

The Equipment Committee met at The Great Hall, Chelsea Football Club, London from 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Sunday 13 May 2018.

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

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Meeting attendees:

Dina Kowalyshyn – Chair
Murray Jones – Vice-Chair
Torben Grael- reporting VP
Bill Abbott
Edoardo Bianchi
Markus Schwendtner – (in substitution of David Brookes)
Jurgen Cluytmans
Helmut Czasny-Bonomo
Cedric Fraboulet
Stan Honey
Barry Johnson
Cathy Mac Aleavey
Bruno de Wannemaeker
Betsy Alison
Jo Aleh

Apologies received:

Will Apold
David Brookes

1. Opening of the Meeting

Dina Kowalyshyn welcomed Committee members. Members were asked to introduce themselves and to state if positions within Class Associations were held:

Murray Jones: Member of executive committee of Nacra 17 Class.

Bruno de Wannemaeker: President of the Funboard Class & VP of Kiteboard Class.

Bill Abbott: Measurer for Etchells Class.

Jurgen Cluytmans: Technical committee member and IM of 470 Class and 420 Class and IM of the Optimist Class.

Markus Schwendtner: Executive committee member of Kiteboard Classes

Barry Johnson: Chief Measurer for 49er and 29er and IM of 420 and Kiteboard Classes.

It was noted that the Equipment Committee (EQ) is composed of technical experts. The EQ is responsible for creating guidelines for future submissions that will include information regarding the equipment criteria required to evaluation equipment submissions. This guidance is for Olympic equipment for the new events and should be fair and promote open competition.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Equipment Committee meeting of 8 November 2017 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were approved. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

3. Applications for World Sailing Class Status

Nacra 15 Class

The deferred application from the Nacra 15 Class regarding World Sailing Class status in accordance with November 2017 Council minute 12(e) was discussed. The committee recognized that the criteria set in regulation 10.2.1 (d) regarding worldwide distribution of boats has been met.

Recommendation:

The Equipment Committee recommends Council approve the Nacra15 Class application subject to signing a contract.

Diam 24 Class

The deferred application from Diam 24 Class regarding World Sailing Class status in accordance with November 2017 Council minute 12(e) was discussed. The committee noted that the criteria set in regulation. 10.2.1 (d) regarding the worldwide distribution of boats was not met.

The Class claim to represent a unique aspect of sport was presented by Cedric Fraboulet as;

- 1) possibility to become the first trimaran boat with World Sailing Class status,
- 2) being capable to attract sponsors and audience to sailing by organizing events close to the shore,
- 3) unique measuring system which uses chips in the equipment communicating by means of web applications.

Barry Johnson noted his preference to have all classes comply with the minimum worldwide distribution criteria. Jurgen Cluytmans supported this preference. Markus Schwendtner moved to defer the application to November 2018 seconded by Barry Johnson.

Recommendation:

The Equipment Committee recommends Council approve the Diam 24 Class application at the 2018 Annual Conference meeting once the worldwide distribution of boats has been met. Approve in November 2018 subject to signing a contract.

It was acknowledged that there is a need to review the regulations regarding the criteria to become awarded World Sailing status.

4. Re-evaluation of equipment selected for 2024 Olympic Event (Regulation 23.6)

- 4.1 Dina Kowalyshyn presented the Re-evaluation Procedure approved by the Board to review the equipment for the Men and Women's Windsurfer event and the equipment for the Men and Women's One Person Dinghy events.

The re-evaluation Procedure can be downloaded here:

[http://sailing.org/tools/documents/ReevaluationProcedureFINAL-\[24053\].pdf](http://sailing.org/tools/documents/ReevaluationProcedureFINAL-[24053].pdf)

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It was noted that the re-evaluation of the equipment for the Men and Women's Windsurfer event would be postponed until the outcome of the review of the event was known. If the decision of the event review requires to select new equipment the re-evaluation as described by this Procedure becomes unnecessary.

It was noted that the Procedure proposes a Working Party. Dina Kowalyshyn presented its members and asked for volunteers for the additional Equipment Committee member:

- 2 Vice-Presidents (Yann Rocherieux and Scott Perry)
- Chairman of the Equipment Committee (Dina Kowalyshyn)
- One additional Equipment Committee member.
- Director of Technical and Offshore (Carlos de Beltran)
- One Technical and Offshore Department Technical Specialist (Jaime Navarro)
- A representative of the Constitution Committee (Ana J. Gamulin)

Recommendation:

The Equipment Committee recommends Council approve the Olympic Equipment Re-evaluation procedure with three date amendments to the timeline as follows:

Bid closing date : ~~22nd~~ 27th June 2018

Publication of shortlisted candidates : ~~6-13th~~ July 2018

Shortlisted candidates yard visits : ~~9-13-27th~~ July 2018

4.2 The Equipment criteria for the Re-evaluation Procedure prepared by the Equipment Committee was discussed. It was noted that the Invitation to Tender document would include further criteria for the evaluation.

The Equipment Criteria can be downloaded here:

<http://sailing.org/tools/documents/ReevaluationEQCriteriaFINAL-%5b24052%5d.pdf>

Bill Abbott moved to provide this document to Council for approval. The motion was properly seconded and the committee voted to approve the motion.

Recommendation:

The Equipment Committee recommends Council approve the Equipment Committee Criteria for the re-evaluation of equipment under Regulation 23.6 document.

5. Received Submissions

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

Deferred Submissions

- a) Deferred Submission 015-17 regarding selection of equipment was noted.
- b) Deferred Submission 016-17 regarding selection of equipment was noted.
- c) Deferred Submission 019-17 for the 2024 Olympic Games was noted.
- d) Deferred Submission 034-17 regarding AGM to decide Olympic events and equipment was noted.
- e) Deferred Submission 059-17 regarding the selection of new Olympic equipment to be selected from existing World Sailing Classes was considered.

Bill Abbott noted that given the current market situation which shows new equipment designs are being developed more frequently over a shorter period of time, World Sailing may require the capability of selecting equipment which might not have World Sailing Class Status at the time of selection.

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Barry Johnson and Jurgen Cluytmans supported this idea and noted that existing Olympic equipment or selected equipment in the past did not comply with this requirement.

Jurgen Cluytmans noted that with enough time between the selection of the equipment and the Olympic events the benefits of this requirement may be achieved. Bruno de Wannemaeker noted that the submission has administrative benefits associated and allows equipment to be better defined in time but should not be imposed.

Markus Schwendtner noted that the intention behind the submission was to avoid problems resulting in selecting prototypes which require ongoing evolutions and updates to meet the intended and expected quality. But also noted that these items could be addressed as part of the criteria to be evaluated and valued in the selection of new equipment rather than being a regulation.

Cedric Fraboulet noted that the problems that the submission tries to address such as for example quality control, should be addressed by other means.

Bruno de Wannemaeker moved to vote submission 059-17. The motion was seconded by Bill Abbott. Submission 059-17 was unanimously rejected.

Recommendation: To reject.

- f) Deferred Submission 060-17 regarding selection of 470 for Two Person Dinghy events and make a recommendation to Council was considered.

Recommendation: To reject.

- g) Deferred Submission 061-17 regarding selection for RS:X for Windsurfer events and make recommendation to Council was considered.

Recommendation: To reject.

- h) Interpretation from constitution committee to Submission 083-17 on Olympic Sailing Competition - Olympic Events and Equipment - Regulation 23.1.2 was noted.

Dina Kowalyshyn noted that although this Submission was not in the agenda, given that the content mentioned and referred to equipment it should be noted by the Equipment Committee.

Bruno de Wannemaeker expressed that athletes have the capacity to adapt their weight ranges and that weight slots should be avoided in our policies.

Presentations

- a) Dina Kowalyshyn invited Markus Schwendtner to present and update the Equipment Committee members on the system used to register production equipment. The benefits of this system for Olympic production equipment were discussed and its application to kiteboard and windsurf equipment detailed.
- b) Dina Kowalyshyn invited Stan Honey, to present to the Committee members his vision regarding the submissions for Keelboat/Offshore Olympic events and equipment. The innovations in format, media reach and coverage, cost implications and potential equipment were discussed.

Mid-Year Submissions

- a) World Sailing Regulation – 38 (New Regulation)

Urgent submission M01-18 from the Board regarding mandatory reporting of safety incidents was noted.

Bill Abbott requested that the Equipment Committee receives feedback from reported safety incidents.

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Stan Honey expressed his support of this idea and explained the current approach on Offshore cases.

Jurgen Cluytmans requested clarification on what defines an incident and noted the requirement to update and align the term used in the Safety Portal which showed the term 'accident' instead of 'incident'.

World Sailing Director of Technical and Offshore referred to the Safety Portal for the incident definition:

"an unexpected event resulting in death or injury to a person or an unexpected event that, in the opinion of the bodies listed in Regulation 38.1, is hazardous in nature and has the potential to harm a person or property."

The safety portal can be accessed here;

<http://sailing.org/sailors/safety/incident-reporting-portal.php>

Barry Johnson requested to consider the inclusion of a penalty in case there is no cooperation.

Dina Kowalyshyn noted that the Committee supports the regulation and noted the need to further discuss penalties for non-cooperation.

Recommendation to Council:

To approve with the following amendment: Change word "accident" to "incident" in the web Portal definition.

- b) Submissions M09-18 to M68-18 regarding Olympic Sailing competition were noted. The Equipment Committee discussed the need to clarify and standardize the equipment criteria stated in each submission where the need to "evolve" or "new equipment" is proposed.

Jo Aleh noted that the Equipment Committee would require the format of each event in order to address the equipment. Markus Schwendtner shared this opinion. Dina Kowalyshyn noted that the Equipment Committee should define what kind of information is required to be included in the submissions as criteria to guide the selection of equipment.

The Equipment Committee discussed the content required for an equipment criteria submission template to standardize the wording and guide in the selection of equipment.

The items discussed for inclusion in the template where:

- i) Hull concept: Displacement/Skiff/Multihull
- ii) Weight range/Suited for Men or Women
- iii) Related to Function of equipment/format
- iv) Wind/wave range
- v) Rig/Sail size
- vi) Manufacturer controlled vs Measurement controlled
- vii) If the class rules allowed the equipment to be customized to the sailor's physique
- viii) Hiking or Trapezing by the crew(s)

Jurgen Cluytmans noted the dangers of putting forward a system with a high level of detail in the criteria that would lead to defining a specific piece of equipment without naming it directly.

Recommendation to Council:

The Equipment Committee recommends that Regulation 23 Submissions for the 2018 Annual Conference follow a template to be developed by the Committee in order to better describe the equipment selection criteria for those events where "evolve" or "New equipment" is proposed.

6. Para World Sailing Update

Betsy Alison presented an update on the IPC submission for reinstatement to the Paralympic Games and presented an update from the Para World Sailing Committee on the current events format and equipment approved by council for 2018:

- i) One person technical: 2.4mR O.D., fleet racing.
- ii) One person non-technical Men and Women: Hansa 303, manufactured supplied at the World Championships. Short course windward/leeward of 15min duration with quarter-finals, semi-finals with knock outs towards a 4 boat finals.
- iii) Two person non technical: RS Venture Connect, manufactured supplied at the World Championships. Short course heat style racing with qualification series followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals with knock outs towards a 4 boat finals.

Participation of women is being encouraged by using a bonus point system rather than mandating a mixed class.

7. World Sailing Classes Update

Formula Experience, Farr30 and RS100 have informed World Sailing that they no longer wish to maintain their class status due to their lack of activity.

World Sailing Classes GP14, X41 and Formula 16 failed to submit a complete annual report required by regulation 10.5 resulting in a review of the World Sailing recognition of the Class.

The Equipment Committee discussed the consequences and review procedure and proposed to defer the decision to November 2018.

8. Working Parties

ERS and SCR working party:

Jurgen Cluytmans gave an update on the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) Working Party. The ERS WP met in London in March. A set of submissions will be put forward to the 2018 annual conference to include new and amend definitions in the ERS. The Standard Class Rules Working Party is currently working on updating the SCR template and guidelines.

RRS/ERS working party:

Helmut Czasny gave an update on the RRS/ERS Working Party currently working on a submission for November to relocate equipment related rules in the RRS and to create a common section for both the ERS and RRS to facilitate clarity on equipment related rules.

Quality Control working party:

World Sailing's Technical and Offshore Director gave an update on the 2020 Olympic classes and manufacturer contracts implications on quality control. It was noted that in case of non-compliance with requirements the contracts would allow World Sailing to license their Intellectual Property to a third party. The Quality Control Working Party was encouraged to start working together with World Sailing staff Technical Specialist to obtain the required input and non-compliances. Dina Kowalyshyn requested members of the Quality Control Working Party to meet after the meeting to discuss this item further.

SWC Equipment Inspection working party:

Barry Johnson gave an update on the SWC Equipment Inspection Working Party created upon request of the Coaches Commission for the World Sailing Cup and noted that guidance from the commission is expected. It was noted that a policy is being prepared for World Cup appointed equipment inspectors.

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World Sailing Class review working party:

It was noted that regulation 10 and regulation 25 regarding requirements to obtain and maintain World Sailing status and to hold World Championships will require updates in the form of submissions.

9. Submissions

To Committee noted the need to prepare all submission prior to the deadline of 1 August 2018.

10. Any other Business

The Equipment Committee discussed the need to plan ahead schedules for equipment selection trials if new events requiring to “evolve” or “new equipment” are proposed.

World Sailing’s Technical and Offshore Director gave a brief update on the status of Nacra17 equipment and the actions of the supplier to address claims. Measurements procedures will be tested in the European Championship and reviewed to be implemented in Aarhus.

The Chairman noted that there was no other New Business. After requesting if there was any Old Business, and finding none, moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 15:00.