ISAF Committee Appointments

Appointments Process – Regulation 5

A submission from the Canadian Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective
To amend Regulations 5.1.5, 5.2 and 5.2.1 in order to make ISAF Committee appointments staggered every 2 years.

Proposal

5.1.5 All nominations for membership of Committees shall be received by the Secretary General not later than 1200 hours UTC 1 August in the year of the General Assembly and in the year two years after the General Assembly.

5.2 The Secretary General shall submit to the Council (at its first meeting during the session of the General Assembly) on two occasions, as outlined below, an alphabetical list of candidates for membership of the Committees nominated in due time. On each occasion the intention should be to fill approximately half of the members of each Committee. The first such occasion shall be at the first meeting of the Council during the session of the General Assembly. The second occasion shall be at the first meeting of the Council two years after the session of the General Assembly.

5.2.1 The Executive Committee shall on two occasions, four days before the General Assembly and four days before the first meeting of the Council two years after the General Assembly, publish a list of recommendations for the appointment of half the members of Committees.

Current Position
As above.

Reasons
As a result of the present system most committees meet for the first time at the next November meeting one year after the General Assembly and effectively only have 3 years together as a group to work on the various tasks confronting them. In addition, unless the new committee appointments include some members from the past committee, there is no real continuity of work which may be in progress.

By making committee appointments staggered both of these problems are overcome. In the first place half the committee members will continue for a further 2 years thereby avoiding the gap which presently exists from the date of appointment until the first meeting at the next November conference. In addition the continuing committee members will be able to continue whatever tasks were being worked on before the General Assembly met.