Submission to the Committee

The Committee received a submission from Zvi Ziblat (Council Alternate for Group D) and the ISR MNA (“the Applicant”) concerning the 2017 IKA Class Report.

The submission principally centres around the answers to Q11 to Q13 in the Class Report which state:

Q11: How many new boats were built in 2016? ~25000
Q12: How many boats were built over the past 5 years? ~100000
Q13: Approximately how many boats exist Worldwide? ~1000000

The Applicants complain that the answers in this report do not comply with Regulation 10.5(e) which obliged the Class report to World Sailing on its “boat registration”. They also ask if plaque fees have been paid based on these numbers.

The Applicants ask the Committee to instruct the Class to amend its report numbers if incorrect.

Decision

The Committee considers that these submissions do not comply with Regulation 16.2.

The Committee’s view is that this ‘complaint’ concerns a difference of view on how a World Sailing Class is complying with the Regulations, however there is no question of actual interpretation concerning specific provisions of the Constitution and Regulations.

Despite requests to the Applicants, the Committee has not been informed by them as to what Regulation is being misinterpreted. Therefore, the Committee cannot issue an interpretation.

In particular, the Committee has no power of enforcement as the Applicants suggest. The Committee only has the power to interpret the Constitution and Regulations (see Regulation 6.2.3(l)). Therefore, the Committee declines the request to ‘instruct’ the Class to amend its report.

Additional Observations

The Committee makes the following observations which are not binding nor an interpretation. It is aware that the Class has reported to World Sailing the number of hulls produced by manufacturers. The requirement in the Regulations is to report the number of board registrations. In the Committee’s view, these are two different concepts.
Any power of enforcement rests with the Board of World Sailing, or in the event of a breach of the Code of Ethics, the Ethics Commission has the power of investigation into any complaint.

The Committee has asked that this decision be drawn to the attention of the relevant Department within World Sailing.

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