The ISAF Classes Committee met at 09:30 – 16:20 hours on 6 November 2011 at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Present:
Helen Mary Wilkes – Vice Chairman
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – ICC Events Rep
Ceri Williams – ICC Windsurfing Representative
Richard Hart – ICC Equipment Control SC Rep

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6 and 8 Metre – Guy-Roland Perrin
12 Metre – Ken Kershaw
29er – Charles Glover
29erXX – Hannah Nattrass
49er – Jerelyn Biehl
470, 420 - Luissa Smith
Access 2.3 – David Staley
Byte – Ian Bruce
Cadet – Jan Martin Wilshut
Farr 40 – Philip Tolhurst(AM)
Formula Experience – Jose Garcia
Formula Windsurfing – Arturo Gallardo
Funboard - Bruno de Wannemaeker
Hobie 14 – Alfredo Figueroa
Hobie 16 – Enrique Keki Figueroa
Hobie 17 – Julio Caceres
Hobie 18 – Natalia Olivero
Hobie Dragoon – Daphne Guzman

Hobie Tiger – Enrique Quique Figueroa
Hobie Wildcat – Carla Malatras
Kiteboarding – Marcus Schwendtner
Kona - Eric Gonzalez
Lightning – David Sprague
Maxi – Gianfranco Alberini
Melges 24 - Riccardo Simoneschi
Micro - Helmut Czasny
Optimist - Sally Burnett
Raceboard – Marc Cardon
RS:X - Rory Ramsden
Shark - Doug Creelman
SL16 – Jean-Christophe Amedee-Manesme
Sunfish – Hector Duval
Star – Claude Bonanni
Topper – Bill Brassington
Viper – Darren Bundock

Alberto Predieri – (Vice-President) part of meeting
ISAF Technical and Offshore Department

Apologies:
Stephen Parry
Jeff Martin – Chairman
Colin Smith

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1. **Opening of the Meeting**

Helen Mary Wilkes, Vice Chairman welcomed the members in the absence of Chairman Jeff Martin. Apologies were noted from Colin Smith and Steve Parry.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

   (a) **Minutes**

   The minutes were noted of the ISAF Classes Committee meeting of 6 November 2010 were formally approved by the meeting and signed. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

   (b) **Minutes Matters Arising**

   Ceri Williams raised the question about the voting rights of alternate committee members, in the case that when there is an ISAF Classes Committee representative on a Committee and that person is unable to attend a meeting.

   Philip Tolhurst, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, advised that there is provision for alternates approved by the Executive committee to vote, though applications are rarely made. He felt that if the Classes Committee consider that the regulations on the appointment of alternates to ISAF Classes Committee representatives on other committees don’t fit with expectations, then a submission could be made to change it. He also drew attention to Constitution Committee Interpretation 001-11 in regard to proxies at the ICC meetings themselves.

3. **Submissions**

   (a) **058-10 Definition of Young, Youth and Senior - Clarification and Equalisation of Age for Classes**

   The ICC had not been involved in any investigation into the issues raised by the submission last year.

   On a proposal by David Brookes, seconded by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie the submission was rejected.

   **Opinion: Reject**

   See comments on Submission 036-11

   (b) **074-10 The Equipment Rules of Sailing - New B1 - POSITION OF EQUIPMENT**

   **Opinion: Did not discuss**

   (c) **002-11 Class Rules Sub-committee - Terms of Reference - Regulations 6.4.5 and 10.1**

   Corinne Rolland-McKenzie noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee had concerns about the ‘policies’ referred to in (a) and what they were.

   Georg Tallberg, Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee said that his committee would discuss the matter in their forthcoming meeting.

   Jason Smithwick felt that the Equipment Rules of Sailing and Standard Class Rules were the fundamental policies.
On a proposal by Helen Mary Wilkes, seconded by Helmut Czasny the submission was approved with a comment, on a vote of 25 in favour and 1 abstention.

**Opinion: Approve**

The ISAF Classes Committee would like to receive details of the Class Rules Subcommittee policies.

(d) 006-11 Athletes Commission - Constituting the Commission – Terms of Reference

Marcus Schwendtner spoke on behalf of the submission. After debate it was agreed that if the submission was rejected at Council, it should be proposed that the commission be re-named the ‘Olympic Athletes Commission.’

On a proposal by Bruno de Wannemaeker, seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi there was a vote of 19 in favour, 6 abstentions and 4 to reject.

**Opinion: Approve**

(e) 008-11 Membership Fee to be Paid to National Class Associations of ISAF Classes - Regulation 10.6

Alberto Predieri explained that the submission was prepared by a Working Party of himself, Helen Mary Wilkes, Pedro Rodrigues (Portugal), Peter Hall (Constitution Committee).

On a proposal by Helmut Czasny, seconded by David Staley there was a vote of 30 in favour, 2 abstentions and 0 against.

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

10.6 Use its best efforts to ensure that the National Association is affiliated to the relevant ISAF Member National Authority. Class/Owners Associations shall:

(i) **Shall** require that the individual boat owner(s) **and/or** the sailor(s), as prescribed by the relevant Class Rules, shall be members of their relevant National Class Association, if any, before racing, and

(ii) **May** annually charge, or cause their relevant National Class Associations to charge, as appropriate, the boat owner(s) and/or the sailor(s) only in accordance with the relevant Class Rules or regulation(s) of that ISAF Class.

(f) 009-11 ISAF Advertising Code - Regulation 20.2.3.1 Authorization to Display Advertising

On a proposal by Riccardo Simoneschi, seconded by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie there was a vote of 29 in favour, 2 abstentions, and 1 against.

**Opinion: Approve**

(g) 011-11 ISAF Advertising Code - Regulation 20.7.1 Manufacturer's Marks

On a proposal by Helmut Czasny, seconded by Sally Burnett there was a vote of 30 in favour and 1 abstention.

**Opinion: Approve**
(h) 012-11 ISAF Advertising Code - Regulation 20 Table 1 - Events Advertising

It was noted and agreed that the three sentences below the current Table 1 are to be retained.

On a proposal by Riccardo Simoneschi, seconded by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie there was a vote of 31 in favour, 0 abstentions, and 0 against.

**Opinion: Approve**

(i) 030-11 Associate Membership Redefined - Article 4(b)

Helen Mary Wilkes reported that she had been involved on a working party regarding this submission. It was felt that passing the submission would promote sailing by helping sailors representing dependent states compete at Regional Games.

On a proposal by Bruno de Wannemaeker, seconded by Helmut Czasny there was a vote of 28 in favour, 3 abstentions, and 0 against to approve the submission.

On a proposal by Sally Burnett, seconded by Bruno de Wannemaeker and a vote of 30 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against it was agreed to add a comment that any further working party formed should include a member of the Classes Committee.

**Recommendation to Council: Approve**

ISAF Classes Committee requests that any further working party on this topic includes a member from the ISAF Classes Committee

(j) 036-11 Guidance on Youth Age Ranges - Definition

Olivier Bovyn explained that his submission was just to provide guidance, as set of simple benchmarks – the message was aimed at MNAs not Classes.

On a proposal by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by David Staley there was a vote of 31 to reject, 1 abstention, 1 against.

**Opinion: Reject**

ISAF should not introduce standard age limits for youth or junior classes. The diversity of classes and age limits caters better for the variations in physiques and 'growth spurts' of young sailors around the world.

(k) 051-11 ISAF Classes Regulations - Restructure Regulations 10 and 25

Helen Mary Wilkes thanked Colin Smith and Steve Parry for their work on the Working Party representing the ISAF Classes. Chris Atkins explained the basis for the submission was to simplify but keep the current numerical requirements for dinghies and multihulls. David Staley felt that the numbers required for small keel boats were too onerous and that there should be a level ‘playing field’ in terms of the requirements for small boats whether they are dinghies, catamarans or keel boats.

On a proposal by Helmut Czasny seconded by Doug Creelman there was a vote to approve with an amendment, which was approved 29 in favour, 3 abstentions, 0 against.

**Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment**

An additional provision within the submission should be made for Corinthian and Professional boats that sail within the same fleet.
The reference to Regulation 25.8 in 25.2.1 should be 25.7.

(l) 054-11 In-House Certification - Regulation 10.5(h)

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie reported that the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee supported the submission.

David Sprague was strongly against the submission, he felt it was ‘Big Brother’ taking over and was poorly thought through.

Bas Edmonds clarified that the submission was not intended to affect Manufacturers Classes or to preclude traditional measurement and certification of sails. The intention is to protect sail lofts operating under the ISAF In-House Certification scheme who are under contract to only certify sails of classes that have adopted the ISAF scheme.

David Sprague proposed and David Brookes seconded to reject the submission, with 21 to reject, two abstentions and 2 against rejecting.

**Opinion: Reject**

The ISAF Classes Committee believe this is premature and has potentially unintended consequences.

(m) 055-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - ERS Interpretation - Regulations 29.3.5 and 29.3.6

On a proposal by Ken Kershaw, seconded by David Brookes there was a vote of 33 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against.

**Opinion: Approve**

(n) 056-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Introduction - Changes

On a proposal by David Brookes, seconded by David Sprague there was a vote of 31 to reject, 2 abstain, 1 to support.

**Opinion: Reject**

The ICC believe this submission contains an error which would allow NoR or SIs to write out the requirement for a certificate which is undesirable.

Except where otherwise noted below, the bulk of submissions 057-11 - 093-11, were approved on block with a note that the ICC expects minor grammatical errors to be resolved.

On a proposal by Ken Kershaw, seconded by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie there was a vote of 32 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against.

(o) 057-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - A.1 Class Rules

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved.

(p) 058-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - C.2.3 Open Class Rules

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

The Committee note the submission and recommends that some attention is paid to the Regulation 29.3.2

(q) 059-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - C3.2 Certify

**Opinion: Approve**
The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(r) 060-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - C4.1 Fundamental Measurement

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(s) 061-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - C.4.2 Certification Control

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(t) 062-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - C.4.7 International Measurer

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(u) 063-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - C.6.5 Portable Equipment

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(v) 064-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - C.6.5(a) and (b) Series and Age Dates

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(w) 065-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.2 Rig Types

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(x) 066-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.4(a) Mast

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(y) 067-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.4(c) Hull Spars

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(z) 068-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.5 Rigging Components

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(aa) 069-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.6(a)(i) and (iii) Forestay and Shrouds

On a proposal to reject by David Brookes, seconded by Ken Kershaw there was a vote of 28 to reject, 1 abstention, 0 against

**Opinion: Reject**

(bb) 070-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.6(a) Standing Rigging

**Opinion: Approve**
The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(cc) 071-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.6(b) Running Rigging
On a proposal to reject by David Brookes, seconded by Ken Kershaw there was a unanimous vote to reject.

**Opinion: Reject**

(dd) 072-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.1.7 Spreader

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(ee) 073-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - F.2.3 Mast Centre of Gravity

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(ff) 074-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.1 Sail & G.1.4(o) Attachments

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(gg) 075-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.3(b) Headsails and Spinnakers
On a proposal by Ken Kershaw, seconded by Richard Hart there was a vote of 5 in favour, 16 abstentions and 11 against.

**Opinion: Reject**

(hh) 076-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.3(d) Headsail & G.1.3(e) Spinnaker
On a proposal to reject by Ken Kershaw, seconded by David Brookes there was a vote to reject of 29, 3 abstentions, 0 against.

**Opinion: Reject**

The Committee does not believe the intended use of equipment should be included within an ERS definition

(ii) 077-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.4(g) Double Luff Sails

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(jj) 078-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.4(i) Dart

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(kk) 079-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition - G.1.4(k) Batten

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(ll) 080-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.4(k) Batten

**Opinion: Approve**
The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(mm) 081-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.4(m) Window

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(nn) 082-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.1.4(n) Stiffening

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(oo) 083-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.2.4, H.5.2 Hollows in Sail Leeches

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(pp) 084-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.4.2(a) and (b) Mainsail and Headsail Head Point

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(qq) 085-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.6.3 Tabling

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(rr) 086-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.6.4 Batten Pocket Patch

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(ss) 087-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.8.4 Reinforcement Size

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(tt) 088-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - G.8.9 Window Ply Area & G.8.10 Window Area

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(uu) 089-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - H.4.2 Outer Point Distance

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(vv) 090-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - New H.4.7

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(ww) 091-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - H.5.1 Condition of the Sail

**Opinion: Approve**
The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(xx) 092-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - H.5.2 Hollows in Sail Leeches

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(yy) 093-11 Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Rule: H.5.4 Sail Corners

**Opinion: Approve**

The ICC expects any minor grammatical errors are resolved

(zz) 132-11 ISAF Appointments - Regulation 25.12.7

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie reported that the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee consider the proposal might go too far in terms of lower-graded events.

Helmut Czasny was in favour of the submission which would remove the perception of any bias, though he conceded that there would be a cost implication to event organisers.

On a proposal by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie seconded by Riccardo Simonsechi there was a vote to defer of 30 in favour of defer, 1 abstention, 0 against.

**Opinion: Defer**

The ISAF Classes Committee supports the opinion of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee and would like to see clarification over which events 132-11 applies to. For example, there is concern that if this submission extends down to every Olympic Class graded event the cost implications for event organizers are significant. Reason 3 implies that the regulation would only apply to a very small number of events, but the OCSC understanding is that this regulation change would apply to a significant number of events as detailed in regulation 25.

(aaa) 159-11 Racing Rules of Sailing - Standardization of Rule 42 at Major Events

It was noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee unanimously rejected the submission on the basis that the Laser, 470 and Finn are all different and that this matter is not one of uniformity.

On a proposal by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by David Brookes there was a vote to reject of 26, 4 abstentions and 0 against.

**Opinion: Reject**

The ISAF Classes Committee does not support the standardisation of Rule 42 as set out in Submission 159-11.

4. **Recommendations Not Based on Submissions**

The following recommendation has been presented to the ISAF Classes Committee as the unanimous opinion of the Olympic Classes but has not been discussed by the ISAF Classes Committee.
The Olympic Classes Sub-Committee agrees unanimously as follows:

"1) The ISAF Olympic Classes Sub-Committee recommends that the ISAF adopt the following steps to promote the Sailing World Cup

Introduction:
The OCSC recognises the Olympic Commission Report is a concept paper and not a business plan and so before ISAF makes fundamental changes to the current SWC, they should seek to put the organisation and management of this important project on a professional basis.

ISAF may consider that the following 7 point plan could achieve this:

A) In November 2011, ISAF should appoint a person/agency/event company on a professional basis to draft a detailed SWC business plan
B) On approval of this business plan, ISAF should commit to funding the SWC for at least the first 3 years.
C) The business plan should define venues, media, logistics, costs, sponsorships & other revenues etc and define how these issues should be managed
D) ISAF should retain control of the field of play, ie race management
E) The business plan should be presented to ISAF in May 2012, who should then seek comments and suggestions over Summer 2012 with a view to finalising the plan in November 2012.
F) In the meantime, ISAF should address the funding basis of the SWC for the first 3 years so that the contracted agency can start work in January 2013
G) Once a business plan and funding is approved by Council, ISAF should make changes to the current SWC

2) The ISAF Olympic Classes Sub Committee recommends that the ISAF adopt the following steps in relation to a possible SWC Grand Final

Introduction:
ISAF should seek recommendations from the appointed person/agency/event company working on the SWC business plan as to the viability/relevance of the Grand Final Concept in the light of analysis of world tour models used by other sports...

In the light of these findings and with the approval of Council, the Grand Final concept could be based on the following:

1. ISAF should invite a maximum of 20 top sailors in each class to take part in the Grand Final based on the ISAF Annual Ranking including following events...
   a) X SWC events (to prevent a “traveler’s” circuit),
   b) X number of Grade 1 and grade 2 events,
   c) the class continentals and worlds.
2. In the meantime, ISAF should trial new & different format which may include more and shorter races, knock out system and different course configurations
3. Competitors costs should be subsidised and prize money should be awarded. “

5. Any Other Business

(a) ISAF Classes Representatives on Committees - Alternates voting rights
   Ceri Williams raised the issue of alternate voting rights. From the answer given by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee earlier in the meeting, the right to accept an alternate was at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Ceri asked what criteria would be applied?
   Alberto Predieri was asked to take this issue on board and look into it.

(b) Half-yearly ISAF Class Committee update
   Sally Burnett felt that it would be useful for the Classes to be sent a half-yearly update from the Chairman of the Classes Committee on developments.
(c) Class Officer’s Management Manual

Richard Hart felt there was no arrangement to help classes run their class association and that a class officer’s management manual would give guidance on how they should operate.

Bill Brasington agreed, as he did not know his way around the ISAF documents.

Luissa Smith felt that briefing documents should go out to the classes after each meeting.

Sally Burnett felt that the classes should look after each other and it would be useful to circulate their email addresses.

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie proposed a vote of thanks to Helen Mary Wilkes for chairing the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 16:18.