The Team Racing Sub-Committee met at 14:30 – 18:00 hours on Tuesday 6 November 2012 at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. ISAF Team Racing World Championship 2013 and Onwards
5. Team Racing Documents
6. Umpires
7. Any Other Business
8. Summary of Meeting

Present:
Alfredo Ricci - Chairman    Bruce Herbert
Jan Krejcirik – Vice-Chairman    Nick Hutton
Tomas Holc – Vice-President    Bob Leclercq
Peter Barclay      Stephen Wrigley

Absent:
Ulrich Finckh

1. Welcome & Introductions
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Team Racing Sub-committee meeting on Tuesday 6 November in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
   The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the Team Racing Sub-committee meeting of 8 November 2011. These minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.
   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
   There were no other matters arising elsewhere on this agenda.

3. ISAF Team Racing World Championship 2013 and Onwards
   (a) The Sub-committee considered future championships strategy and venues and made recommendation to the Events Committee.

   There were only 6 nation MNAs with 24 entries at the 2011 World Championship. With this breakdown the Sub-committee concluded that we should have a wider distribution of MNAs in order to hold a World Championship and therefore it was voted upon and decided not to hold a World Championship in 2013.

   It was also noted the Netherlands had submitted a bid to host a 2 or 2 on keelboat World Championship in 2013. The Committee voted not to accept the bid at this time and wished to thank the Netherlands their support of Team Racing.
4. **Team Racing Sub-committee: Strategy & Objectives for 2009-2012**

The Sub-committee discussed how the Sub-committee could go forward not only in its support of future World Championships, but Team Racing throughout the world. The Sub-committee reviewed the history of international Team Racing over the last 20 years and why there has been a decline in participation by various MNAs.

Team Racing is very developed in 3 or 3 MNAs starting with high school then college and therefore those new to Team Racing find it difficult to be as competitive as they desire. The Team Racing Sub-committee feels that it must become proactive not only to introduce and develop 3 on 3 Team Racing, but seek to introduce and develop new disciplines such as 2 on 2 and 4 on 4 racing as well.

Team Racing should be grown through classes such as the Optimist (4 x 4) and various keelboat fleets (2 x 2)

The Team Racing Sub-committee will have to become proactive in the development of Team Racing across all of the different disciplines through MNAs and the Class Associations.

The Volvo Ocean Race Team Racing Clinics have established new contacts for racers and officials around the world and the TRSC will seek to follow up with these new development avenues

**Report:** - Volvo Ocean Racing and the Team Racing Optimist Sail Academy.

There were a total of 340 sailors, 65 coaches and 85 umpires were involved with the Academy in 2012. The Academy focused on leaving a legacy of team racing at each stop over with clinics for the race committees/officials as well as competitors. The Chairman presented the Volvo Team Racing Academy Video.

It is possible that this kind of technique be utilized as a model for the development of team racing with various classes and MNAs

The following is input from the Sub-committee and those attending:

- Continue to work with the classes
- Have demonstration events to showcase team racing. Work with the 420 class who are currently adding team racing to some of their events.
- The Czech Republic had no team racing in 1995 and those interested in the development of team racing went to the successful MNAs in order to fully understand the sport. From there it grew to a few special events a year generally in the 3x3 discipline. Generally developed what was the most common discipline, but now will try 2 on 2.
- We see that age of the sailors is critical to the establishment of a national championship in the current 3 x 3. We will be able to open more doors if we change the format and expand into more disciplines.
- The European Federation will spend less time developing 3 x 3 in the future and will go forward as 2 x 2 development. They will bring the development to the club level and feel that this discipline is not ready for a world championship.
- Finland will begin to develop team racing disciplines.
- In Ireland there will be 18 teams racing next weekend and there are up to 25 college teams training 3 x 3 discipline. They feel that there should be an international event even if there is not a world championship.
- Suggest that there be more international competitions that are fun events for the competitors.
• Do not move away from 3 x 3 events even if other disciplines are developed. The 3 x 3 discipline is a very special culture and one that should not be lost.

• Develop international events that are geared for those that do not dinghy race any longer.

• We must focus on those countries that do not have match racing and be prepared to develop a discipline that fits the best with that specific MNA.

• Request that the Events Committee allow the TRSC to promote Team Racing rather than just run a championship.

• Assist in the operation of regattas that are other than a world championship.

• Investigate the possibility of Team Racing fitting in with other classes such as board and kite boarding. Continue to develop Team Racing as a male/female discipline no matter what the format.

• Introduce Team Racing into the Pan American, Region and Youth Olympic competitions.

• Terms of Reference.

• The Team Racing Sub-committee will continue to redefine it’s terms of reference to focus on the development of Team racing in addition to organizing team racing world championships.

5. Team Racing Documents
   (a) Standard Documents
   The Team Racing Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions guidelines are available on the ISAF website and will be reviewed in relation to the 2013-2016 Racing Rules.

   (b) Race Management Manual
   The Team Racing Sub-committee did not discuss the Race Management Manual for Team Racing.

6. Umpires
   (a) Seminars and Clinics
   The Team Racing Sub-committee discussed the proposed schedule for holding ISAF Team Racing Seminars and Clinics.

   The Volvo Clinics were excellent. These clinics were very useful in the development of umpires in countries that are looking into the world of Team Racing.

   The next Sub-committee must be proactive such that each member of the Sub-committee should be responsible to develop Team Racing in a specific region of the World. Bruce Hebert offered to provide the package that has been developed for 2 on 2 keelboats. The Team Racing Sub-committee should develop a list of target MNAs and mentor those countries.

   It is felt that the Sub-committee must be proactive and have the package to provide the MNAs to ease development.

   (b) Manual and Rapid Response Group
   The Sub-committee reviewed the Umpires and Team Racing Manual and the operations of the Rapid Response Group and advised there was one new Rapid Response call in 2012.
7. **Any Other Business**

   No further business.

8. **Summary of Meeting**

   **Recommendation to Council**

   The Team Racing Sub-committee recommends that Team Racing be an event in the Youth World Sailing World Championship as soon as possible.