Introduction of XRR as Regatta Reporting

New Regulation 25.7.6

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To require event organizers to use the ISAF XRR standard Regatta Reporting format for scores reporting, for a number of ISAF or ISAF-related events, as defined in Regulation 25.

Proposal

Insert New Regulation 25.7.6:

25.7.6 The event organizer shall use the ISAF XML Regatta Reporting format (ISAF XRR) at any event described in Regulation 25.7.3. This regulation takes effect on 1 November 2013.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

1. Initial proposals to use a structured score reporting format for regattas are almost 10 years old.

2. A submission from Sweden, in 2004, proposes the use of XML as standard regatta report format. The submission was approved by Council.

3. XRR implements that submission. XRR has been “informally” supported by Council upon reception of reports by the Chairman of the TWP, now the ITTC.

4. The specifics of XRR V3.1 have been exposed on the ISAF web site for more than two years, with examples.

5. Most sports report results and scores as XML files. This includes the publication of sport results by the Olympic Games.

6. XRR was used for the reporting of the scores of the 2011-2012 Sailing World Cup. Some venues encountered problems due to the somewhat late introduction of the requirement.

7. XRR should be used by all venues of the 2013 Sailing World Cup.

8. The use of XRR, on a broader basis, should greatly facilitate the entry of regatta scores into ISAF’s databases, whenever these scores are used for cumulative purposes (including the ranking system).
9. XRR will also be instrumental in growing a standard communication protocol about regatta information, including: regatta results, tracking data, scoring details, competitor and officials notice board information.

10. The ITTC is ready and willing to support any organization that intends to implement XRR as reporting format.

11. The ITCC is committed to expanding XRR in a “backward compatible” fashion where possible, so that implementers of XRR are less likely to face unexpected incompatibilities.

12. There is plenty of time to adapt scoring programs for the production of XRR output in the course of 2013.