

The International Measurers Sub-committee met at 09:00 – 13:30 hours at the Hotel Renaissance Barcelona, Fira, Spain on Sunday 6 November 2016

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<i>Present:</i>	
Dimitris Dimou (Chairman)	Nicola Sironi
Barry Johnson (Vice Chairman)	Jurgen Cluytmans
Andy Halcon	Alex Finsterbusch
Bruno de Wannemaeker	
<i>Apologies:</i>	
Jean-Luis Conti	Hyo-Kyung Jang
<i>Also Present:</i>	
Rob Taylor (World Sailing Technical Specialist)	Jan Stage (Race Officials Committee Chairman – for items 3 & 4)

1. Opening of the Meeting

Chairman Dimitris Dimou opened the meeting by welcoming the committee members and noting that apologies had been received from Jean-Luis Conti and Hyo-Kyung Jang.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous International Measurers Sub-committee meeting held on 8 November 2015 were approved. It was noted that the 2015 meeting minutes had been distributed rather late which made it difficult for the Sub-committee members to review them properly.

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. IM Grouping

a) IM Grouping System

Dimitris Dimou reported on the IM grouping system. The IMSC has its own grouping criteria which was determined about 18 months ago. The Grouping was put in place not only to classify people but also to stimulate them to develop to a higher level.

Jan Stage, Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, gave an introduction to the IMSC on the general grouping system for all race officials which has only one purpose which is to “define” chief and lead race officials. Further details can be found in the ROC document

which will be circulated in due course.

The IJSC defined the appointment criteria as standard IJ, for lead officials additional “leadership” criteria are defined and for the chief officials some organisational skills are also evaluated. The IMSC system is not that different, but taking into account the standard working conditions are different the actual grouping system is the most suitable currently available.

b) IM Database

The IMSC initially had the intention to create its own database but that project was put on hold at the time it came that World Sailing would create a database. As there currently still is no World Sailing database, the main question at the moment is whether or not IMSC can start its own database and transfer it to the World Sailing Database once that is developed.

Despite the fact that there is a report form, it is often not used. IMSC would like to enforce the completion of the report for each event an IM is appointed to, as it is a good way to verify whether people are telling the truth on their event involvement. Barry Johnson added that transparency was key in ensuring any data entered in the event reports is accurate.

Bruno de Wannemaeker asks whether it is mandatory for any of the disciplines and whether there is a further purpose other than collecting data. For International Judges, there is currently no obligation to complete event report forms and it will only become mandatory once there is a World Sailing online system. The Race Officials Committee had been informed there would be resources to realise that system, but during the last year the person appointed to do so left the Executive Office.

Dimitris Dimou noted that the reports will be the best basis for the database as depending only on the application forms is risky. The “online” principle of the IJ-reporting system has advantages in terms of “public control”.

Dimitris Dimou sees the advantage of such an online database similar to tax declarations in which part of the data are already pre-filled. Jan Stage informed the Sub-committee to the fact that at this moment there is no direct pulling out of data for the IM (re-)application process, and suggested the IMSC bring any recommendations to the Race Officials Committee who would request budget to start such a project.

4. IM Appointment & Re-appointment Criteria

The criteria for appointment and re-appointment as an International Measurer was discussed by the Sub-committee members, noting that the criteria will no longer be part of the World Sailing Regulations but will be listed in a separate document. The updated Regulations will only show the general criteria for all disciplines.

The difficulty in ensuring International Measurers complete event reports was highlighted as one area that could be improved if it was made mandatory in the criteria for appointment and reappointment and that this should be listed in the new criteria document in a way that it covers all cases. For first applications, it was acknowledged this was impossible for the applicant to fill in the form himself/herself, but it would be an opportunity for the applicant to ask the responsible IM to complete the form.

Barry Johnson commented that a database or other such reporting system would be a great step forward, particularly since the 2016 (re)appointment process was very difficult for several reasons. Despite the draft document including a useful event classification table, the principal events criteria are not yet finalised, causing difficulties with the 2016 application process in which candidates sent applications listing events of the wrong level. It shall be circulated to the IMs and classes.

Jan Stage informed the IMSC that the level of detail is different from other disciplines. The ROC has to define the level of detail required, but it could be an idea to include the table into

the ROC document before the end of next month. Jan thanked all the Sub-committee members for their term of office over the past four years and for the work undertaken during that time.

5. IM Manual

Dimitris Dimou updated the Sub-committee on the status of the International Measurers manual and invited members and observers to discuss future updates.

Committee members and observers were reminded that input can come from all IMs, non-IMs and Class Associations. Guy-Rolland Perrin indicates that there are a number of items with regard to multihull missing from the manual. Nicola Sironi asked to pay specific attention for the fact that in multihulls there is currently a lot of development going on. Dimitris agreed with the statement but explained that the manual should be living reference document that is not stating the one and only correct way of doing things.

Given the recent rebranding of World Sailing, it was asked whether or not the document shall be reformatted in line with the latest rebranding policy. Rob Taylor noted that a wholesale change to the layout was unlikely and that any update in branding for the IM Manual would likely be limited to the cover sheet, but would discuss this matter with the World Sailing Commercial Team about the actual status of re-branding and report back to the Chairman.

Committee members were asked to list potential subjects and who may be responsible for each subject by the 15th of November 2016 for further work and inclusion in the revised version. It was agreed that all amendments and new additions to the IM Manual should be brought together before mid-December 2016 in order to finalise the new manual version.

6. World Sailing Classes and IMSC

The IMSC relationship with the World Sailing Classes and ways of ensuring appropriate support and development of International Measurers for the Classes was discussed.

For many years, it has been suggested that a letter to the classes shall be drafted. The question was once again raised as to whether or not this letter shall be sent this year. Speaking to the Classes during conference is difficult due to the timing of their Committee meeting and due to the fact that the classes attending the World Sailing Classes Committee meeting are usually not the ones that do not have any International Measurers. It was agreed that a letter to the Classes remains the best option. Certainly, this year it would be useful taking into account the definition of “principal events” and the number of applying IMs that did not attend the requisite number of principle events in order to successfully gain IM status.

It might be necessary to send two different types of letters, one to all classes in general and one to those classes not having any or insufficient International Measurers to meet the needs of their championship schedule. In addition, a letter should be sent to the existing IMs to explain their roles and side-duties. Barry Johnson suggested looking for proper wording when communicating with the Classes such as using words like “encouraging” instead of “demanding/enforcing” for example. Bas Edmonds, speaking as an observer fully supported this approach noting that a ‘one-approach-fits-all’ approach does not work and that we need to communicate with our “customers” to see how it can work for them, instead of telling them how to.

It was agreed that Dimitris Dimou would send the list of Classes who do not currently have an International Measurer to the Executive Office. This being approximately 40 to 45 Classes. Also agreed was that letters would be drafted to both the Class Associations and the current International Measurers and these would be sent out in due course.

7. Education and Development

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a) Seminars and Clinics

- i) The 2016 program of Seminars and Clinics was noted by the Sub-committee as follows:

Seminars

Moscow (RUS) - September 2016

Tokyo (JPN) - September 2016

Tampa, Florida (USA) - November 2016

Clinics

Cape Town (RSA) - January 2016

Copenhagen (DEN) - April 2016

Hong Kong (HKG) - May 2016

- ii) The Sub-committee discussed the 2017 program of seminars and clinics.

The IMSC unanimously supports the concept of making Clinic attendance mandatory before attending a Seminar. If supported by the Race Officials Committee, it was thought this could be implemented as from 2018 or 2019. It was also agreed that the validity period of clinic prior to attending a seminar shall be 4 years.

James Dadd, speaking as an observer, agreed to look into the possibilities of organising a joint IRC-IMSC seminar/clinic similar to the ORC seminar which coincided with the IMSC clinic organised in Copenhagen earlier in 2016. Barry Johnson suggested looking into the possibilities of including IRC or ORC into the clinic to be held in Geelong in April 2017. It was agreed with both parties that a 2½ - 3-day seminar would be suitable and give sufficient time to cover all material.

It was noted that the seminar presentation has been updated in line with the new edition of the ERS for 2017-2020; however, the clinic presentation is still to be updated. A presentation illustrating the ERS changes will be made available to all IMs in due course.

Seminars

It was agreed that the IMSC should look into holding a minimum of 1 seminar in Europe next year, ideally in Denmark or close by as part of the preparations for the Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships. A second seminar in Europe would be good and additional venues would be investigated.

Following the clinic early 2017, it would be good if a seminar could also be scheduled in December 2017, potentially linked to the International 420 Class World Championship in Perth, AUS.

Clinics

After a long period of absence, the IMSC managed together with the AUS MNA to define a program for the region. The first step would be a Clinic in April 2017, together with an event (in Geelong). In addition, the Hansa Class would work together with the IMSC to get sufficient people appointed on a longer-term basis.

It was agreed that the IMSC would look into possibilities of organising 2 clinics in Europe, ideally 1 in Northern Europe, 1 in Southern Europe. Alex Finsterbusch informed the Sub-committee members that he had received a request from Peru to organise a clinic late 2017 (November 2017, after the annual conference).

The following action points for the IMSC were agreed:

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- Look for 2 clinic venues in Europe;
- Contact DEN for a seminar in preparation of the 2018 Worlds;
- Look for a second seminar venue in Europe;
- Finalise arrangements with AUS and IRC/ORC for clinic & seminar;
- Finalise arrangements with PER for the clinic late 2017.
- Inform the Executive Office of the need to include the ERS changes information and other IMSC communications in the shipment of new RRS/ERS books in order to have all information in 1 package.

b) Conferences

Proposals for conferences or development seminars in 2017 were considered and discussed by the Sub-committee. Adding it to the World Sailing annual conference might prove difficult; however, it could be organised as a separate event at a major airline hub. It may be useful to define a “theme” for such a conference/workshop in order to provide more focus on topics for consideration and the material presented.

“Laser measurement and similar techniques” are also nowadays methods used was suggested by Nicola Sironi as a possible topic. “Foiling” and the America’s Cup could be a good topic for the 2nd day of conference/workshop.

It was agreed that there are not currently sufficient technical topics to stand as main topics for organising a conference. Once the “foiling” has become more stable that might be a very good topic, but at the moment it is still too soon.

It was agreed to further investigate potential topics for future conferences/workshops and report back to the next meeting.

It was agreed that if any International Measurers Conference would be linked to next year’s annual conference, discussions and arrangements needed to begin as soon as possible and a cut-off date of 1 March 2017 was agreed. The venue for next year’s conference is decided during the General Assembly, but would be either Sarasota (USA) or Puerto Vallarta (MEX).

8. Event Appointments

At the time of the meeting there was no report from the Event Appointments Working Party available to the Sub-committee members.

It was noted that the timing of some event invitations is has been an issue, as several invitations were received very late (up to 1 – 1 ½ months prior to the event) making it very difficult for the invited Race Officials to secure the necessary holiday approval or make the personal requirements necessary to perform their duties as volunteers at these events and so often invitations had to be declined.

9. Strategy and Development

The following strategic areas as identified by the Race Officials were discussed by the Sub-committee:

i) The needs of International Measurers

In general, the recognition of the International Measurers as Race Officials has improved the last couple of years, although it has been noted that there is still work to be done at some events. The timing of duties and location on venue of the different Race Official disciplines made integration at the Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition rather more difficult, for example there was no common lounge in which all race officials could gather to

exchange knowledge or views, or simply catch up on other issues that may have been ongoing. This integration was considered essential and it was hoped the Sailing World Championships in 2018 would be better provisioned in this area.

ii) Recruitment and Training of Race Officials, particularly in under-served areas.

It was suggested and unanimously agreed that a list of all Class Chief Measurers or Class Technical contacts be published on the World Sailing website. this information could be drawn out of the Class annual reports and would be very beneficial when searching for the appropriate contacts.

iii) Identification and Development of New Race Officials

It was agreed that the IMSC is lacking information about the technical contacts in certain MNAs and in certain Classes. This is joint task for IMSC and the Executive Office and can be started from the annual Class reports. In event reports it shall be encouraged to list contact details of the volunteers / assistants, enabling the IMSC to get in touch with potential future International Measurers.

Participants of World Sailing Clinics and Seminars shall be guided and brought into contact with the Classes of their interest or similar.

iv) Proposals for Continuous Training Programs for Existing Race Officials.

The Sub-committee members were reminded that the IMSC currently has no system with a mandatory test upon re-application nor for participation every 4 years in the World Sailing seminars.

v) Language Issues for Race Officials

The IMSC is currently very flexible in how this topic is dealt with. In assessment of results the main criteria is being able to explain things, even if it is not in proper English. It was acknowledged that in many regions English language skills remains a main issue.

10. Race Officials Committee

The International Measurers Sub-committee considered any recommendations they wished to make to the Race Officials Committee on any areas of the agenda not already covered.

It was agreed that to ensure continuity of work, especially with regards the IM Manual that the Committees and Sub-committees remain in force till end of January 2017, and that it was expected that as from 1 February 2017 the newly appointed (sub-)committees should be in place.

Further to the discussion on IM Seminars and Clinics, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that attendance at an IM Clinic before a candidate would be allowed to attend an IM Seminar became mandatory. It was noted that some MNAs held Race Official or Measurer Clinics and that there should be the option of allowing this as an alternative to the World Sailing IM Clinic. In order to be able to consider MNA-clinics as alternative for the World Sailing IM Clinic the rules shall make it clear to MNAs that it is up to them to present their programs for evaluation prior to any approval being granted.

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The International Measurers Sub-committee unanimously agree that attendance at a Clinic should become mandatory before a candidate is accepted onto a Seminar.

11. Submissions

Submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee:

a) Submission 053-16 – Regulation 31 – World Sailing Race Officials

The Sub-committee discussed submission 053-16 regarding the definition of Event Measurer in the World Sailing Regulations.

On a proposal to approve from Bruno de Wannemaeker, seconded by Dimitris Dimou, it was unanimously agreed to recommend this submission be approved.

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

b) Submission 054-16 – Regulation 31.23.1 International Expression Judges

The Sub-committee discussed submission 054-16 regarding the definition of Event Measurer in the World Sailing Regulations.

On a proposal to approve from Bruno de Wannemaeker, seconded by Dimitris Dimou, it was unanimously agreed to recommend this submission be approved.

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

c) Submission 055-16 – Regulations 6.10.13 & 34 – Conflicts of Interest

The Sub-committee discussed submission 055-16 regarding the definition of Event Measurer in the World Sailing Regulations.

On a proposal to approve from Alexander Finsterbusch, seconded by Bruno de Wannemaeker, it was unanimously agreed to recommend this submission be approved.

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

d) Submission 057-16 – Regulation 23.3 – Olympic Jury

The Sub-committee discussed submission 057-16 regarding the definition of Event Measurer in the World Sailing Regulations.

It was proposed by Dimitris Dimou that the IMSC support the opinion of the IJSC in this matter and unanimously agreed to support the opinion of the International Judges Sub-committee.

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

The International Measurers Sub-committee unanimously support the opinion of the International Judges Sub-committee

e) Submission 058-16 – Regulation 25.9 – Technical Delegates

The Sub-committee discussed submission 058-16 regarding the definition of Event Measurer in the World Sailing Regulations.

On a proposal to approve from Dimitris Dimou, seconded by Bruno de Wannemaeker, it was unanimously agreed to recommend this submission be approved.

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

Submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is an 'Other Committee' except Racing Rules submissions:

f) Submission 019-16 – World Sailing Regulations – Deletion of Event Measurer Definition

The Sub-committee discussed submission 019-16 regarding the definition of Event Measurer in the World Sailing Regulations.

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Reject

The debate regarding Event Measurer and Equipment Inspector has been taken forward to the next Four Year cycle.

12. Closed Session (closed to observers)

a) Performance Investigations

It was noted there had been no reported performance investigations for International Measurers.

b) Commendations

The following retiring International Measurers were recommended to the Race Officials Committee for commendation:

Ron Duffield (GBR)

John Koopman (USA)

Niki Nocke (GER)

c) Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

The current list of International Measurer Instructors was reviewed. It was noted that Paolo Luciani had now resigned from all World Sailing affairs and should be removed from the list of instructors.

There were no new instructors, administrations or assessors appointed.

d) Race Official Appointments

The applications for International Measurer status were reviewed and recommendations were made to the Race Officials Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1320.