

The World Sailing Classes Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Sunday 5 November 2017 at the Sheraton Buganvillas Resort, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

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Present:

Markus Schwendtner – Chairman/ IKA TT Racing

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – Vice-Chair/ Finn

Curly Morris – Equipment Rules Rep.

Quanhai Li - Board

Ben Remocker – Events Committee Rep/ Nacra 17

David Brookes – Equipment Committee Rep/ Hobie Class Rep

Bruno de Wannemaeker – International Measurers Sub-Committee Rep/ IFCA

Apologies:

Ken Kershaw

Hector Duval

Class Representatives:

420 – Nino Shmueli

49er/49er FX – Marcus Spillane

Far East 28 – Mats Runström

IKA Formula Kite – Mirco Babini

J/24- Christopher Howell

Laser – Eric Faust

M32 Cat/ Yngling – Mattias Dahlstrom

Platu 25 (in part) – Tatiana Ermakova

RS:X – Carlo Dalla Vedova

Topper – Bill Brassington

Soling – George Wossala

Optimist – Fiona Kidd

470/Platu 25(In part) – Dimitris Dimou

Cadet – Jan Martin Wilschut

Hansa 303, 2.3, Liberty – Angela Herrera

IOD – Peter Rugg

J/70 – Julie Howell

Lightning (in part) – David Sprague

Maxi/Lightning (in part)/ George Andreadis

Raceboard – Bruno Marques

Techno 293 – Marc Cardon

Zoom 8 – Anita Yngve

29er – Joan Mollerus

Etchells – Bill Abbott

World Sailing Technical and Offshore Department

Carlos de Beltran – Director Technical & Offshore

Simon Forbes – Manager Technical & Offshore

Norbert Marin – Technical Specialist

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the World Sailing Classes Committee meeting of 6 November 2016 were circulated and approved. The minutes can be downloaded at:

<http://www.sailing.org/meetings>

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

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

2. Annual Report

The Committee Chairman gave a general report on the activity of the new formed Classes Committee.

A survey was sent last year to all WS classes to know more about them and understand any particular concerns. As direct result of this survey a few submissions have been made by the WS Classes Committee.

Key discussions in 2017 were around Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Monopoly regulations as well as the work in a joint Working Party between Classes, Events, Equipment, Youth and Women's forum.

The classes pages in the WS website will be redesign to adequate the content to better fit the classes particular needs.

Some work will also be done on the Committee's Terms of Reference and discussions have been started with the Chairman's of the other Committees to see what issues are important and relevant to this Committee and to see how they can be dealt with. In order to achieve this, it is important to have a constant input flow from all classes without having to wait for the Annual Conference to take action on certain issues.

Corinne McKenzie gave a report on the Olympic Classes sub-committee meeting held at the WS Headquarters last February and a meeting held by Corinne in October in the new offices to discuss particular issues with new staff members.

It is the intention of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee and the Classes Committee to separate issues that are strictly relevant to their own committee.

This year many Olympic classes have been busy testing format for the Olympic Games and the Olympic Classes Sub-committee has also been discussing Continental Qualification and safety equipment and procedures.

Corinne also noted that last year there was a change in the Regulations meaning that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee cannot do recommendations directly to Council any more but through the Classes Committee. The situation is not ideal because of scheduling but especially because of possible conflict of interest and positions between the International Classes and the Olympic Classes particular agenda.

Markus Schwendtner proposed the creation of a functional grouping of all WS classes in order to be able to channel opinions and discussion more efficiently during the year. This functional grouping would be also reflected on the WS Website once its restructuration takes place.

3. Executive Office Report

(a) Carlos de Beltran, Director of the Technical and Offshore Department gave an overview of the services offered by the Technical and Offshore Department and encouraged all classes to keep in touch with any technical issues they may have.

(b) Jon Napier gave a report on the current situation on Anti-monopoly and Anti-trust. At the

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moment, all the work has been focused into Olympic Classes, but the principles can be easily extrapolated into all WS Classes. The way WS deals with Equipment shall comply with mainly European law, since this is the stricter law but also with current competition law. Three areas are being considered, how do we select equipment for Olympic Events and how do we make sure it complies with anti-trust policies; then the review of Contracts with Olympic Classes; finally, when an event is chosen, making sure that there is a fair open trial where manufacturers can bring their equipment and the whole process is open and transparent,

4. Submissions

The submissions listed below were noted and when relevant a recommendation was made to Council.

The submissions can be found at: <http://www.sailing.org/meetings>

World Sailing Regulations

- (a) Submission 001-17 from the Danish Sailing Association, Oman Sailing Committee, Pakistan Sailing Federation and Singapore Sailing Federation regarding Definition of Continents was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (b) Submission 003-17 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding Limiting Costs for Attendees was noted.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

Amend the criteria to “within reasonable walking or public commute distance”. The Committee recommends holding the conference alternating two times in Europe and one time outside Europe

- (c) Submission 004-17 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee, International 470 Class Association and the International 49er, 49erFX & Nacra 17 Class Associations regarding the Terms of Reference of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee was noted.

Opinion: Approve

- (d) Submission 005-17 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding submissions was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (e) Submission 006-17 from The World Sailing Classes Committee regarding its Terms of Reference was noted.

Opinion: Approve

- (f) Submission 007-17 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding its Terms of Reference was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (g) Submission 008-17 from the Chairman of the Events Committee regarding Regulation 25.12 was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Comment: The fee structure should be reviewed in general.

- (h) Submission 013-17 from the Board regarding Monopoly and Competition reviews was noted.

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Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

Details of the review process to be discussed with the affected classes and manufacturers.

- (i) Submission 020-17 from the Board on behalf of the Athletes' Commission regarding Paralympic Representation was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (j) Submission 021-17 from the Board regarding Virtual World Championships was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Submission 036-17 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding the establishment of an Anti - Discrimination Code was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (k) Submission 049-17 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding Cross Representation on the Development and Regions Committee was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (l) Submission 087-17 from the Chairman of the Events Committee regarding December Date Change was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comment: More information is needed on the impact of participation due to sailor availability to attend.

- (m) Submission 090-17 from the Chairmen of the Events Committee and World Sailing Classes Committee, and the Chair of the Women's Forum regarding Class World Championships was noted.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

Change "men" and "women" for "male" and "female".

Clarify that the text above the table in Regulation 10.4(b) remains unchanged.

Submission 091-17 is the preferred submission.

- (n) Submission 091-17 from the Chairman of the Events Committee and World Sailing Classes Committee regarding Class World Championships was noted.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendments:

Change "men" and "women" for "male" and "female".

Clarify that the text above the table in Regulation 10.4(b) remains unchanged.

Submission 091-17 is the preferred submission.

- (o) Submission 092-17 from the International 29er Class Association regarding Women's World Championships was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Comment: Submission 091-17 is the preferred submission.

- (p) Submission 093-17 from The Board regarding Youth & Junior World Championships was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comment: The Submission affects all existing World Sailing Classes Different Classes have different needs for age categories.

- (q) Submission 095-17 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

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regarding Cross Representation on Youth Events Sub-committee was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (r) Submission 097-17 from the Chairman of the Events Committee regarding World Sailing Rankings was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (s) Submission 101-17 from the Board regarding Para World Sailing Events was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (t) Submission 123-17 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and Racing Rules Committee regarding Regulation Umpired Fleet Racing was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Comment: The Committee approves Proposal 1. For Proposal 2 the Committee has no opinion.

- (u) Submission 124-17 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee regarding Regulation 31.8 was noted.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

Approve Proposal 2

- (v) Submission 125-17 from the Chairman of the Events Committee regarding Regulation 25.8.10 & 27.2.3(d) was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

World & Continental Championships.

- (w) Submission 065-17 from the Board regarding Entry Quotas of Olympic Classes was noted.

Opinion: Reject

Comment: The submission is over regulating a situation that is currently satisfactory between Classes and MNA's and will have unintended consequences. A new submission should be drafted with class involvement to address the issues.

- (x) Submission 068-17 from The Board regarding Gender Equality was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Comment: Mixed events are considered as gender equal.

Olympic Sailing Competition.

- (y) Submission 070-17 from the Board regarding Athletes Physiques was noted.

Opinion: Approve

Comment: Submission reinforces current Regulation

- (z) Submission 094-17 from the Chairman of World Sailing Classes Committee, Sail Canada, International 2.4m Class Association, International Flying Fifteen Class Association, International H-Boat Class Association, International One Design Class Association, International Soling Class Association, International Star Class Yacht Racing Association regarding World Sailing Keelboat Classes World Championship was noted.

Opinion: Approve

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Equipment Rules of Sailing

- (aa) Submission 055-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comment: It relies on 057-17 which is technically wrong.

- (bb) Submission 056-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject

Comment: The Submission is not providing a distinctive definition for jumper/diamond.

- (cc) Submission 057-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comment: The proposal is technically wrong.

- (dd) Submission 058-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

- (ee) **Opinion:** Reject.

Racing Rules of Sailing

- (ff) Submission 142-17 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding Definition Party, Rules 63.1, 64.4, New Rule 63.8 & Urgent Rule Change was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

- (gg) Submission 143-17 from US Sailing regarding Rules 63.1, 63.2, 63.3, 63.4, 63.5, 63.6, 64.4, 66 and 69.2(e) and the Protest Form was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (hh) Submission 144-17 from US Sailing regarding Rules 64.4, 41 and 60.3(a) was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (ii) Submission 152-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding Rule G1.2(a) was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (jj) Submission 153-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding Rule G1.3(d) was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comments: Has merits but needs further work.

- (kk) Submission 154-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding Rule G1.3(e) was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comments: Has merits but needs further work.

- (ll) Submission 155-17 from Australia Sailing regarding Rule N1 was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Comment: The Committee supports all efforts to reduce costs of running events.

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(mm) Submission 165-17 from the Chairman of the Board regarding Case 78 was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Comment: The Committee recommends Proposal 1.

(nn) Submission 171-17 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding Team Racing Call M7 was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Other Submissions

(oo) Submission 128-17 from Australia Sailing regarding Principal Event Guidelines was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

(pp) Submission 002-17 from the UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation regarding Position with World Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comment: WS is already represented in Country groups and Continental Associations. There is no need for additional structures for MNA groups.

(qq) Submission 009-17 from US Sailing regarding Tracking System for Race Officials was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

Comment: The Committee has concerns on general costs implications.

Recommendations not based on Submissions:

When selecting new Olympic Equipment, it shall be selected from existing equipment with World Sailing status that meet the criteria. Alternatively, non-World Sailing Classes equipment may be considered.

5. Safety

- (a) Carlos de Beltran gave a report on general issues regarding safety. One of the main need is to develop an incident reporting system. This is planned to be done by an online system on the WS website so that classes can report any incident that happens in an event. A safety panel based within the Executive Office will then be able to take appropriate action depending mainly on the severity of the incident and the likelihood of re-occurrence.
- (b) Dina Kowalyszyn gave a verbal report on the work of the Sailor Safety Equipment Working Party. The work of the working party has been aimed not only at racing but to all kinds of sailing. The working party has looked not only into all different aspects of safety equipment, i.e. lifejackets but also its appropriate use, i.e. weather conditions. The working party welcomed any feedback in order to make sure all aspects of safety equipment are taken into account.

6. Sustainability

Dan Reading presented the Sustainability Agenda 2030 to be launched on the 7th November. The agenda is formed mainly by 59 targets and one of the first objectives is to get feedback from all stakeholders around the world to enable the new formed Sustainability Commission to tackle short and long-term projects. Stakeholders can leave feedback via a survey on the

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World Sailing Website.

The agenda will focus on the six key areas of sailing activities, from technical standards, events, venues and facilities, members, training and participation.

7. Other Committee's Agenda Items relating to World Sailing Classes

No other items were noted

8. Other Items Related to World Sailing Classes

No other items were noted

9. Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Discussed in point 2

10. Working parties

World Championships Working Party: Corinne Rolland-McKenzie gave a report as introduction to the World Championships submission 090/091/092.

11. World Sailing Classes priorities 2018-2020

Discussed in point 2

12. World Sailing Classes Committee Communication

Discussed in point 2

13. Any other Business

A number of suggestions were made for the next term for the Classes Committee to work on:

- Definition of "party" in rule 69
- Jury size and cost of regattas.
- The possible use of online tools such as Facebook or Slack for communication and knowledge sharing of classes between conferences

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 18:26