International Umpires Sub-committee Agenda

The International Umpires Sub-committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours at the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, Florida, USA on Monday 29 October 2018

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

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda
3. Closed Session (closed to observers until noon)
4. Race Officials Roles, Qualifications & Competences
5. Online Applications & IT
6. Event Appointments
7. Payment of Race Officials
8. Insurance of Race Officials
9. IU Manuals
10. Calls & Rules
11. Education and Development
12. Race Officials Committee
13. Submissions
14. Any Other Business

Present:
Sally Burnett (SB) (GBR) Chairman
Richard Slater (RS) (AUS)
Bill O’Hara (BO) (IRL)
Sungchul Jeong (SJ) (KOR)
Flavio Naviera (FN) (ARG)

CM = Paper Circulated to Committee Members only SP = Supporting Paper

1. Opening of the Meeting
The chairman opened the meeting.

Apologies from Jacob Mossin Andersen (DEN) and Sofia Truchanowicz (POL) who were unable to attend however were present via Skype. Sungchul Jeong (KOR) unable to attend morning closed session.

Obituaries for Marianne Middleton and Guillermo Patino.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda
Minutes of the previous meetings from 2016 and 2017 were approved with no additional matters arising.

3. Closed Session (closed to observers until 12 noon)
Race Official Appointments: Applications for International Umpire status were considered with recommendations made to pass forward to the Race Officials Committee

Performance Investigations: There were no performance investigations to discuss.

Commendations: The sub-committee discussed the possible names to put forward and agreed with the recommendation of John Doerr being put forward for his service to, and the advancement of, the discipline of umpiring.

Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors:

i) The current list of instructors was discussed with confirmation from Sally that John Doerr shall remain as an instructor in 2019 but shall then step down.
ii) The sub-committee considered the appointment of new instructors/administrations/assessors.

**ACTION**- Kirk Brown to be listed as a Test Administrator to provide a resource for North American umpires needing to take the test.

The sub-committee discussed the lack of performance assessors for Fleet Racing and the lack of opportunity of events for assessments to take place. As seminars take place in Europe there shall be a greater need of performance assessors to do more league events in Europe or a focus to train more league event umpires to be assessors.

No performance assessors in the US. With two fleet racing education to be planned over the next two years, it is necessary for performance assessors to be available.

The committee discussed the requirement within an increase in seminars and clinics to develop guidelines to ensure consistency with test administration at clinics/seminars, with focus on testing all taking place on the same day.

4. **Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competences**

To discuss the adjustments for 2019

The sub-committee discussed the desire to make changes to the principal event requirement to support Fleet Racing and to take into account the number of days experience.

**ACTION**- To remove the requirement for having driven 50% **for medal racing** and adding the option of 36 days L2 or above alongside the current 8 principal events.

5. **Online Applications & IT provision for Race Officials**

Madeleine Dunn provided a report on the IT project for World Sailing and the impacts of this in 2018 Race Official Application. MD informed the sub-committee of the timeline for the website database project beginning in January 2019 and the unknown certainty and potential proposal to continue with the Survey Monkey platform for 2019.

Sally Burnett highlighted the notice of outstanding tests and the requirement to ensure these are completed.

**ACTION**- Megan to send out a reminder in Nov/Dec to all subject to test and 2019 renewal to begin planning test locations/proctors.

6. **Event Appointments**

   a. Barry Johnson (BJ) reported on the current status of activities of the Event Appointments Working Party, the interactions of the Working Party with the Executive Office and with the IUSC. Explaining the position of the EAWP to receive recommendations from World Sailing Classes, Organising Authorities and Sub-Committees and how this can influence the timelines for appointment/publications. The important elements in this process with different recommenders and criteria such as geography (from within or outside the region), availability in general, experience and gender equality were highlighted to the committee. Barry confirmed
International Umpires Sub-committee Agenda (cont.)

the policy the EAWP has proposed of a 3 event limit to ensure appointments are spread suitable among officials with no dual roles to be allowed at events.

b. Event Appointment for Umpires- Discussed the use of travel grants to develop umpires at events. The discussion considered using the grant to send additional umpires to higher level events to gain experience or alternatively sending a more experienced umpire to a less experienced event to provide guidance and mentoring.

7. Payment of Race Officials

Bill O’Hara, Chair of the Working Party reported there has been no development with cost management as proposal of 3-person jury to be accepted was not approved by ROC Chair. Payment side commitment has been made to put submission forward in 2019 for volunteer fee.

8. Insurance of Race Officials

Bill O’Hara explained the current position of insurance being available for Race Officials. Contacted a number of insurance companies to cover race officials for public liability for events but there is no fixed policy to cover all requirements and multiple policies are required depending on official’s needs.

9. IU Manuals

Match Racing Manual:

Received a report on the IU Match Racing Manual and discussed future updates.

Sally confirmed the Match Racing manual has not been taken over properly since Marianne’s passing and no development has been made.

ACTION- To confirm Gary Manual to take over development of Match Race Manual.

Team Racing Manual:

Chris Atkins updated document in 2018, confirmed Dave Pyron to work with Chris for future updates.

Umpired Fleet Racing/Medal Racing Manual:

Received a report on the Umpire Fleet Racing / Medal Racing Manual and discussed future updates.

Chris Lindsay has worked on manual produced for RYA and RYA agreed for this to be adopted for WS Fleet Race Manual, to now be checked by racing rules committee.

ACTION- Fleet Racing Manual to be online by February 2019

ACTION- Bill O’Hara to update High speed rules and boat positioning paper to be then be included in Fleet Race Manual

10. Calls & Rules

Rapid Response Calls for Fleet Race Umpiring:

Jan Stage confirmed that 50 calls had been identified, majority from Team-Racing to be worked on for Rapid Response calls and also a call book.

FR Rapid Response and Rules Working Party:
Rules Development
Jan Stage informed the Sub-Committee of the submitted amendments to the Addendum Q document, based on the past few years’ experience that has been presented to the Racing Rules Committee. Informed of no major changes but minor housekeeping amendments.

Jan explained the progress of the Appendix Q document. Reflecting a general set of rules, similar to Addendum Q but with spaces to allow for alteration of specific requirements (e.g flag colour) which can be altered by the organising team of an event. Aim for this to be approved by northern hemisphere season.

11. Education and Development

Seminars and Clinics

i) The following educational programmes took place in 2018.

   Seminars
   (a) Match Racing- Long Beach, USA- May 2018
   (b) Match Racing- Neusiedl Am See, AUT- May 2018
   (c) Team Racing- Glasgow, GBR- May 2018

ii) Clinics
   (a) Fleet Racing- Vladivostok, RUS- Sept 2018

iii) The committee discussed the proposals for 2019 education locations with seminars proposed to take place in the following:
   (a) Fleet Racing Seminar Stambery GER- April 2019
   (b) Fleet Racing Seminar Helsinki FIN- August 2019
   (c) Fleet Racing Clinic Sochi, RUS March 2019

The sub-committee discussed the outdated material for seminars and clinics. Richard Slater led a discussion of change for seminar and clinics for a separation of IU specific issues and the provision of NU level information to be used by MNA’s in clinics

Short term aim to work on videos with a long-term goal to use the material to recreate seminars. A structured plan of action to be created in January 2019 to work throughout the year which shall be shared with instructors for input.

ACTION-Kirk Brown to share videos

ACTION- Drone footage to be used to create further video material to be produced with commentary material to provide more understand and to be placed on the WS website to be visible prior to seminars.

12. Race Officials Committee

There were no additional recommendations made to the Race Officials Committee that had not already been considered by the Sub-committee in the agenda.
13. **Submissions**

*Please refer to the 2018 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings*

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

i) Submission 129-18 – World Sailing Race Officials – World Sailing Regulation 6.10.9.3 APPROVE

ii) Submission 130-18 – World Sailing Race Officials – Race Officials Administration – Race Officials Performance Regulation 32 APPROVE

iii) Submission 131-18– World Sailing Race Officials – Race Officials Administration – Race Officials Administration Regulation 31.3 APPROVE

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


iii) Submission 165-18 – World Sailing Racing Rules – Racing Rules of Sailing – New Rule 47.2 APPROVE


14. **Any Other Business**

Consideration of Umpire Decision and Signalling paper created by John Doerr was discussed.