

RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE



MET AT 0930 – 1800 HOURS ON MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2006 AT THE MARINA CONGRESS CENTRE, HELSINKI, FINLAND

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Present:

John Doerr (GBR) – Chairman

Henri van der Aat (NED) – Vice Chairman

Josje Hofland-Dominicus (NED)

Jan Stage (DEN)

Bryan Willis (GBR)

David Sprague (CAN)

David Kellett (AUS) – Vice President

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Race Officials Committee meeting of 7 November 2005 were noted.

(b) Minutes – matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. OBITUARIES

The committee noted respectfully the loss of the following Race Officials during the period November 2005 – November 2006 :

Juan Alberto Zuccolli (ARG), IJ 1989-2006

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3. STRATEGIC PLAN

The committee received a verbal report from Vice President, David Kellett on the implementation of the ISAF Strategic Plan.

The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee advised that the Executive Committee was requested during the Committee Chairmen's meeting to keep all committee Chairmen informed regarding progress of all Strategic Plan projects, not just those referred to each specific Committee.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN WITH REFERENCE TO RACE OFFICIALS

The committee discussed the proposals from the ISAF Strategic Plan which were referred to the Race Officials Committee. The committee decided to designate a leader for each project, and establish small project groups. It was agreed that the projects should be prioritised in order of importance and for each project to be reviewed every two months with progress reports being communicated via a newsletter.

(a) Objective 4 – Race Officials

(i) **Race Official Guide – identified as Project 1 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group**

Promoting the cross from active participation to becoming a Race Official is a recognised objective. An easily accessible Race Officials Guide will be one of the first projects designed to attract new officials. The first step will be to gather input from each discipline.

(ii) **Mentor Scheme - identified as Project 2 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group**

Identifying mentors and ensuring they are actively involved in working with upcoming officials will achieve a significant increase in the development rate.

(iii) **Role Review and Job Description - identified as Project 3 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group**

It was agreed that this project should be considered as the top priority as it impacts all other projects. Standard role descriptions will promote a better understanding of what is expected of race officials and, just as importantly, the expectations of competitors with regard to race officials.

(iv) **Training Clinic Review and Material - identified as Project 4 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group**

The committee endorsed the need to develop clinic packages for all disciplines to be made available for use in conjunction with formal clinics or at national level, independently by MNAs.

(v) **Code of Conduct - identified as Project 5 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group**

To progress this project it was agreed to collate all current documentation relating to "code of conduct" and establish a standard document for all Race Officials.

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- (vi) Race Official Development/Endorsement Structure - identified as Project 7 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group.

The progression of this project focussed on the future status of Race Officials in line with the status of top officials in other sports and thus the need to consider the possibility of full time, salaried Race Officials, in official clothing, with defined responsibilities at some point in the future was mentioned. A very important aspect of this project is that the criteria for initial appointment is to be reviewed, with the possibility of a probationary period, to make first appointments easier, but be clear that development is required to maintain appointment.

- (vii) Scholarships - identified as Project 9 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group

This objective of this project is to establish a scholarship procedure to allow for national officials to be nominated to receive financial assistance to attend events in order to gain experience to progress to RO status. Discussions on this subject broadened to the entry levels of officials at events and the possibility in the future for the need for full time officials.

- (viii) Communications - identified as Project 10 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group

It was agreed that communications was project area that needed major development. The committee agreed that it would limit the project scope for 2007 to something that was achievable in that time frame. In particular, more regular communications from ISAF ROC and the subcommittees to the current race officials was to be given priority. Ensuring that the ROC sent email information of the work being done would be a good starting point. The possibility of developing a standard format and numbering system so that it becomes more obvious how the ROC is communicating was discussed.

- (ix) Work Experience - identified as Project 11 in the Project Proposals document from the Project Group

This project is linked to the scholarships project. The objective is to make sure that identified ROs or potential ROs gain the required experience to develop to their maximum potential.

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5. REPORTS FROM THE RACE OFFICIALS SUB-COMMITTEES

The subcommittees were asked to only report on matters not covered specifically on the ROC Agenda under this item.

(a) International Measurers Sub-Committee

The scheduled meeting slot at the ISAF conference always presents clashes for the IMSC and therefore conference calls prior to the formal meeting were required in order to cover the agenda. Nonetheless the IMSC did meet and was productive. The main focus of discussion was the forthcoming IM Conference in Southampton February 2007. To date 57 delegates with representation from IMs, Class/ Technical delegates and MNAs will be in attendance in addition to guest speakers.

(b) Race Management Sub-Committee

The committee incorporated the RM philosophy as an appendix to the minutes. The RMSC proposed a programme to promote the implementation of RM philosophy at grade 1 events in a similar way to the current Rule 42 Workshops. The Chairman of the ROC supported this proposal on the basis that it should be developed with a formal paper with detailed event locations and daily budget requirements of the nominated instructor/s to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. The need for the review of class championship rules with regard to consistency and a view to adopt the RM Philosophy was a key area for discussion.

(c) International Judges Sub-Committee

The sub-committee reported specifically on the Rule 42 Workshops programme, which were conducted by Bill O'Hara and a great success. It was agreed that the programme should continue in 2007. The inclusion of an Arbitration section in the Judging manual in 2007 was also highlighted with any associated implications to be considered with regard to the RRS.

(d) International Umpires Sub-Committee

The IUSC reported that the grouping system is working well and provides the input to allow the appointment of strong umpire teams. The grouping system will also be used to identify Chief Umpires. Mentors will be identified to work with and develop ungrouped umpires.

6. ROC BUDGET

The committee noted that by the end of 2006 the ROC will have exceeded the allocated budget for 2006 but given that the Executive have been updated regularly regarding the clinic /seminar programme this was not a concern and no request was made for the ROC to decrease activity in 2006. It is expected that there will be an increased demand for more clinics but there are no major concerns regarding budget for 2007 – 2009. The Vice President requested to be kept informed with regard to any additional budget requirements and confirmed that the budget for

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Strategic Plan Projects will be covered from separate funding.

7. PAYMENTS TO RACE OFFICIALS

(a) Race Officials Fees

The committee discussed the level of fees paid to Race Officials: With regard to fees currently applicable, namely IU fees governed by Regulation 18.16.1, no increases should be implemented without adequate notification in order to allow for inclusion in event budget projections. Clinic/seminar instructor fees are fixed in line with current Chief Umpire fees.

The discussion broadened to payment of all race officials:

- payment levels of officials based on expertise;
- different levels of payment among race officials especially when attending the same events;
- the need to preserve unpaid voluntary work at events;
- tax and insurance implications;
- obligation to attend events rather than freedom of choice if paid;
- Race Officials could only accepting appointments when fees are due;
- professional, salaried Race Officials.

Given all these issues it was agreed that more work is required to prepare a document for consideration and recommendation to Council in 2007.

Post Meeting Note:

Subsequent to the meeting the President requested that a paper be presented to Council mid year 2007 meeting outlining proposal for establishing a group of professional race officials. The President reported this to Council in his opening remarks. John Doerr and Bernard Bonneau were appointed by the Executive to complete this work.

(b) Submission 012-06

To note submission 012-06 regarding payments to International Umpires and make a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 012-06 with following amendment:

Proposal 1: Council should review the amount every four years in line with global inflation with the first change to be effective 1 January 2008.

Proposal 2: The ROC recommends the change of currency to Euros. The Constitution Committee should review consistency of currency in the regulations.

8. DESIGNATED MNA OF RACE OFFICIALS

(a) Submission 035-06

The committee noted submission 035-06 to amend the definition of “country” in the Regulations.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 035-06.

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(b) Submission 036-06

The committee noted submission 036-06 regarding designated MNA of Race Officials.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 036-06.

(c) Implementation

The committee noted a policy paper about the implementation of item 8(b) if approved by Council and the need to manage the transition very carefully to ensure that Race Officials were informed of the need to confirm their MNA designation and that any change of designation to current status is communicated to organizing authorities.

9. PROPOSAL TO COMBINE REGULATIONS 33, 34, 35 AND 36

The committee noted submission 037-06 to create one Race Officials Regulation in place of current regulations 33, 34, 35 and 36.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 037-06.

10. MAJOR EVENTS

(a) Grade 1 Events

The committee noted submission 066-06 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond regarding the appointment of IROs to Grade 1.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 066-06 with the following amendment: that this submission shall apply to Olympic Grade 1 events only.

(b) Test Event 2006

The committee received a verbal report from the Chairman of the ROC on the test event in Qingdao 2006. The chairman informed the committee about the preparation by the organisers and the tremendous efforts they have already made and the good progress with regard to the infrastructure in Qingdao. The ITO team worked very well with the local officials and contributed to the success of the event and overall there was a great sense of team work. The venue is spectacular and the enthusiasm and hospitality of the host nation was very evident. The major concern raised related to communications as not all Race Committee boat crews were able to communicate in English. This will be the main area to be addressed at the test event in 2007.

(c) ISAF Worlds

The ISAF Sailing World Championships 2007 will be held in Cascais, Portugal from 28 June to 13 July. ISAF will appoint 45 Jury members, 10 Measurers and 5 Course Representatives. The appointments will be published on the ISAF website as soon as practicable.

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(d) America's Cup

Bryan Willis reported on problems regarding the constitution of the jury for the America's Cup. During 2006, one member resigned due to a declaration of conflict of interest, but the Defender and the Challenger Commission failed to agree on a replacement and commissioned the Jury to appoint one. The appointed replacement cannot attend all events in 2007 and in spite of all efforts to encourage the Defender and Challenger Commission to appoint a further member to take the place of jury members temporarily absent, none has been appointed. The Americas Cup Jury acts as both a Jury for hearings brought under the sailing rules and as an Arbitration Panel to resolve many other matters

(e) Other Major Events

The requirements with regard to the expertise of officials to cater for medal race formats is being addressed. It was recognised that judges and umpires need to be made aware of all material collated to date. There is already documentation available on the website and this should be developed further in a similar way to the Rule 42 material. Information on this should also be given to event organisers and competitors. The implications with regard to race management do not pose significant problems in running an additional race for competitors who do not qualify which is favoured by class associations and organisers but the impact of such races was questioned due to detrimental effects on the medal races themselves. The RRC are leading the medal race activity as far as Addendum Q is concerned. Other format issues, especially with regards to the Olympic Games rest with a working party appointed by the Executive Committee including the two ISAF Technical Delegates and the Chairmen of Racing Rules Committee, Race Officials Committee and the Events Committee.

11. RACE OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATION

(a) Submission 107-06

The committee considered submission 107-06 from the Real Federacion Española de Vela regarding age of International Judges.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council rejects submission 107-06. Appointment shall be based on competence and not age. This submission could be also considered as age discrimination in some countries.

(b) Submission 108-06

This submission was withdrawn.

(c) Submission 109-06

The committee considered Submission 109-06 from the ROC to amend Regulation 33.5(d).

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 109-06.

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(d) Submission 110-06

The committee considered Submission 110-06 from the ROC to amend Regulation 34.3 – 34.6.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 110-06.

(e) Submission 111-06

The committee considered submission 111-06 from the Real Federacion Española de Vela regarding the age of International Umpires.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council rejects submission 111-06.

Appointment shall be based on competence and not age. This submission could be also considered as age discrimination in some countries.

(f) Submission 112-06

This submission was withdrawn.

(g) Submission 113-06

The committee considered submission 113-06 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding current regulation 34.6.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council rejects submission 113-06 in favour of submission 117-06.

(h) Submission 114-06

The committee considered submission 114-06 from the Real Federacion Española de Vela regarding age of International Race Officers.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council rejects submission 114-06.

Appointment shall be based on competence and not age. This submission could be also considered as age discrimination in some countries.

(i) Submission 115-06

This submission was withdrawn.

(j) Submission 116-06

The committee considered Submission 116-06 from the ROC to amend Regulation 36.6.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council defers submission 116-06 for further development.

(k) Proposal to Change Title of IRO to IRM

A proposal to change the title of International Race Officer to International Race Manager was discussed, not only to reflect the real function of this discipline but to eliminate the frequent confusion of the term “officer” specific to IROs with “official” which refers to all disciplines. The proposal was supported in principle and a submission will be put forward for consideration.

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12. RACE OFFICIALS PERFORMANCE REPORTING

(a) Submission 117-06 Performance Reporting

The committee considered submission 117-06 regarding Race Officials Performance Reporting.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council approves submission 117-06.

(b) Investigation Procedures

No reports were brought to the attention of the ROC which required investigation in 2006.

(c) Commendations

Recommendations for ISAF Commendations were referred for discussion during the closed session. The Sub-Committees should include this in the closed session of future meetings for subsequent approval by the ROC.

13. RACE OFFICIALS REPORTING SYSTEM

(a) Regatta Report Forms

The proposal for all Race Officials regatta report forms to be updated with a confidentiality release clause so that information contained in these may be used for the purpose of performance reporting, subject to Council approval of item 10(a) was noted.

(b) Summary of Reports Received

It was noted that the IJSC, RMSC and IUSC monitored technical input received on report forms and it was agreed that a summary of this information shall be circulated to the RO community via email as appropriate and posted on the website.

(c) Online Reporting System

The committee received a presentation of the new online event management reporting system. The committee acknowledged the current stage of the project as a major step into the right direction. The advantages relating to event input for application/ re-appointment are evident. The whole scope of performance reporting to also allow input from competitors was agreed to be a positive. The chairman opened the discussion to the floor and the main concerns related to confidence in the level security in place against abuse of the system.

Recommendation

The Race Officials Committee fully support the development of the ISAF database for the purpose of regatta and officials reporting. However, it is very strongly recommended that the system must be secure against the creation of false identities before being used.

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14. PRE-EVENT CHECKLISTS

The committee noted the pre-event checklists previously circulated. It was agreed that these checklists should be adopted by each discipline and edited for the level of event and included in the relevant Manuals for download from the ISAF website.

15. PRINCIPAL EVENTS

Publication of the guidelines document regarding principal events was noted. This has been a significant aid for those submitting applications for initial appointment and re-appointment of status and MNAs. However, input has been received via various sources to expand the examples given and the guidelines will be updated as appropriate. This ongoing review of level events in each discipline on a global basis is a very good reason why “principal event” is not defined in the regulations.

16. SEMINAR / CLINIC MATERIAL

Clinic and seminar material with regard to judging, race management and umpiring are based on standard formats, namely powerpoint presentations and are continually subject to update and improvement. Given the development of material achieved to date the objective is now for further consultation between disciplines to ensure best practice across the disciplines. .

It was noted that material relating to the Measurement programme is not yet developed to the same level but much progress is being made. The need for the ISAF Secretariat to retain updated copies of all material, including all examinations was noted.

National clinic packages are being worked on in standardised formats, see item 4(a)(iv).

17. PROCEDURE FOR SEMINAR INSTRUCTORS

(a) Criteria for Appointment of Seminar Instructors

The proposed criteria for the appointment of seminar instructors was approved with the following clarifications:

- (i) Instructors must have status in the relevant discipline.
- (ii) Instructors, once appointed automatically become authorised to conduct all assessments/ examinations pertaining to each discipline.

It is the responsibility of each sub-committee chairman to ensure that there are sufficient instructors to deliver the clinic/seminar programme and it was noted that efforts to appoint additional team racing seminar instructors will continue. The lists of instructors have been recorded in the Sub-Committee minutes.

(b) Seminar Instructors Package

The seminar instructor package is being updated and will be circulated in due course to all appointed instructors.

18. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Specific cases regarding reported conflict of interest situations were deferred to the closed session of the meeting.

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In the general discussion it was proposed that there should be a public “conflict of interest” register posted on the website. This is current procedure for the America’s Cup. The chairman pointed out that conflict of interest is included in the terms of reference of the ROC and is also included in the Code of Conduct project in the Strategic Plan. The chairman confirmed that he will draft a policy document for approval.

19. RACE OFFICIALS TURNING UP AT EVENTS

The committee discussed the policy document regarding officials who “turn up” at events. It was agreed that this was useful information and with minor amendments should be adopted as policy and communicated to all race officials, inclusion in the manuals and posted on the website. .

20. RACE OFFICIALS MANUALS

The committee reviewed the status of the Race Officials Manuals; The judging, race management and umpiring manuals are well developed and have been recently updated or will be by year end. However it is noted that there is no standard measurement/equipment manual. Whilst the existing manuals are comprehensive with regard to each discipline there is a need to establish common formats and create a standardised user friendly index facility which will provide an easy cross reference facility between the disciplines. This will not be an easy task and the chairman invited technical assistance from any available source. Additional funding to progress this will be requested from the Executive as appropriate.

21. Q&A PANEL

The committee received a summary of the Q&As considered by the Q&A Panel since November 2005. The committee thanked the panel for their contribution and acknowledged the retirement of Jim Capron as Panel Chairman. A new chairman will be appointed by the Chairmen of the ROC and RRC in accordance with procedure for 2007.

22. APPOINTMENT OF RACE OFFICIALS TO EVENTS

The publication of Race Officials to events on the ISAF Website in accordance with the recommendation from Council November 2005 was noted. The ISAF Secretariat will continue to publish Race Officials appointments as soon as practicable.

23. RACE OFFICIALS CLINICS /SEMINARS

(a) Clinics / Seminars in Association with Regional Games.

- (i) The chairman gave a short report about the joint MR, RM and Measurement clinic held in Doha March 2006, a formal event held in preparation for the Asian Games in December 2006. The significant difference with these joint clinics was that the instructors acted as mentors for the duration of the event. No judging clinic was requested for this event but a Rule 42 workshop will be also be included in the clinics scheduled in December.

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Post Meeting Note: Subsequent to the meeting the Race Officials Committee were requested to support the All Africa Games with clinics similar to those conducted at the Asian Games. This will be in conjunction with the Federation Francaise de Voile who is working with the Algerian Federation, hosts for the event.

- (ii) The next Regional Games event which would benefit from joint clinics would be the Pan Am Games 2007 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This event is scheduled to place immediately after the ISAF Worlds in Cascais. To date no request from the Pan Am Games for clinics has been received.
- (b) Race Officials Conferences
 - (i) The organisation of the IM Conference scheduled to take place in Southampton 16 – 18 February 2007 is progressing with expected attendance of 58 delegates including IMs, class representatives, MNA representatives and invited equipment experts. An Olympic Workshop will also take place at the same venue on Monday 19 February 2007 with attendance by individual invitation only.
 - (ii) The invitation from the AC Management to host a joint RO Conference in Valencia in 2007 was discussed. However, due to various difficulties including availability of accommodation thanks were expressed to the AC Management and it was decided to postpone this conference to a later date.
 - (iii) It was decided that a Direct Judging Conference will take place in Southampton in 2008. The programme and objectives of the conference will be progressed in 2007.

24. INVESTIGATIONS PROCEDURE

(a) Investigations since November 2005

It was noted that there were no reports made to the ROC which required the implementation of the investigations procedure.

25. RACING RULES OF SAILING

The committee noted and discussed the following rules with a view to possible submissions in 2007:

(a) Retirement in Scoring

Currently there is no acronym for “retired” in the rule book yet the results show retirements. It was agreed to work on this for consideration again in 2007 for inclusion in the rule book for 2009 – 2012.

(b) Rule 69

Currently there is no mechanism for ISAF to call a hearing under rule 69. This is because the ISAF Review Board is the appeal authority in such cases. However, ISAF should have the authority to instigate investigations under rule 69, especially at high profile events like the Olympic Games. The chairman will consult with the Racing Rules Committee on this.

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(c) **Appendix N**

The committee discussed the possibility of the division of international juries into sub-panels of three. This could help NJs to gain experience for IJ status. See also recommendation on submission 156-06 below.

(d) **Appendix P**

Options should be identified to deal with the third penalty in the RRS from 2009, including a default option, and a mandatory interview with the competitor after the second infringement to explain that a further infringement may lead to a hearing under rule 69. This will be progressed in 2007.

(e) **Tie Breaks**

Clarification is required regarding tie placings and the decision to allocate the same points for tied places rather than tie breaker scoring. The responsibility of measurers should also be defined rather than be subject to discretionary input.

26. UMPIRED FLEET RACING RULES - EXPERIMENTAL APPENDIX Q

Experimental Addendum Q has been used for most Fleet Racing Grade 1 events around the world. It was agreed that the classes involved should be contacted to request feedback.

27. SUBMISSIONS* NOT INCLUDED IN SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS

(a) **Submission 013 -06**

The committee discussed Submission 013-06 from the Italian Sailing Federation about the ISAF Policy on the reproduction and use of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that Council rejects submission 013-06.

(b) **Submission 039-06**

The committee discussed Submission 039-06 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about ISAF Regulations – New Definitions and Housekeeping.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that Council approves submission 039-06.

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(c) **Submission 040-06**

The committee discussed Submission 040-06 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about ISAF Regulations - Housekeeping.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that Council approves submission 040-06 with following amendment

Proposal 1: support

Proposal 2: reject

Proposal 3: refer policy issue to Racing Rules Committee

(d) **Submission 043-06**

The committee discussed Submission 043-06 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about ISAF Regulations - Housekeeping.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that Council rejects submission 043-06.

(e) **Submission 056-06**

The committee discussed Submission 056-06 from the Real Federacion Espanola de Vela and the Federacion Argentina de Yachting about the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that Council rejects submission 056-06.

(f) **Submission 057-06**

The committee discussed Submission 057-06 from the Real Federacion Espanola de Vela and the Federacion Argentina de Yachting about the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that Council approves submission 057-06.

(g) **Submission 094-06**

The committee discussed Submission 094-06 from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee about Event fees for Women's Match Racing events..

Recommendation

The committee recommends that Council approves submission 094-06.

28. RACE RULES COMMITTEE AGENDA

The committee noted the following submissions proposing changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing and the appendices:

Sub no.	Received from	Affecting rule	Recommendations to Council
125-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule 18.1 (c)	Approve
129-06	Royal Yachting Association	Rule 42.3	Reject

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130-06	Chairman of the Offshore Committee	Rule 49.2	Reject
135-06	Royal Yachting Association	Rule 70	Approve
137-06	Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond	Rule 70.1	Reject in favour of 135-06
141-06	Chairman of the Offshore Committee	Appendix A	Approve
144-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rules C8.2	Approve
145-06	Chairman of the Match Racing Committee	Rule C11.1	Approve
146-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule C11.1	Approve
147-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule C11.2	Approve
148-06	Chairman of the Match Racing Committee	Rule C11.3	Approve The opinion of the Race Management Sub-Committee was to reject the submission
149-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule C11.3	Approve
150-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Rule C2.3	Approve
151-06	Chairman of the Match Racing Committee	Rule C2.3	Approve
152-06	US Sailing	Rule D2.2(d)	Approve
153-06	Chairman of the Offshore Committee	Appendix J	Approve
154-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Appendices K and L, Advertising	Approve
156-06	Croatian Sailing Federation	Appendix N – International Juries	Defer to improve wording and include solution to other identified problems.
170-06	Chairman of the Offshore Committee	Flexibility of Penalties	Reject
171-06	Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee	Regulation 15.19	Approve
175-06	Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond	Regulation 31.3	Reject in favour of submission 167-06
RR2(b)	Deferred submission 145-05		Defer for further development
RR2(b)	Deferred submission 154-05		Defer

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29. RACE OFFICIALS CLOTHING

An updated report regarding Race Officials Clothing was received. Helly Hansen will be the exclusive supplier for 2007 – 2010. The Chairman was involved in the selection of items included in the clothing packages. The clothing will not be supplied totally free of charge, Race Officials will be required to pay approximately 10% of the cost. During 2007 – 2008, 200 packs will be distributed. In 2007 100 packages will be distributed to the appointed ROs for the ISAF Worlds in Cascais, the Youth Worlds and IUs appointed to selected MR World Tour events. The ROs involved in these event will be contacted directly by the ISAF Secretariat shortly after conference. It was noted that clothing policy will be included in the RO manuals and the Code of Conduct (Strategic Plan project 5).

30. IFDS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

It was noted that the IFDS had informed ISAF that, contrary to the formal request received at the meeting in November 2005, they no longer wished to proceed with the necessary amendments to the regulations to include IFDS Classifiers as ISAF Race Officials as a matter of urgency but would contact ISAF at the appropriate time to progress. Since that communication verbal interest has been communicated by an IFDS representative to the ROC to resume this matter but it is noted that no written request has been received. The ROC confirmed that, every assistance will be offered to the IFDS at such time a renewed proposal is received.

31. ANNUAL REPORT

It was noted that the Chairman will present a report on the activities of the ROC for the period 1 January 2006 to date to the ISAF Council meeting of 10 November 2006.

32. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bryan Willis circulated a paper on “Cheating in sailing”. The document is based on feedback to a questionnaire and a working party will be appointed to develop this further and produce a guideline document for approval of the Executive and publication on the website.

33. RACE OFFICIALS CERTIFICATIONS

During the closed session, the ROC considered the recommendations of the sub-committees regarding applications for first appointment and renewal of status.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.00.