The International Umpires Sub-committee met between 1400 - 1900 hours at the Al Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman on Sunday 10 November 2013

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Present:

- Sally Burnett (GBR) – Chairman
- Marianne Middelthon (NOR)
- Masaaki Tanaka (JPN) – Vice-Chairman
- Flavio Naveira (ARG)
- Miguel Allen (POR)
- Alfredo Ricci (ITA)
- Ricardo Lobato (BRA)
- Richard Slater (AUS)

Apologies:

- Adrienne Greenwood – Vice President (in part)
- Shane Borrell (NZL)
- Jan Stage – ROC Chairman (in part)
- Peter Shrub (BER)

1. **Opening of the Meeting**

   (a) The Chairman welcomed the committee members and observers, and thanked them for attending.

   (b) **Attendees and Apologies**

   The Sub-committee noted the attendees at the meeting and received apologies from those members unable to attend.

   (c) **Introductions**

   The members of the Sub-committee introduced themselves.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda**

   (a) **Minutes**

   The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the previous International Umpires Sub-committee meeting held on 3 November 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

   (b) **Matters arising**

   There were no matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.

3. **Governance**

   (a) **Delegation to Sub-committees**

   i) The Sub-committee received a report from the ISAF Competitions Manager on the current delegations of responsibility to the Sub-committees.
ii) To discuss and propose any changes to the Race Officials Committee.

**Decision**
The Sub-committee recommends approval of the paper to Race Officials Committee.

4. **Strategy and development**
   
   (a) Current topics
      
      i) To discuss recruitment and training of race officials, particularly in under-served areas.

      ii) To discuss and agree any expansion of the seminar and clinic program in under-served areas.

      iii) To discuss linkage with coaches and competitors.
   
   (b) New topics
      
      i) To identify and propose new strategic areas to Race Officials Committee.

      ii) To assess the needs of race officials in each discipline.

      iii) To discuss the development of new ISAF Race Officials.

      iv) To discuss and agree proposals for continuous training programs for existing ISAF Race Officials.

      v) To discuss national race official program packages.

      vi) To discuss linkage with classes.

      vii) To discuss the ISAF website.
   
   (c) Cost of officials at ISAF/high level events
      
      To discuss and make any recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.

   The Sub-committee discussed items (a) to (c) together during a facilitated discussion session.

   The Sub-committee was of the opinion that IUSC needs to have a much greater focus on all aspects of umpiring e.g. match racing, team racing and umpire fleet racing. This focus will extend to all areas (from applications to event appointments to education and training).

   The Sub-committee will examine ways of reducing the costs of umpiring over the next year.

5. **Education and Development**
   
   (a) Seminars and Clinics
      
      i) The Sub-committee noted the 2013 program and received a report from the Vice-Chairman on the 2013 Nations Cup clinics.

      ii) The Sub-committee discussed the proposed 2014 program.
   
   (b) Conferences
      
      The Sub-committee discussed plans for any continuous development training.

   **Decision**
   
   Sub-committee members are to consider advanced training options for International Umpires and liaise with the Chairman.
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(c) Publications
The Sub-committee received a report on updates of the manuals from Marianne Middelthon (NOR) (Match Racing) and Flavio Naveira (ARG) (Team Racing).

(d) Challenges and support
To identify particular challenges for race officials in each discipline and to discuss and agree potential methods of support.
Not discussed.

(e) Language skills
To discuss the need to develop the language skills of race officials.
Not discussed.

6. Race Officials Performance and Feedback

(a) Race Official Groupings
i) The Sub-committee received a report from the Chairman on the IU grouping process.

ii) The Sub-committee reviewed the grading requirements for match racing events and principal events.

Decision
The Sub-committee will consider for 2014 potential revisions to the principal events guidance (in particular with respect to umpired fleet racing events).

Decision
The Sub-committee supports the decision of the Match Racing Committee to review the costs of running Grade 1 events.

iii) To discuss future proposals and make any recommendations to Race Officials Committee.

The Sub-committee had no recommendations to make.

(b) Race Official Reports
The Sub-committee considered issues based on race official report forms received.

(c) Race Official Performance
The Sub-committee discussed feedback received on the performance of International Umpires.

Decision
The Chairman will appoint a working party to examine the systems used in regatta reports and to improve the methodology used.

7. Applications

(a) To review the appointment requirements for International Umpires (ISAF Regulation 31.12) and to make any recommendations to Race Officials Committee.

Decision
The Chairman will appoint a working party to review the appointment requirements and to report on any changes before the submission deadline for 2014.
(b) The Sub-committee reviewed the 2013 application process and received an update from the ISAF Competitions Manager

8. **Reports**

(a) To receive reports from the following major events:

   i) **34th America’s Cup**
      The Sub-committee received a presentation from Richard Slater (AUS) on umpiring and rule development at the Cup.

   ii) **2014 – 2015 Volvo Ocean Race**
       The Sub-committee received a verbal report from the ISAF Competitions Manager.

   iii) **World Match Racing Tour**
        The Sub-committee received a report from the Tour Director and a verbal update from the ISAF Competitions Manager.

   iv) **Women’s International Match Racing Series**
       The Sub-committee received a verbal report from the Executive Director of the Women’s International Match Racing Series.

(b) **Event Appointments**

   i) The Sub-committee received a report from the ISAF Competitions Manager on appointments made in 2013.
      The Sub-committee was concerned the marked decrease in the number of events and the effect this will have for International Umpires who will not receive appointments centrally from ISAF.

   ii) To discuss any areas of improvement in relation to event appointments and make recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.
      The Sub-committee had no recommendations to make.

(c) **Conflict of interests**

   i) The Sub-committee received a report from the ISAF Competitions Manager on conflict of interest decisions affecting International Umpires.

   ii) To review the current policy governing the conflicts of interests and the America’s Cup and to make a recommendation to the Race Officials Committee.
      The Sub-committee reviewed the current policy.

      **Decision**
      The Sub-committee recommends to Race Officials Committee that the policy adopted by Council in 2001 in Submission 111-01 should be revoked in favour of the current conflict of interest framework in the Regulations.

(d) **Addendum Q**

   The Sub-committee received a report on the use of Addendum Q from the Chairman of the Working Party.
9. Submissions

Please refer to the 2013 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings

(a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee:


   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation

ii) Submission 092-13 – International Race Officials Administration - Integration of Three Additional Disciplines – Regulation 6.9 and 31 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation


   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

iv) Submission 094-13 – International Measurers Administration – Regulation 31.13.2 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation


   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation


   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation

vii) Submission 097-13 – Race Officials Performance – Regulation 32.10 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation

viii) Submission 098-13 – Conflict of Interest – Regulation 34 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation

(b) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:

i) Submission 006-13 – Race Officials Committee – Terms of Reference – Regulation 6.9.6 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation

ii) Submission 007-13 – International Measurers Sub-committee – Terms of Reference – Regulation 6.9.8.3 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

   Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation


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vi) Submission 013-13 – Payments for Umpires from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve*

vii) Submission 014-13 – ISAF Technical Delegates from the Executive Committee.

*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No recommendation*

viii) Submission 015-13 – ISAF Regulations – Regulation 11 and new Regulation 38 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Submission withdrawn


*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve with the following amendment:

Delete the proposal regarding measurers.*

(c) To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - submissions 104-13 through to 136-13

i) Submission 115-13 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Composition of International Juries – Appendix N from the Malaysian Yachting Association

*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Reject*


*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve*

iii) Submission 117-13 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Size and Composition of International Juries – Appendix N1.2 from Sail Canada

*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Reject (3 in favour, 4 against, 0 abstain)*

iv) Submission 130-13 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New MR Call C3 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve*

v) Submission 131-13 – Racing Rules of Sailing – Additional Question in New MR Call C3 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

*Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve*


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ix) Submission 135-13 – Racing Rules of Sailing – New TR Call L7 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee.

_Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve_


_Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve_

10. **Calls**

The Sub-committee received a report from the Chairman of the Rapid Response Call Working Parties.

11. **Annual Report**

The Sub-committee received the Chairman’s proposed report to the Race Officials Committee.

12. **Closed Session (closed to observers)**

   (a) **Performance Investigations**

   The Sub-committee received a report on performance investigations affecting International Umpires.

   (b) **Commendations**

   The Sub-committee considered no commendations were required.

   (c) **Seminar/Clinic Instructor/Test Administrators/Performance Assessors**

   i) The Sub-committee noted the current list.

   ii) The Sub-committee agreed to commence a recruitment process for up to two new IU instructors.

   (d) **Exams**

   i) To receive a report on the current exams

   ii) To receive a summary of the exam results for this year

   iii) To receive a report on exam development

   The Sub-committee received a report from Marianne Middelthon (NOR) on the IU exams.

   (e) **Race Official Appointments**

   The Sub-committee considered and, where appropriate, recommended to the Race Officials Committee International Umpires for appointment.