

ISAF Committees

Empirical Handicap Sub-Committee

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To improve the support of Empirical Handicap racing by moving its responsibilities to the Secretariat under the supervision of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

Proposal

Discontinue the Empirical Handicap Sub-Committee, and transfer its responsibilities to the ISAF Technical and Offshore Department under the supervision of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

Current Position

See current Regulation 6.9.7.

The Terms of Reference of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (to be retained) already include:

- (g) monitor the activities of all elements of Oceanic and Offshore Racing, conducted in one design or level rating classes of boats, as well as under handicap or rating systems, and report to Council making any appropriate recommendations.

Reasons

1. Empirical handicaps are driven by local (club or MNA) needs and initiatives. This should be encouraged under ISAF guidance and oversight.
 2. The Offshore and Technical Department is now resourced to take on the guidance and oversight work of the Sub-committee, and can offer more timely support than a sub-committee.
 3. The Oceanic and Offshore Committee is already responsible for monitoring racing under handicap systems, and reporting to Council.
 4. The Chairman of the Sub-committee himself advises it should be disbanded.
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