Yachting Federation, the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation, the Yachting Association of Sri Lanka, Swiss Sailing, UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation.

On a proposal from Jurgen Cluytmans, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission with the friendly amendment to include reference to International Measurers.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve with the following amendment:

25.9.10 Appointment of Technical Delegates, International Jury, International Measurers and International Race Officers in Continental Games (PanAm Games, Asian Games, European Games, African Games) will be appointed by the respective Continental Association and approved by ISAF.

- vi) Submission 035-13 – Race Officials – Appointments to Events – Regulations 25.8.10, 25.8.13 and 25.8.15 from the Chairman of Constitution Committee.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- vii) Submission 037-14 – Misconduct and Discipline – Regulation 35.5 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- viii) Submission 038-14 – Misconduct and Discipline – New Regulation 35.10 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- ix) Submission 039-14 – Misconduct and Discipline – Regulation 35.16 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: Approve

- x) Submission 097-14 – Crew Weight Limit for Women's Match Racing – Regulation 27.2.3(a) and 27.2.3(d) from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Alexander Finsterbusch, it was unanimously voted in favour of approving the submission.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: No Recommendation

- (c) The International Measurers Sub-committee considered the following submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 117-14 through to 212-14.

On a proposal from Barry Johnson, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans, it was unanimously agreed that the IMSC had no opinion on these submissions.

Recommendation to the Race Officials Committee: No Recommendation

12. Any Other Business

Athletes Commission representative Yann Rocherieux asked that the quality of measurement was improved whenever possible, especially at Sailing World Cup and Olympic Qualification events. It was agreed this was an important point to look into further.

Yann Rocherieux also asked how top sailors could be encouraged into measurement and equipment inspection once their careers had come to an end. Dimitris Dimou agreed this progression was important to developing measurers.

Dimitris Dimou introduced the draft Code of Conduct for Race Officials document, as circulated and amended prior to the meeting. This was unanimously agreed by the Sub-committee.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the observers for their contributions before asking them to kindly leave the room for the closed session.

The meeting was closed to observers at 1245.