

**REPORTING COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE**

**OTHER COMMITTEE – CONSTITUTION, OFFSHORE**

**Committee Terms of Reference**

Regulation 15.4.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee

**PROPOSAL**

A proposal to change the terms of reference for the Empirical Handicap Sub-Committee by substitution.

The substitute text reads

**15.4.6 The Empirical Handicap Sub-Committee shall:**

- (a) support research and development in the application of empirical methods for performance handicapping of sail boat races and monitor the use of such methods.**
- (b) develop and promote standard parameters and notations for boat descriptions to facilitate global exchange of boat data between empirical handicapping systems.**
- (c) based on liaisons with empirical handicapping systems worldwide, establish and promote criteria and best practices for Empirical Handicapping.**
- (d) maintain liaison with MNAs and relevant ISAF committees and subcommittees.**

**CURRENT POSITION**

The published terms of reference reads:

~~15.4.6 The Empirical Handicap Sub-Committee shall:~~

- ~~———— (a) maintain a close liaison with the administrators of empirical handicap systems in Member National Authorities (MNA's);~~
- ~~———— (b) maintain close liaison with relevant sub-committees;~~
- ~~———— (c) maintain a database for series boats produced throughout the world;~~
- ~~———— (d) monitor the scoring systems used in the calculations of results for races conducted under empirical handicap systems.~~

The presently published terms of reference were developed to reflect activities of the Empirical Handicapping Committee when it reported directly to Council as a stand alone ISAF Committee. These terms of reference do not reflect the current ISAF Committee structure.

**REASON**

New terms of reference for the ISAF Empirical Handicap Sub-Committee reporting to Council through the ISAF Offshore Committee reflect PRESENT activities of the sub-committee within the current structure of ISAF.