

Equipment Rules Sub-committee Agenda



The Equipment Rules Sub-committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Monday 6 November 2017 at the Sheraton Buganvilias Resort, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

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Present:

Jurgen Cluytmans - Chairman

Helmut Czasny-Bonomo

Sebastian Edmonds – Vice-chairman

Jacob Jan Korpershoek

Curly Morris

Matteo Plazzi

Alex Finsterbusch

Betsy Alison (substitute for Brian Todd)

World Sailing Technical and Offshore Department

Carlos de Beltran – Director Technical & Offshore

Norbert Marin – Technical Specialist

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman welcomed all the attendants at the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Chairman noted that this is the first meeting of the newly formed Equipment Rules Sub-committee and that therefore there are no minutes to note from previous meetings.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

- Special Regulations representative currently missing
- Terms of Reference / Regulations.

3. Submissions

The submissions listed below were noted, and where necessary a recommendation was made to the Equipment Committee.

The submissions can be found at: <http://www.sailing.org/meetings>

Other Submissions

- (a) Submission 016 -17 from the Hungarian Yachting Association, Czech Sailing Association, Real Federación Española de Vela, Hellenic Sailing Federation, Federação Portuguesa de Vela, Russian Yachting Federation, Slovak Sailing Union, Turkish Sailing Federation regarding the introduction of an Antitrust Compliance

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Programme was deferred and not discussed.

- (b) Submission 017-17 from the Hungarian Yachting Association, Czech Sailing Association, Real Federación Española de Vela, Hellenic Sailing Federation, Federação Portuguesa de Vela, Russian Yachting Federation, Slovak Sailing Union, Turkish Sailing Federation regarding the introduction of an Antitrust Compliance Programme was noted.

Opinion: No opinion

- (c) Submission 062 -17 from the Chair of the Women's Forum regarding Olympic Equipment for Lighter Women was noted.

Opinion: No opinion

Equipment Rules of Sailing

- (d) F.1.4(c)(i) – Hull Spars.

Submission 055 -17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject

- (e) F.1.5 – Spreader.

Submission 056 -17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (f) G.1.3 – Sail Types.

Submission 057-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (g) G.6 – Sail Reinforcement.

Submission 058 -17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Equipment Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Racing Rules Of Sailing

- (h) Rule 50.1.

Submission 141-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (i) Rule G1.2(a).

Submission 152-17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

- (j) Rule G1.3(d).

Submission 153 -17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Reject.

Comments: RRS and ERS working parties will work together to rewrite Appendix G of the RRS

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(k) Rule G1.3(e).

Submission 154 -17 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

130% to be changed to 125%

4. Equipment Rules of Sailing/ Racing Rules

The Chairman explained to the Committee that having separate ERS and RRS Working Parties has always created many compatibility issues in the past. The joint ERS & RRS Working Party will review the ERS, RRS and any other relevant documents and indicate work items to both Working Parties including interpretation requests that require a joint approach. It will provide guidance and act as liaison with those Working Parties. As in the current term, Curly Morris is a member of the subcommittee but not of the Working Parties, the Chairman proposed to provide Curly with copies of the agendas / minutes / communications of the ERS Working Party in order to enable him to perform his role as World Sailing Classes Committee representative.

Helmut Czasny explained that the joined Working Party was formed by himself as Chair, Bas Edmonds, Pilar Lopez and Nathan Titcomb. The Working Party aims to create a unanimous use of technical language in documents relevant to the competitor.

It was noted that the Terms of Reference of the ERS WP may need to be changed to remove conflicts and better reflect the actual work.

5. Class Rules

Bas Edmonds gave a report on the Standard Class Rules (SCR) Working Party.

The WP is looking into the following issues:

- Discretionary Penalties.
- Restructure of SCR.
- Replacement of damaged equipment during events. Meaning of terms such as "damaged beyond repair".
- Develop tolerances in absolute measurements.
- SCR template. How do we need to communicate this tool in general and changes to it in particular to the classes.

Norbert Marin presented a document listing all class rule changes/interpretations made during the period Nov 2016 to Oct 2017.

6. In-House certification Programme

Carlos de Beltran gave an overview of the IHC Programme and explained that a new staff member will be in charge of the development of the programme.

So far around 12000 stickers have been sold with more lofts and classes getting interested in joining the scheme. The Committee was interested in knowing more details about these stickers, i.e. how many stickers have been sold per year, to whom / how many lofts and classes involved. Carlos agreed to come up with more exhaustive data for the next meeting.

Carlos also commented on the future of the IHC programme and how it could be implemented in other parts of equipment like rigs or appendages. However a large number of classes currently do not have certification of rigs and implementing that only to introduce

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IHC afterwards is not a good path forward.

Bas Edmonds explained that the RYA is testing IHC in hulls and that hulls may be the next step for IHC. Bas also noted that all national classes in GBR invoke now the IHC programme.

The Chairman discussed the need to have a good marketing strategy attached to the programme, taking into account its strengths and weaknesses.

7. Equipment Control Process

The Committee discussed the current IM Manual and how it could be improved.

Jacob Jan Korpershoek noted that there was some uncertainty about how this subcommittee is expected to liaise with the Measurement Manual. Classes need some guidance when they go to events and we need to avoid unnecessary measurement and at the same time we need to find ways to speed up the process with better measurement procedures.

Barry Johnson (Observer) noted that the IM Manual should be the only document dealing with anything happening at events. The IM should always report to the Equipment Control Sub-committee.

Manufacturer control classes can be inspected by WS but measurement control classes have a direct agreement with the Classes. A good base to use could be the current Olympic Classes contracts that WS are working on.

Dina Kowalyshyn (Observer) suggested an audit of all relevant documents that are linked to each other to see how they can be improved (gap analysis; creation of working document indicating what is and what should be where). Difference to be made between what's happening at events and what is related to fundamental measurement, building manuals,... A first status update to be provided during the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting.

Bill Abbott (Observer) explained to the Committee that he, as a boat builder needs to have all documents and that it is not relevant for him how the boat is going to be measured. He, as a boat builder produces a declaration stating that his boat is compliant but he is aware that the boat will have to be (re-)measured.

8. Reports on Committees with Cross Representation

- (a) Alex as representative for the International Measurers Sub-committee noted that nothing relevant to this committee was discussed.
- (b) Curly Morris as representative for the World Sailing Classes Committee representative commented on the new Chair and Vice-chair of the WS Classes Committee and their willingness to communicate and engage with all WS Classes during the year and not only during the conference.
- (c) No report was received from the Oceanic & Offshore Committee representative.
- (d) No report was received from the Racing Rules Committee representative since their meeting is scheduled in two days' time.

9. Annual Report

The Chairman presented the activity report which included activities from this Committee along with activities of the ERS Working Party, RRS & ERS Working Party, Standard Class Rules (SCR) Working Party, In House Certification (IHC), the Guide to measurement Working Party and further research into class compliance with their own rules and the outsourcing of office work to this Subcommittee.

10. Any other Business

Submission 133-17 was discussed.

Dick Rose noted that this submission was made to avoid Council to decide the outcome of submissions regarding Racing Rules for which they may not have enough expertise. The submission would let the Racing Rules Committee make the final decision on Racing Rule matters.

In the same way, Dick Rose noted that there is no point in asking Council its opinion about say Headboards, and he proposed to have a similar submission next year empowering the Equipment Committee to make these decisions.

Bas Edmonds commented on the current **Terms of Reference** of this subcommittee where some changes may be needed:

6.5.5.5 (b) This subcommittee should get more involved on the process to get a more consistent approach and help WS staff with their workload. A Working group could be formed to achieve this.

6.5.5.5 (f) IHC Support is missing and should be included.

Dina Kowalyshyn (observer) was concerned about confidentiality issues and noted that some things are better for the Executive Office to deal with and require a non-disclosure.

6.5.5.5 (g) Dina Kowalyshyn noted that this is not fully developed yet.

6.5.5.5 (h) The subcommittee noted that this Term of Reference should be refined. At the moment the Executive Office does most of the work on this area and it is important to have input from this subcommittee and use their expertise.

Jacob Jan Korpershoek volunteered to draft the revised Terms of Reference by mid-year.