Role of Rating Systems in Oceanic and Offshore Committee

Regulations 15.17.2 and 6.1.1

A submission from the International IRC Owners Association

Proposal

That Regulation 15.17.2 should be amended as follows:

15.17.2 The Oceanic and Offshore Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of its sub-committees and not more than 14 other members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 59. and two members nominated by the International Rating Systems. Members shall have expertise in Oceanic or Offshore racing, and shall have relevant experience and current involvement in such racing or its administration. The Chairmen of the International Regulations and Sailor Classification Commissions shall also be members of the committee.

That Regulation 6.1.1 should be amended as follows:

6.1.1 In addition to provide for special representation required for organizations of sailors which are not directly represented through the process set out in Regulation 6.1 or for required specialty knowledge the following additional nominations may be made:

(c) (i) Membership of the Regional Games Committee shall represent Regional Games Organizations and specific geographic regions where Regional Games are likely to occur as defined from time to time by the Executive Committee,

(ii) The Member National Authorities represented as defined according to Regulation 6.1.1(c)(i) may collectively nominate candidates for membership in the Regional Games Committee, however only one nominee for each Regional Games Organization or Regional Organization may be recommended by the Executive Committee to the Council as provided by Regulation 6.2.1. The Member National Authorities from a particular Regional Games Organization or regional organization shall agree on their representative to be nominated. The process of such nomination is to be decided by the collective Member National Authority members of the particular organization,

(iii) Member National Authorities who are members of more than one Regional Games Organization or such regional organization as defined according to Regulation 6.1.1(c)(i) may participate in the selection of candidates in any of the organizations of which they are a member,

(iv) The foregoing provisions do not prevent additional members being nominated for the Regional Games Committee by the process in Regulation 6.1.

(d) International Rating Systems may nominate candidates for membership of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee
Current Position

As above

Reason

Both the reasons already stated in the first sentence of Regulation 6.1.1 (above) are applicable. Because ORC and IRC are international organisations they are not directly represented through Member National authorities and their nominees have specialised knowledge of a major branch of offshore racing.

This submission would not introduce any new principles but would put rating systems in a similar position to the ISAF Classes Committee, in respect of nominations to other committees.

Two nominees of International Rating Systems were members of the Offshore Committee from 2003 to November 2008, when the terms of reference were changed to merge the Oceanic sub-committee with the Offshore Committee.

It is considered important that the committee continues to include people directly connected to the international rating systems (ORC and IRC). Unlike dinghy racing, most offshore racing is not one-design but uses boat handicaps provided by the rating systems. The great majority of medium and top level offshore races use ORC or IRC ratings. ORC and IRC are fully occupied on a daily basis in managing the technical systems much of our sport depends on. Their knowledge, expertise, and contact with offshore sailors must be fundamental to the Offshore Committee. By issuing certificates and measuring they are in direct contact with the owners of about 14000 boats which are sailed by about 140,000 sailors.