



The ISAF Classes Committee met at 09:30 – 18:15 hours on 3 November 2012 at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

Please refer to the ISAF website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

*Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 8-10 November 2012 on the ISAF website for the **final Council decision** on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes. Where an 'opinion' to 'reject' or 'approve' is shown against a submission in these minutes this is only the opinion of the ISAF Classes Committee (ICC). The final decision by the ISAF Council may be different from the ICC after hearing the opinions of other committees.*

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Present:

Jeff Martin – Chairman, Laser representative
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – ICC Events Rep, Finn representative
Ceri Williams – ICC Windsurfing Representative
Formula Windsurfing

Helen Mary Wilkes – Vice Chairman
David Brookes – ICC Equipment Committee Rep, Hobie classes
Richard Hart – ICC Equipment Control SC Rep

Class Representatives

2.4M – Paul Kragset
8 Metre – Guy-Roland Perrin
12 Metre – Ken Kershaw
29er – Charles Glover
49er – Marcus Spillane
420 – Jurgen Cluytmans
470 – Luissa Smith
Access Classes – David Staley
Cadet – Steve Proffitt
Enterprise – Jonathan Woodward
Europe – Paul Depoorter
F18 – Olivier Bovyn
Fireball – Andrew Davies
Flying Dutchman – Stephen Parry
Formula Experience – Marc Cardon
Funboard - Bruno de Wannemaeker
GP14 – Hugh Gill
International 14 – Colin Smith
Kiteboarding / ISWA – Markus Schwendtner
Laser 4.7 – Pilar Lopez
Laser Radial – Eileen Loo
Lightning – David Sprague

Maxi – Gianfranco Alberini
Melges 24 - Riccardo Simoneschi
Micro - Helmut Czasny
OK Dinghy – Andre Blasse
Optimist - Sally Burnett
Platu 25 – Edoardo Barni
Raceboard – John Ellis
RS:One – Manu Messiaen
RS:X – Neil Pryde
Shark – Douglas Creelman
Soling – George Wossala
Sonar – Gene Hinkel
Soto 40 – Pablo Ferrer
Splash – Pam Johnson
Star – Barbara Beigel-Vosbury
Sunfish – Hector Duval
Techno 293 – Ezio Ferin
Topper – Bill Brassington
TP 52 – Rob Weiland
Vaurien – Ugo Zappi
Yngling – Matias Dahlstrom
Zoom 8 – Anita Yngve

ISAF Technical and Offshore Department

Jason Smithwick – Head of Technical & Offshore
Simon Forbes – Technical & Offshore Manager

Rob Taylor – Technical Coordinator
Henry Thorpe – Technical Coordinator

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Norbert Marin – Technical Coordinator

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the ISAF Classes Committee of 5 November 2011 were noted and signed as a true record.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda.

3. Submissions

The submissions can be found at: www.sailing.org/2012-conference.php

(a) 001-12 MNA Subscription - Revision of Subscription Category for Two MNAs

David Sprague considered that the submission raised a matter of policy, as 80 of the MNAs pay a subscription fee which is less than the class subscription fee.

On a proposal by David Sprague, seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi and a vote of 35 in favour, 8 abstentions and 5 against it was agreed to approve the submission with a recommendation to reduce class subscription fees.

Opinion: Approve

ISAF Classes Committee recommend that the Executive Committee reduce the class subscription fees.

(b) 006-12 Athletes' Commission - Change Status to Athletes' Committee

It was noted that the IOC term 'Commission' is used in a different context to the ISAF Regulations use.

On a proposal by Markus Schwendtner, seconded by David Sprague and a vote of 35 in favour, 12 abstentions and 1 against:

Opinion: Approve

This submission is taken into consideration with the Executive review.

(c) 007-12 Decision Making Procedure at Council - Regulation 3 - Council Rules of Procedure

On a proposal by Markus Schwendtner, seconded by David Sprague it was agreed:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Issues should also be circulated to Committees as well as Council

(d) 008-12 ISAF Committee Appointments - Nomination and Appointments Process - Regulation 5

Olivier Bovyn felt that rotating 50% of the committee membership every 2 years to improve continuity of committee work would be a cure that is

worse than the disease.

On a proposal to reject by Georg Wossala, seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi it was agreed to reject:

Opinion: Reject

- (e) 009-12 Development and Youth Committee - Terms of reference - Regulation 6.3

Steve Proffitt considered that the Development and Youth Committee covered a greater range than just 'Training'. Bill Bassington felt that 'Development' should cover all age groups.

On a proposal to reject by Olivier Bovyn, seconded by Steve Proffitt it was agreed to reject:

Opinion: Reject

The Development and Youth Committee is much more than simply training

- (f) 011-12 Regional Games Committee - Terms of reference - Regulation 6.11.3

On a proposal to reject by Jeff Martin, seconded by Markus Schwendtner it was agreed to reject:

Opinion: Reject

- (g) 012-12 Olympic Classes Committee - New Regulation 6.13

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommendation was to support the submission. The Olympic Classes have distinct business to consider. The Olympic issues are in general not relevant to the rest of the classes.

Colin Smith was concerned that the terms of reference of the proposed committee are very broad and equal to the ISAF Classes Committee and he felt it was better to keep all the Classes unified under one committee.

Riccardo Simoneschi wanted to divide the work of the classes committee into two. If the pressure and needs of the Olympic work can be handled elsewhere, the work of the ISAF Classes Committee can stay on general matters which will improve the work of the ICC. He felt that more athletes should be speaking within the ISAF Committee system. He was disappointed that a proposed questionnaire by the Athletes Commission to the potential Vice President candidates had not been implemented.

Jeff Martin felt it would be a bonus to the classes if there were an ICC and an Olympic Classes Committee representative on other committees.

David Sprague was in favour of the submission, as this committee spends way too much time on Olympic matters.

It was agreed to not list other Committees in paragraph (g).

On a proposal by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi and a vote of 37 in favour, 8 abstentions and 3 against:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

To amend part (g) as follows:

(g) propose members to all relevant committees, sub-committees and working parties. (~~Equipment Committee, Events Committee, Equipment Control Sub-committee, ClassRules Sub-committee, Race Official Committee, Race Management Sub-committee, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee.~~)

- (h) 013-12 Maintaining ISAF Class Status - Classification Code Administration - Regulation 10.5(h)

Rob Weiland felt that the proposal was stating the obvious, and that if we approve this, we will have to write the same about every rule. It is a heavy stick [to gain conformity] – it could also be a problem with the product.

Jeff Martin questioned why a class would adopt the Classification Code and then not enforce it?

Riccardo Simoneschi explained that he had worked with some of the classes that use the Classification Code. The rules are open to cheating. A class wants to sell more boats and he felt that classes adopt the Classification Code to keep the cost of professional sailors down, but most paid-sailors are 'hidden-pros'. Owners are the first to cheat as they have a better chance to win with more 'hidden-pros'.

Jon Napier (Classification Commission) advised that if a class does not like the code, it should put in a submission to change it.

On a proposal by Riccardo Simoneschi, seconded by Helen Mary Wilkes it was agreed to defer the submission and refer the matter to the relevant classes.

Opinion: Defer

The submission should be referred to classes that use the ISAF Classification Code.

Subsequent to the meeting, submission 013-12 was withdrawn.

- (i) 014-12 Race Officials Administration - Establish ISAF Technical Delegates Sub-committee

It was noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee was not in favour of the submission.

On a proposal to reject by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote of 46 to reject and 2 in favour.

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes committee supports the principle but believes ISAF should create a cross committee working party to administer a Technical Delegate programme.

- (j) 015-12 ISAF Advertising Code - Bibs at ISAF Events - Regulation 20.3

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie reported on the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommendation.

On a proposal by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin

the submission was approved as amended:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

The ISAF Executive Committee and ISAF Secretariat should consult widely with interested parties and finalise the specifications for bibs at ISAF Events and advise sailors as soon as possible.

- (k) 016-12 ISAF Advertising Code - Advertising on Rear of Competitor Supplied Bibs at ISAF Events - Regulation 20.3

On a proposal to reject by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin it was agreed to reject:

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes Committee feels that this submission is too restrictive.

- (l) 017-12 ISAF Advertising Code – Table 1- Events Advertising - Regulation 20

It was noted that the submission proposed to amend the sub-heading of the 'boom' column in the table, to read: "On the forward or aft part of each side of the boom."

Markus Schwendtner felt that the submission should be deferred. By permitting event advertising on either the front or aft 20% of the boom length, he considered that this effectively excluded the competitor from using 40% of the boom. The competitor could not brand the boom to the full extent due to the 'forward or aft' wording changing from one event to the next.

Helmut Czasny noted that while the submission's stated purpose was to be in the case of boats where the headsail overlapped the mainsail, this was not reflected in the amendment to the current regulation.

On a proposal by David Sprague, seconded by Jeff Martin it was agreed to defer the submission.

Opinion: Defer

This submission should have further investigation by the technical committees.

- (m) 019-12 Athletes' Commission - Regulation 8.9.7

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie reported that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommended the creation of a working party.

David Staley wanted to add a Paralympic representative to the Working Party.

Jason Smithwick noted that the discussion on the ISAF Athletes Commission was to reflect an IOC directive. The International Paralympic Committee have a similar requirement for IFDS Committees.

It was unanimously agreed:

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

The ISAF Classes Committee approves the creation of a working party which should include at least one athlete from the Athletes Commission and at least one athlete representative from a non-Olympic ISAF Class

selected by the ISAF Classes Committee. The working party shall follow the "IOC Guidelines Related to the Creation of an IF Athlete Commission".

- (n) 037-12 ISAF Nominated Experts for Technical Courses for Coaches - ISAF Classes to Propose ISAF Nominated Experts - Regulation 6.3.3

Dan Jaspers, ISAF Training and Development Manager highlighted that currently only MNAs from Recognized Training Programmes can nominate coaches to be appointed as 'ISAF-nominated experts' to deliver ISAF Technical Courses.

Sally Burnett noted that the approach of the Optimist Class in the past has been to decline to nominate an expert as the class do not have the ability to vet a coach and would continue as such. She felt it was a huge burden of responsibility on a class, especially one working with young children to determine the all-round suitability of a coach.

Marcus Spillane questioned whether classes take on the liability if they nominate a coach.

Dan Jaspers noted that such ISAF technical courses have already been held in approximately 26 countries over the last three years. The coaches are appointed by ISAF as 'Nominated Experts' and employed by ISAF and are therefore under its liability.

It was agreed that the coach's MNA should approve the initial appointment.

On a proposal by Olivier Bovyn the submission was approved with 1 vote against.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

Approve with the addition that MNAs approve initial appointments.

- (o) 038-12 ISAF Nominated Experts for Technical Courses for Coaches - ISAF Classes to Propose ISAF Nominated Experts - Regulation 6.3.3

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

Approve with the addition that MNAs approve initial appointments.

- (p) 039-12 ISAF Nominated Experts for Technical Courses for Coaches - IKA to nominate ISAF Nominated Experts - Regulation 6.3.3

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Approve with the addition that MNAs approve initial appointments.

- (q) 042-12 ISAF Powerboat Training Guidelines - Inclusion (LSTP)

It was proposed that the guidelines would improve the the quality of training.

On a proposal by Olivier Bovyn, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote to approve:

Opinion: Approve

- (r) 066-12 ISAF Sailing World Cup Events - Add Windsurfing as an ISAF SWC Event - Regulation 24.3.1

The Committee noted that the Olympic Class Sub-committee recommended to reject the submission.

On a proposal to reject by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote of 16 to reject, 24 abstentions, and 1 to approve.

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes committee believes the ISAF Sailing World Cup should only be held for the Olympic events and equipment.

- (s) 067-12 ISAF Sailing World Cup and 2014 ISAF World Championships - Retain Windsurfing/RS:X as Events/Equipment

On a proposal to reject by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote of 16 to reject, 24 abstentions, and 1 to approve.

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes committee believes the ISAF Sailing World Cup should only be held for the Olympic events and equipment.

- (t) 068-12 2013-2016 ISAF Sailing World Championships and ISAF Sailing World Cup - Selection of Windsurfing Events and Equipment - Regulations 24.2.2 and 24.3.1

On a proposal to reject by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote of 16 to reject, 24 abstentions, and 1 to approve.

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes committee believes the ISAF Sailing World Cup should only be held for the Olympic events and equipment.

- (u) 073-12 Olympic Qualification Regattas - Continental Qualification Regattas

The Committee agreed to support the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommendation to approve with an amendment.

Opinion: Approve

The ISAF Classes Committee supports the principle of Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas and strongly recommends the use of Class Continental events in the continents where there are no World Cup events or where the Class Continental event is more appropriate.

- (v) 074-12 Olympic Qualifying Events - Regulation 23.2.1

On a proposal to reject by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote to reject:

Opinion: Reject

See Submission 073-12

- (w) 085-12 Reduce Costs for Olympic Sailing Campaigns –

On a proposal to reject by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote to reject:

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes Committee supports the principle but recommends ISAF looks at ways of reducing costs as proposed in the Olympic

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Commission report. Policing the proposals in the submission would be very difficult.

- (x) 086-12 ISAF Events & Class Rules of Olympic Classes - Nation Flags at ISAF Events

The Committee noted that the Olympic Class Sub-committee recommended to approve the submission.

On a proposal by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Jeff Martin there was a vote to approve:

Opinion: Approve

- (y) 087-12 Introduction of XRR as Regatta Reporting - New Regulation 25.7.6

Steve Proffitt felt that the proposal could be expensive for some classes who are using a different system.

Rob Weiland felt that ISAF should not be telling the classes where to spend their money.

It was agreed unanimously to approve with an amendment, to specify Olympic Class ranked events.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

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

4. Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

- (a) ISAF Classes Agenda Item No 9(a) Olympic Classes Sub-committee Recommendations

The ISAF Classes Committee supports the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommendation that the quotas for the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships and the 2013-2016 ISAF Sailing World Cup should be the same as for the Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships:

Men's Kiteboard	120
Women's Kiteboard	80
Laser	150
Laser Radial	120
Finn	80
Men's 470	120
Women's 470	80
49er	100
49er FX	TBC (80?)
Nacra 17	TBC (80?)

- (b) ISAF Classes Agenda Item No 9(a) Olympic Classes Sub-committee Recommendations

The ISAF Classes Committee supports the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommendation that the qualification system for the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships allows MNAs to have a maximum of 6 places based on the 2013 World Championships and the 2014 ISAF World Rankings. The timelines in the Events Committee Qualification System paper should be reviewed to allow earlier confirmation of entries.

- (c) ISAF Classes Agenda Item No 9(a) Olympic Classes Sub-committee Recommendations

The ISAF Classes Committee supports the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommendation that in addition to the format proposal in this paper, the Olympic Classes will recommend to ISAF alternative formats new formats for testing in 2013 at ISAF Sailing World Cup and if practicable, at Class events or other events.

- (d) ISAF Classes Agenda item 12 – Class Fees

ISAF Classes committee recommend that the Executive committee reduce the class subscription fees.

5. Election of Officers and Classes Representatives on ISAF Committees

- (a) Election of the Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee

Two candidates were declared: Jeff Martin and David Sprague.

Jeff Martin was proposed by Stephen Parry and seconded by Marcus Spillane.

David Sprague was proposed by Bruno de Wannemaeker and seconded by Gene Hinkel.

Both candidates gave a short presentation and answered questions.

There was a secret ballot and Jeff Martin was elected Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee 2013-16.

- (b) Election of the Vice Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee

Two candidates were declared: Helen Mary Wilkes and Markus Schwendtner.

Helen Mary Wilkes was proposed by Paul Depoorter and seconded by Barbara Beigel-Vosbury.

Markus Schwendtner was proposed by Bruno de Wannemaeker and seconded by Marcus Spillane.

Both candidates gave a short presentation and answered questions.

There was a secret ballot and Helen Mary Wilkes was elected Vice-chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee 2013-16.

On a proposal by Rob Weiland, seconded by Stephen Parry it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should mentor Markus Schwendtner with a view to him being a possible ICC Vice Chairman in the future.

- (c) Appoint the Council Member for the ISAF Classes Committee
David Sprague proposed that the Chairman be the Council Member and so Jeff Martin was approved unanimously.
- (d) Election of the ISAF Classes Committee representatives to other committees
The following nominations were received:
Equipment Committee – David Brookes
Events Committee - Corinne Rolland-McKenzie
Equipment Control Sub-committee - Jurgen Cluytmans
Class Rules Sub-committee – David Staley
International Measurers Sub-committee – Bruno de Wannemaeker
Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee – Ceri Williams
There being one nomination for each committee, on a proposal by Marcus Spillane seconded by Olivier Bovyn the nominations were unanimously agreed.

6. Any Other Business

- (a) Tracking
Sally Burnett gave an overview on the use of Tracking devices. The International Optimist Dinghy Association have purchased TracTrac devices. These are integrated with website and Twitter feeds and bring the whole Optimist world closer. The drawbacks are that in addition to the initial purchase cost of the tracker units, people are needed to run the system at an event and buy local sim cards etc. IODA can rent out their trackers to other events. Tracking increases a sponsor's profile. The cost of shipping 250 units to the World Championships had incurred a €2,500 shipping charge. At an event the cost was approximately €13-€15 per unit per day.
Jeff Martin noted that the 2012 Finn Gold Cup had used tracking by TracTrac and the cost had been around £5,000.
Steve Parry questioned whether TracTrac display was Apple/iPad friendly?
Helmut Czasny noted he had been the principle race officer at a European youth event with 350 competitors and the only complaints were by email that there was no tracking and live blog.
- (b) Classes Forum
Jeff Martin noted that he had established an internet forum for ISAF Classes at: www.isaf-classes.proboards.com. The intention was to provide information to ISAF classes not attending the annual meetings and to exchange information throughout the year on a more regular basis.

There was a discussion as to how the Class log in should work. David Sprague suggested that a person should use their ISAF Sailor I.D. as the login name. Applications to join would be approved by the forum

administrator. It was agreed that the chairman would take further advice following comments round the table and would contact all classes direct after the meeting.

(c) Third Party Insurance

Jeff Martin explained that he had been working on a universal Third Party Insurance scheme for sailors competing overseas. Sailors chartering boats abroad (particularly common in the Laser and Optimist Classes) find that they cannot transfer the cover of their home country policy. A number of countries do not have an insurance industry culture in sailing racing.

Markus Schwendtner noted that there are insurance schemes in the world of Windsurfing/Kite-boarding/Catamaran sailing that cover third party liability and use of rented equipment and that it may be possible to extend this cover to racing small boats in general. He was aware of an exception for Swiss citizens on Swiss lakes.

Barbara Beigel-Vosbury asked what was the standard level of third party insurance cover?

In the United Kingdom £3 million is recommended, some events in Australia require AUS Dollar 10 million.

It was agreed that this subject could be developed on the Classes Forum.

Vice President Alberto Predieri presented certificates to committee members in recognition of their service on the committee 2009-2012, and thanked Jeff Martin for chairing the committee for the last four years.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 18:13.