

The Class Rules Sub-committee met at 14:30 – 18:00 hours on Saturday 5 November 2016 at the Renaissance Barcelona Fira Hotel, Barcelona, Spain.

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**SP = Supporting Paper**

**CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only**

**TBC = To Be Circulated**

**Please refer to the World Sailing Council minutes of 11 & 12 November 2016 for the final Council decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes**

<b>Present:</b>	
Bill Abbott (Chairman)	Renee Mehl (Special Regulations Rep)
Agnes Lill (Vice Chairman)	Jan Dejmo (Equipment Control SC Rep)
James Dadd	Jim Capron (Racing Rules Rep)
Iulia Fulicea	
<b>Apologies:</b>	
David Staley (Classes Representative)	Janet Grosvenor (Oceanic and Offshore Rep)
<b>World Sailing Staff:</b>	
Jason Smithwick (World Sailing Director of Technical & Offshore)	Javier Blanco (World Sailing Technical Specialist)
Norbert Marin (World Sailing Technical Specialist)	

### 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Committee members.

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### (a) Minutes

The minutes of the Class Rules Sub-Committee meeting of 7 November 2015 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Jim Capron noted that he did not attend last meeting. The minutes can be downloaded at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings)

#### (b) Minutes Matters Arising

Bas Edmonds gave an overview on the Standard Class Rule's section

Modification, Maintenance and Repair. Progress has been made and now it is necessary to start looking into getting the classes to start implementing these changes in their class rules.

Bill Abbott highlighted the fact that, since the introduction last year of the new ERS definition of “extended as necessary” so far, only the Soling Class has applied to use a batten with different specifications to the one specified by World Sailing to measure corner points in sails.

### 3. Review of World Sailing Class Associations

#### (a) World Sailing Class Review

Norbert Marin introduced a paper showing four World Sailing classes with outstanding technical/contractual issues and noted that the list has been significantly reduced since last year. Managing this is taking a lot of staff hours and the Committee discussed different alternative ways in which these problems should be tackled, from refusing to approve Class Rule changes to prohibit these offending classes to hold World Championships. It was agreed that removing World Sailing status should be the last resource.

The following recommendations not based in Submissions were made:  
The Class Rules Sub-committee recommends to the Equipment Committee that regulations are put in place such that violation of regulation 10 by a Class may result in a penalty (e.g. removal of the right to a World Championships or suspension of World Sailing Class status).

### 4. Submissions

#### World Sailing Regulations

- (a) Submission 011-16 from the Chairman of Oceanic & Offshore Committee regarding World Sailing Regulations – Advertising Code was noted.

The Committee agreed that the manufacturer's sticker in a spar does not need to be that big and recommended that the Equipment Committee considers the size of the sticker on spars on yachts of hulls over 20mts.

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

The Committee approves the submission but the Equipment Committee should consider the size of the sticker on spars on yachts of hulls over 20 mts

**Vote:** Unanimous.

- (b) Submission 012-16 from The International Topper Class Association regarding World Sailing Regulations – Advertising Code was presented by Bill Brassington

Bill explained that the reason for this submission was the difficulty of applying event advertising in boats with low freeboard. The Committee agreed that finding sponsors was important and competitors need the tools to do this. The committee agreed on the difficulty of defining “low freeboard”. James Dadd also suggested that the term “low freeboard” should be referring to classes and not boats.

**Opinion:** Approve with the following friendly amendment:

**20.4.1.5 In accordance with the provisions of Table 1 there shall be no Event Advertising on sails except with agreement from World Sailing for classes with boats which have a low freeboard; in**

**which case Event Advertising is permitted which does not exceed 1/8 of the sail area and which is placed on a sail in a position prescribed in the class rules**

**Vote:** Unanimous

### **Equipment Rules of Sailing**

- (c) Submission 025-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about ERS definitions was noted.

There was a discussion on whether the term “spinnaker” should be added into the ERS or not. Since the new ERS 2017-2020 has already been published the committee agreed to pass on the submission to the ERS Working Party.

**Opinion:** Reject.

The Submission shall be deferred to the ERS Working Party.

**Vote:** Unanimous.

- (d) Submission 026-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about ERS definitions was noted.

The Committee rejected the submission as it is already in the ERS

**Opinion:** Reject.

It is already covered in the ERS.

**Vote:** Unanimous.

- (e) Submission 027-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about ERS definitions was noted.

The Committee rejected the submission as it is already in the ERS.

**Opinion:** Reject.

It is already covered in the ERS

**Vote:** Unanimous.

- (f) Submission 028-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about ERS definitions was noted.

The Committee the committee agreed to defer the submission to the ERS Working Party.

**Opinion:** Reject.

It is already covered in the ERS.

**Vote:** Unanimous.

### **Racing Rules of Sailing**

- (g) Submission 064-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The Committee did not see any strong reason to remove the term “Headsail” from the Racing Rule.

**Opinion:** Reject

**Vote:** Unanimous.

- (h) Submission 070-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding the Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

The Committee agreed that the submission is redundant.

**Opinion:** Reject.

**Vote:** Unanimous.

- (i) Submission 071-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding the Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Reject.

It is redundant. An asymmetrical spinnaker needs sail numbers on both sides by the definition of "leeward side of the sail"

**Vote:** Unanimous.

- (j) Submission 072-16 from the Deutscher Segler Verband regarding the Racing Rules of Sailing was noted.

**Opinion:** Reject.

The committee considers that the submission should be re-written by the appropriate Committees.

**Vote:** Unanimous.

## 5. Class Rules of New Classes Applying for World Sailing Status

To make a recommendation to the Equipment Committee on new World Sailing Classes' compliance with World Sailing Regulation 10 in regards to the class rules.

- (a) Viper 640

**Opinion:** Approve subject to final wordsmithing of class rules with World Sailing Technical & Offshore Team.

- (b) International One Design (IOD)

**Opinion:** Approve subject to final wordsmithing of class rules with World Sailing Technical & Offshore Team.

- (c) Nacra 15

**Opinion:** Approve.

- (d) Neil Pryde CR:X

**Opinion:** Approve subject to final wordsmithing of class rules with World Sailing Technical & Offshore Team.

## 6. Class Rule Change Procedure and Developments

- (a) General Discussion

A report about the number of Class Rules changes and redrafts made by World Sailing Technical Team during the year was presented. Bill Abbott noted that the current system, technical staff based, works well.

- (b) Development of Example Class Rules

The Committee discussed the need to have some standard definitions like hiking and whether these definitions should be added in an individual document, the ERS, the RRS or in the individual Class Rules.

All these documents have got advantages and disadvantages. RRS and ERS can only be changed every four years whereas class rules can be changed any time. Jim Capron suggested having more than one definition for the same piece of equipment, so that classes can choose the one they think is more appropriate for them, (e.g. Hiking type I, Hiking type II).

Jan Dejmo noted that the ERS is not a dictionary and that its terms need to be invoked in the class rules.

James Dadd spoke about the need to move forward on the modifications, maintenance and repairs section on the Standard Class Rules. The Class Rules should also make clear how to make interpretations.

## **7. Equipment Control Sub-committee**

The Equipment Control Sub-committee is responsible for producing the 'tools' used by the Class Rules Sub-committee. A verbal report from the Chairman of the Equipment Control Sub-committee highlighting the following working parties:

### **(a) Standard Class Rules**

Bas Edmonds gave an overview on discretionally penalties in class rules and noted that this idea is not currently active.

### **(b) Guide to Measurement**

Jan Dejmo commented on the progress made on the Guide to Measurement and reminded the Committee that this guide should be ready at the end of November. Bill Abbott questioned what big changes, if any, will there be in the Guide, i.e. different measurement methods.

### **(c) ERS Working Party**

Jan Dejmo gave a progress report on the ERS Working party.

## **8. Reports & Opinions from Committees Members with Cross Representation**

### **(a) Equipment Control Sub-committee**

Jan Dejmo discussed the process of making interpretations on the ERS and noted that these have to go to Council.

### **(b) Oceanic & Offshore Committee**

No report was received.

### **(c) Racing Rules Committee**

Jim Capron noted that it has been a quiet year. Jim noted that over the last twelve years the Notice of race has been transformed into a set of Rules. In some cases, there is not consensus on what should go into the Sailing Instructions and what should go into the Notice of Race. This leads to repetitions within the Notice of race and Sailing Instructions and we need to avoid this.

### **(d) Special Regulations Sub-committee**

Rene Mehl commented that there are three submissions that may be relevant to this committee.

(e) World Sailing Classes Committee

No report was received.

## **9. Annual Report**

Bill Abbott commented that World Sailing seems to be too focused into Olympic Sailing and that perhaps the rest of the Classes may need some help. For instance are we checking with the classes if the class rules that they have implemented are being followed correctly? Perhaps these things need to be looked out.

## **10. Any other Business**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 18:05