The ISAF Classes Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Sunday 8 November 2015 at the Kempinski Hotel, China.

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

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Submissions
4. Other Committee’s Agenda Items relating to ISAF Classes
5. Other Items Related to ISAF Classes
6. Any other Business

Present:

Jeff Martin – Chairman, Laser Standard representative
Helen Mary Wilkes – Vice Chairman
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – ICC Events Rep
Ceri Williams – ICC Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Rep
Jurgen Cluytmans – ICC Equipment Control SC (In Part)
Techno 293 representative
David Brookes – Equipment Committee Rep

Class Representatives:

2.4M – Bruce Millar
8M – Guy-Roland Perrin
12M Robin Wallace
470 – Luissa Smith
29er – Jerelyn Biehl
49er – Marcus Spillane
Cadet – Jan Martin Wilschut
Farr 40 – Philip Tolhurst
Finn – Rory Barnes
Fireball – Francois Schluchter
Hobie 16 – Simon James
IKA Open – Markus Schwendtner

Apologies:

5.5M – Hans-Juergen Queisser
Adrienne Greenwood – Vice-President

ISAF Technical and Offshore Department

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

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 2nd November 2014 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: [http://www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings)

**Deferred Submissions**

(a) Submission 068-14 from the Offshore Racing Congress about Equipment Rules of sailing was not considered.

**ISAF Committees**

(b) Changes to Committee Structure for 2017-2020

Submission 019-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF committees was noted.

Jeff Martin noted that, as a Federation, ISAF has got one of the largest number of committees compared with other federations in Olympic sport. He also noted that reducing the number of committees does not necessarily mean that there will not be opportunity to have representation in different committees either through the MNA’s, the Chairman of the relevant committee or just to stand up and give an opinion in any Committee at any point. The openness of this organization makes this possible.

Ceri Williams was of the opinion that more time is needed to study the consequences of this submission since no proper consultation has been made within the relevant Committees.

David Brooks agrees with Ceri however he considers that the current structure does not work and if we reject the submission we will get stuck with the same structure for another 4 years.

Hector Duval showed his opposition that the Regional Games Committee becomes a subcommittee.

**Opinion: Approve with the following recommendation:**

Amend 021-15 & 024-15 to include an ISAF Class Representative

(c) Sub-committee Recommendations to Council.

Submission 020-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committees was noted.

**Opinion: Approve**

(d) Development & Regions Committee & Sub-committee

Submission 021-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committees was noted.

**Opinion: Approve with the following Recommendation:**

The ISAF Classes Committee shall have a representative on the proposed Development & Regions Committee

(e) Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

Submission 022-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committees was noted.

**Opinion: Approve**
ISAF Classes Committee Agenda (cont.)

(f) Match Racing Committee
Submission 023-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committees was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(g) Youths Worlds Sub-committee
Submission 024-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committees was noted.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendments:
The ISAF Classes Committee shall have a representative on the proposed Youth Events Sub-committee.

(h) Empirical Handicap Sub-committee.
Submission 026-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committees was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(i) Equipment Control and Class Rules Sub-committee.
Submission 027-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committees was noted.

Opinion: Approve

Working Party Forum

Submission 034-15 from the Sailing Cook Islands, the Fiji Yachting Association, Guam Sailing Federation, Vanuatu National Sailing Federation about Continental Associations was noted.

Opinion: Reject.
ISAF Classes Committee does not support the priority 5 in proposal 1.

Olympic Classes

(k) Olympic Classes Sub-committee
To note Regulation 6.7.4.3:
“The Olympic Classes Sub-committee shall be entitled to make recommendations directly to Council on matters which relate primarily to Olympic classes and not to other classes.”

ISAF Articles

(l) Articles 13 and 14.1(a)
Submission 001-15 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee about Subscriptions and Cancellation of Memberships was noted.

Opinion: No Opinion

ISAF Regulations

(m) ISAF Regulation 25.12.2
Submission 015-15 from the International Kiteboarding Association about ISAF Regulations was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve.

(n) ISAF Regulation 25.2.4

Submission 104-15 from the International Formula Windsurfing Class about Right to hold Championships was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(o) ISAF Regulation 25.2.4

Submission 105-15 from the International Kiteboarding Association about ISAF Class World Championships was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(p) ISAF Regulation 25.2.5

Submission 109-15 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee about Events and Competition Rules was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve.

(q) ISAF Regulation 25.2.6

Submission 110-15 from the International Finn Association about Subsidiary World Championships was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(r) ISAF Regulation 25.2.6

Submission 111-15 from the Chair of the Women’s Forum about Subsidiary World Championships was noted.

**Opinion:** Reject

The ISAF Classes Committee supports the principles of the submission and the working party should consider the issues raised in this submission.

(s) Additional Titles – Regulation 25.2.5

Submission 112-15 from the International Funboard Class Association about the Right to hold World Championships was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(t) Continental Participation – Regulation 10.4

Submission 113-15 from the Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee about World Championships was noted.

**Opinion:** Reject.

(u) Major events – Regulation 25.5.2

Submission 114-15 from the International Funboard Class Association about Right to Hold Championships was noted.

Opinion: Approve.

(v) Additional Titles – Regulation 25.2.6

Submission 115-15 from the International Kiteboarding Association about Right to hold World Championships was noted.
Opinion: Approve.

(w) Regulation 25.2.2
Submission 116-15 from the International Kiteboarding Association about Right to hold Championships was noted.
Opinion: Approve.

(x) Regulations and Racing Rules
Submission 141-15 from the Equipment Committee Chairman about International Equipment Inspector was noted.
Kim Andersen presented this submission which aims at making a distinction between Equipment Inspector; as someone who works for the event and Class Measurer; as someone who works for the class. This submission should help making the distinction between inspection and measurement; it also aims to avoid things like having competitors going to an event, having their boat weighted and optimize the boat weight during equipment inspection. Boats should be in compliance with class rules before inspection.
The general feeling of the committee was that there is no need of introducing a new Race Official title for what it seems to be a well-established system and that this would not make any difference whatsoever to the current Status Quo

Opinion: Reject

(y) Equipment Inspectors
Submission 147-15 from Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond about ISAF Race Officials was noted.

Opinion: Reject.
In favour of submissions 216-15 & 217-15

Equipment Rules of Sailing

(z) C.3 Certification
Submission 061-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

Submission 062-15 from the Optimist Dinghy Association about the Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject

Submission 063-15 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Hellenic Sailing Federation, the International 420 Class Association, the International Lightning Class Association, the International Cadet Class Association, the International 29er Class Association, the
International 470 Class Association about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(cc) C.4.6 – Equipment Inspector
Submission 064-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Reject

(dd) C.5.2 Skipper
Submission 065-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(ee) C.6.3(b) Measurement Trim
Submission 066-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(ff) C.6.3(c) Waterline
Submission 067-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(gg) C.6.3(c) Flotation Trim
Submission 068-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(hh) C.6.4(a) Boat Length
Submission 069-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(ii) C.6.4(h) Boat Weight
Submission 070-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(jj) C.6.4(i) Wingspan
Submission 071-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(kk) C.6.4(j) List Angle
Submission 072-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(II) C.6.5 Boat Age
Submission 073-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee
about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(mm) D.1.1 Hull
Submission 074-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(nn) D.3.3 Hull Depth
Submission 075-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(oo) E.1.2(l) Wing
Submission 076-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(pp) E.1.2(m) Foil
Submission 077-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(qq) F.1.7 Rigging Types
Submission 078-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(rr) F.1.4, F.1.7 & G.1.3 Kiteboarding Terms
Submission 079-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(ss) F.2.3(d) Mainsail Luff Mast Length
Submission 080-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(tt) F.2.3(e) Forestay Height
Submission 081-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(uu) F.2.3(k) Headsail hoist height
Submission 082-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(vv) F.6 Foretriangle Measurement definitions
Submission 083-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.
Opinion: Approve

(ww) F.7 Sail Setting Measurement Definitions
Submission 084-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(xx) G.11. Sail
Submission 085-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(yy) G.1.4(k) Batten Pocket
Submission 086-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(zz) G.2 Sail Types
Submission 087-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(aaa) G.4 Sail Corner Measurement Points
Submission 088-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(bbb) G.4.2(b) Headsail Head Point
Submission 089-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(ccc) Sail Dimension Abbreviations
Submission 090-15 from the IRC and ORC about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(ddd) H.1.3 Certification Control
Submission 091-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(eee) H.2.1 Equipment Inspection
Submission 092-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(fff) H.5.4 Sail Corner Cut-Outs
Submission 093-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.
Opinion: Approve

(ggg) H.5.4 – Sail Measurement extended as necessary
Submission 094-15 from the IRC about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: No Opinion

(hhh) H.7 Boat Measurement
Submission 095-15 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted

Opinion: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing

(iii) Rules 62.1(a), 85, 89.2(b), new Rule 92, New Rule 60.4, Change of Definition Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b), 61.3, H2, J2.2(9), K Header, K7.2, L20 and RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3
Submission 216-15 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Hellenic Sailing Federation, the International 29er Class Association, the International 420 Class Association, the International 470 Class Association, the International Cadet Class Association and the International Lightning Class Association about the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond about Racing Rules of sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(jjj) Rules 62.1(a), 85, 89.2(b), new Rule 92, New Rule 60.4, Change of RRS Definitions Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b), 61.3, H2, J2.2(9), K Header, K7.2, L20 and Delete RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3 43.1(c), 62.1(a), 78.3, 85, 89.2(b) and new Rule 92
Submission 217-15 from the Optimist Dinghy Association was noted.

Opinion: Approve

(kkk) 43.1(c), 62.1(a), 78.3, 85, 89.2(b) and new Rule 92
Submission 218-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond about Racing Rules of sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject

(III) H2, J2.2(9), K Header, K7.2 and L20
Submission 219-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond about Racing Rules of sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject

(mmm) Equipment Inspection Committee – New Rule 60.4, Change of RRS Definitions Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b) and 61.3 and Delete RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3
Submission 220-15 from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond about Racing Rules of sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject

(nnn) Race Signals
Submission 153-15 from the Funboard Class Association about Racing
Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(ooo) Race Signals

Submission 154-15 from the Funboard Class Association about Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

(ppp) Rule 78.2

Submission 212-15 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

**Disabled Sailing**

(qqq) Para sailing at Regional and Continental Games

Submission 291-15 from Sail Canada, US Sailing and the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee about Disabled Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Approve

4. **Other Committee’s Agenda Items relating to ISAF Classes**

Jan Stage, chairman of the Race Officials committee was invited to give an update on small juries, skype hearings and footage from on board cameras. Jan noted the importance of having collaboration between Classes and the Race Officials in this area.

**Skype Juries:** In order to reduce costs in events there is an ongoing discussion about having part of the jury present at the venue and part of the jury on skype and to conduct hearings using skype. The International Judges Sub-committee has created a guidance document on how to do this.

**3 Person Jury:** Jan presented submission 262-15 about introducing the possibility of allowing an International Jury of only 3 members in special circumstances.

Marcus Spillane questioned if a skype jury would have the same current quota required for an International Jury.

Jan Stage clarified that this submission is aimed mainly to events with relatively low number of competitors and with a history of low number of hearings over the past years; however the skype idea may be relevant for other events.

Concerns were raised about how to communicate this option to some classes which normally do not have representation in the ISAF Classes Committee and will be probably the classes more interested in making use of this option.

Jan clarified that this would be adopted only in a few number of events where there has not been hearings in the last few years and the number of competitors is low.

**Opinion:** Approve

**Footage from on board cameras:** Jan raised the issue of inboard cameras and
who can use the footage and for what purpose. Corinne McKenzie is going to chair the Working Party that will look into this. Corinne explained that the Working Party terms of reference is not to dictate when and where these cameras have to be used but how this footage can be used in protests to support a case and by whom.

Jeff Martin noted that the cameras nowadays can be found everywhere and can be very cheap; the footage of the cameras can be used to compensate for the regatta being too far from the shore and can be used for training purposes. The footage can also potentially be used in protests with the disadvantage that all boats may therefore feel they have to have one on board.

Jan Stage explained submissions 201-15 to 207-15 about RRS 69 and then 272-15, 273-15 and 274-15 with related cases which currently applies to competitors and boat owners; however there have been some cases of parents, coaches or other “support persons” who may not always behave as would be desirable. These submissions aim to sort this problem since at the present moment there is no sanction system in place.

These submissions are also aimed at helping ISAF improve their processes in accordance with CAS recommendations following the last America’s Cup Regatta.

A question was asked about how the bad behaviour of a parent will reflect in the competitor. Jan Stage explained that the parent will be given the opportunity to discuss the problem and eventually if no agreement is reached then Rule 69 will be run on the parent and his/her privileges during the regatta may be withdrawn. Eventually it will be the competitor who will get rule 69 applied if the problem continues.

5. Other Items Related to ISAF Classes

Sarah Kenny presented the report on the progress made by the Class Worlds Working party aimed at improving ISAF Regulation 25.

Sarah noted that the current system has got advantages and disadvantages. The term “World Championships” is recognized Worldwide and it represents the pinnacle of sailing for every class and it opens the doors to funding and attracts media; it also helps creating innovation among classes, however there is a sense that there are too many World Championships and this potentially devalues the status and confuses media and the sailing world.

Jeff Martin suggested the creation, during the conference, of discussion groups to get some input into the Working Party i.e. Youths group, Women’s group.

A discussion was held about whether infringements to class rules should be part of discretionary penalties and therefore part of the Jury’s decision. Kim Andersen noted that this is currently being discussed by the Equipment Committee and is to be applied only in Olympic Classes in principle at this time.

Marcus Schwendtner questioned the clarity in ISAF Regulations about Special Events; what their obligations are and what safeguards are there for classes. Marcus pointed out that it would be beneficial to have some clarity on the Special Events structure, how these titles are awarded and how the classes may be affected by this.

Corinne McKenzie questioned what protection ISAF Classes have against
Special Events using the same equipment of some ISAF Classes and how can they protect the calendar or the racing Rules of sailing.

Jason Smithwick presented a paper prepared with Alastair Fox, Head of Events and with the input of the Executive Committee that aims to explain under what circumstances an event may be awarded Special Event status and what are their rights and obligations; This paper is aimed to be a “live” document showing working practice. Jason also noted that ISAF Regulations cannot cover every circumstance of the sport; for instance there is no Regulation stating that classes can have multiple class associations to gain more world championships but classes do it. However he agreed that more clarification may be needed.

Philip Tholhurst commented that the circumstances under which Special Event status are being given needed more clarification and that no arrangement should be in conflict with the Regulations.

6. Any other Business

Recommendations not based on Submissions:

ISAF Classes Committee agenda item 5
The ISAF Special Event status is not covered anywhere within ISAF Rules or Regulations.

1. Urgent clarification is needed on the following:
   • application and decision making process for awarding the status,
   • the obligations linked to the ISAF special event status for the organisers,
   • extent of exemptions which can be permitted to ISAF Rules and Regulations.

The above details shall be published on the ISAF website.

2. Unless otherwise agreed with the respective ISAF Class, the following safeguards shall be in place for ISAF Classes when ISAF Class equipment is proposed to be used for ISAF Special Events:
   • protection of the ISAF Class rules,
   • protection of the Class calendar,
   • protection and allocation of the World title(s) or the perception of allocation of the World title(s).