

The World Sailing Classes Committee met online at 16:00 – 19:00 hours (UTC) on Sunday 18 October.

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions in these minutes.

Present:

Markus Schwendtner – Chairman
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – Vice-Chair
Quanhai Li – Vice President
Ben Remocker – Events Committee Rep

Bruno de Wannemaeker – International
Measurers Sub-Committee Rep
Curly Morris – Equipment Rules Rep
David Brookes – Equipment Committee Rep

Apologies:

Raema von Reiche – Developments and
Regions Rep

Class Representatives:

420 - Nino Shmueli	IKA Formula Kite - Markus Schwendtner	RS:X - Andrus Poksi
470 - Dimitris Dimou	IKA KiteFoil - Spyros Krotsis	Shark 24 - John Brunt
12mR - Dyer Jones	IKA Open - Mirco Babini	Soling - Peter Hall
2.4mR - Timothy Ripley	IKA TTFreestyle - Marcelo Gervini	Star - Mike Hecky
29er - Joan Mollerus	IKA TTRacing - Simone Vanucci	Sunfish - Hector Duval
49er - Jyrki Jarvi	IMA - Andrew McIrvine	T293 - Marc Cardon
49er FX - Ben Remocker	Int. Windsurfer - Vincenzo Baglione	T293+ - Janis Jekabsons
6mR - Tim Russel	J/111 - Dave McNabb	Topper - Bill Brassington
Cadet - Jan Martin Wilschut	J/22 - Julie Howell	Tornado - Jurgen Jentsch
Contender - Jacqueline Rüfenacht	J/24 - Nancy Zangerle	TP52 - Rob Weiland
Dragon - Tim Pearson	J/70 - Christopher Howell	Vaurien - Maurizio Raffaelli
Etchelles - William Abbott	J/80 - Ramzi Bannura	Viper650 - Steve Chapman
F18 - Olivier Bovyn	Laser - Eric Faust	X-35 - Martin Moe
FarEast 28R - Mats Runström	Laser 4.7 - Aileen Loo	Yngling-Walter Baumgartner
Finn - Robert Deaves	Laser Radial - Tracy Usher	Zoom 8 - Anita Yngve
FlyingFifteen - Michael Clark	Lightning - David Sprague	
Formula Windsurf - Piotr Oleksiak	M32 - Mattias Dahlstrom	
Funboard - Bruno de Wannemaeker	Melges 24 - Miles Quinton	
GC32 - Christian Scherrer	Musto Skiff - David Rickard	
GP14 - Curly Morris	Nacra 15 - Edwin Lodder	
Hobie 14 - David Brookes	Nacra 17 - Marcus Spillane	
Hobie 16 - Rich McVeigh	OK Dinghy - Alistair Deaves	
Hobie Cat Tiger - Erik Olsen	Optimist - Fiona Kidd	
Hobie Dragoon - Caterina Degli Uberti	Platu25 - Domenico Tulli	
Hobie Wild Cat - Lori Mohney	Raceboard - Paul Leone	

1. Opening of the Meeting

World Sailing Classes Committee Chair – Markus Schwendtner opened the meeting.

World Sailing President - Kim Andersen welcomed all attendees of the meeting.

World Sailings CEO – David Graham gave an introduction to all attendees of the meeting

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the World Sailing Classes Committee meeting of 27 October 2019 were circulated ahead of the meeting and approved by the Committee. The minutes can be downloaded at <http://www.sailing.org/meetings>

3. Committee Reports

The following reports are available as supporting paper at the World Sailing website and were distributed ahead of the meeting. No questions or comments were received during the meeting.

- (a) To receive an activity report from the Committee Chairman.
- (b) To receive an activity report from the Chair of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee
- (c) To receive an update from the World Sailing Classes Committee representative to the Events Committee
- (d) To receive an update from the World Sailing Classes Committee representative to the Equipment Committee
- (e) To receive an update from the World Sailing Classes Committee representative to the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee
- (f) To receive an update from the World Sailing Classes Committee representative to the International Measurers Sub-Committee

4. Executive Office Report

- (a) To receive an update on the work of the Technical and Offshore Department.

World Sailing Director of Technical and Offshore – Jaime Navarro gave a introduction regarding the services provided by the Technical and Offshore Department as well as the main scope of Work for 2021;

- Tokyo 2020 Technical Deliverables
- Invitation To Tender for Offshore equipment for Paris'24
- Regulation 23 - equipment review and re-evaluation processes for LA'28
- Monitor implementation of Olympic Equipment Policy
- Development of 'One Design Equipment Policies'
- WS Quality Control strategy for Olympic Equipment
- Safety equipment education and awareness
- Modernise, streamline and tailor our admin services
- Sustainability Agenda 2030 – monitor and implement the requirements for classes and manufacturers

- Connect the technical industry

Further he reported the outcome of the updated annual report as well as the World Sailing plaques sold in 2019. An overview of the outcome of the annual reports is available as supporting paper on the World Sailing website.

- (b) To receive an update on the In-House Certification Programme

The IHC report was distributed ahead of the meeting and is available at the World Sailing website. World Sailing Technical Specialist – Hendrik Plate summarized the report and underlined the difficulties and limited progress made due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No questions or comments were received

5. Other reports

- (a) To receive a report from the *Personal Safety Equipment Working Party*.

The report was distributed ahead of the meeting and is available at the World Sailing Website. As the report was coming from a Working Party of the Equipment Committee, Classes were invited to forward their questions via the Equipment Committee Representative – David Brookes

Comments were received about the suggested wording for Class Rules, Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, which was not considered as 'standard language' usually used in these documents. David Brookes confirmed to discuss this topic in the Equipment Committee and with the Working Party.

- (b) To receive an update on professionalising Race Officials

A report was requested from the WP, but no report was received

- (c) To receive an update on Conflict of Interest of Race Officials

A report was requested from the WP, but no report was received

- (d) To receive a report from the ERS Working Party regarding changes of the ERS 2021-2024 and its implementation

World Sailing Technical Specialist – Hendrik Plate gave an overview of the 37 changes in the 2021-2024 Equipment Rules of Sailing. He grouped the changes in three types;

1) New Definitions; 7 new definitions which shouldn't be in use or in bold in any of the current class rules. These changes of the ERS will not change any class rules by default. Classes that wish to use these new definitions in their class rules have to request class rule changes to use the terms in bold.

2) 22 Changes related to 'connected' are mainly clarifying the item related to each change, but might also lead to a slightly different meaning of the definition. Classes using one of the terms where the wording is changed to 'connected' have to review their class rules and ensure that the intention of their rules is not changed.

3) 8 Amended definitions; these are definitions which are already used in class rules and changed the wording, so classes have to review their class rules and ensure that the intention of their rules is not changed.

A list of changes and a document showing the old and new version of changed definitions is available as a supporting paper at the World Sailing website.

The plan is that the EQRSC will work in close collaboration with the Technical and offshore department in order to support classes implementing the changes.

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Moreover there have been two corrections to the updated Version of the ERS which are published on the World Sailing website.

- (e) To receive a report from the Class Rule Changes Working Party about the implementation of a standard procedure to change World Sailing Class Rules.

World Sailing Technical Specialist – Hendrik Plate presented the plan to introduce standard procedures to support classes with the implementation of class rule changes. A streamlined process including clear instructions, standardised forms and estimated timelines will be developed. The update of the procedure will be developed together with the EQRSC.

- (f) To receive an update from the Equipment Cheating Review Group

A report was requested from the group, but no report was received.

6. Submissions

- (a) To note the specific submissions listed below and to review other submissions not on this Agenda which are relevant to World Sailing Classes and where necessary, make a recommendation to Council

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

001-20 **Audit Committee Improvements - Broadening Membership in the Audit Committee to enhance oversight**

Reporting Committee: Audit

Other Committee: Board, Constitution

Opinion: Reject

Note: The World Sailing Classes Committee supports the principle of more financial transparency.

002-20 **Financial Transparency - A Council Policy Regarding World Sailing Financial Transparency**

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Audit

Opinion: Reject

Note: The World Sailing Classes Committee supports the principle of more financial transparency.

003-20 **A Policy for Nominations and Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees - A Policy Decision to improve effectiveness of Committee and Sub-Committee Selection.**

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

004-20 World Sailing Constitution - Accounting Records - Article 93

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Reject

Note: The World Sailing Classes Committee supports the principle of more financial transparency.

006-20 World Sailing Classes Making Individual Nominations to Committees and Sub Committees - Allowing Classes to make individual nominations of qualified people to Committees and Sub Committees

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

009-20 Regulation 25.8 - Event Appointments Working Party

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution, Race Officials

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1:

The working party shall be appointed at the same time as the World Sailing committees for a four-year period in line with the World Sailing committee's term ~~and procedures of nominations and~~ appointment. The World Sailing Race Officials stated in (a) and (b) above should cover a range of race official disciplines, if possible and may be retired. Casual vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the above principles.

Reason: As the 2020 nomination deadline has already passed, this is not actionable and should be inserted in a later year (but before 2024).

Proposal 2:

Replace "~~2022~~ Sailing World Championship" with "**2023** Sailing World Championship"

Reason: Housekeeping

Note: *The WSCC supports the sentiments and conclusions of the EAWP End Of Term Report (received via email during the meeting), that "a full review of appointment procedures by the Board with reference to future World Sailing and Race Officials Strategy including a newly formed World Sailing Event Strategy" is undertaken, involving all stakeholders, to define EAWP process and policies that satisfies the needs of all involved.*

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011-20 Advertising Code - Manufacturers' Marks

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Equipment

Opinion: Approve

012-20 World Sailing Committees - Nominations and Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees - Regulation 5

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

013-20 Freedom of Information Policy - Principles to Govern a new Freedom of Information Policy for World Sailing

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

014-20 Making World Sailing More Relevant to Sailors - Reform of World Sailing Decision Making - Working Party creation and composition

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: -

Opinion: Approve

015-20 New Regulation 1.28 - Suspended Members Register

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

024-20 Regulation 6.7.4 - Composition of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee

Reporting Committee: Classes

Other Committee: Board, Constitution, Events, Equipment

Recommendation to Council: Approve

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- 025-20 Policy Decisions of Council - A Regulation to ensure policy decisions of Council are public, published and accessible**

Reporting Committee: Constitution

Other Committee: Board

Opinion: Approve

- 026-20 Improving Submissions to Council - Principles to be used to re-write the current Regulation 15 for Submissions**

Reporting Committee: Constitution

Other Committee: Board

Opinion: Approve

- 031-20 Regulation 10.5(f)(iii) - Requirements to Maintain World Sailing Class Designation**

Reporting Committee: Equipment

Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Race Officials

Opinion: Approve

- 032-20 Regulation 25.2.1 - Approval of World Championships and other Events**

Reporting Committee: Events

Other Committee: Classes, Constitution

Opinion: Approve

- 035-20 World Sailing Youth Games - Replacement for Postponed Youth Olympic Games**

Reporting Committee: Events

Other Committee: Classes

Opinion: Approve

- 038-20 World Sailing Race Officials Administration - Regulation 31**

Reporting Committee: Race Officials

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

044-20 Racing Rules Q&A Service - Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel - Regulation 28.3.6

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules

Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Race Officials

Opinion: Approve

046-20 Racing Rules of Sailing – Trapeze Harness Weight – Rule 50.1(b)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules

Other Committee: Race Officials

Opinion: Approve

7. World Sailing One Design

The World Sailings One Design Charter was distributed ahead of the meeting and is available at the World Sailing website. World Sailing Director of Technical and Offshore – Jaime Navarro invited the classes to comment on the proposal. Classes will be invited to a survey to include the classes feedback and to evaluate the feasibility for each class.

8. Sustainability

World Sailings Head of Sustainability – Dan Reading reminded the classes of the implementation of [World Sailings Sustainability Agenda 2030](#) and its affect to all World Sailing Classes. He gave an overview of World Sailing partners for life cycle assessment ([MarineShift360](#)) and sustainable regatta management ([Sailors for the Sea](#)) as well as World Sailings [Sustainability Education Programme](#). Further he offered his assistance to all World Sailing Classes – dan.reading@sailing.org

9. Other Committee's Agenda Items relating to World Sailing Classes

No relevant items were requested by the office or the Committee Chair

10. Other Items Related to World Sailing Classes

No relevant items were requested by the office or the Committee Chair

11. World Sailing Classes priorities 2020-2021

World Sailing Classes Committee Chair – Markus Schwendtner pointed out that due to the ongoing elections it is difficult to define the priorities 2020-2021. But recommended that the new Committee Chair and Board should consider a broader cross representation from the Classes Committee.

World Sailing Classes Committee Vice-Chair – Corinne McKenzie highlighted the importance of classes and racing at national level especially during this crisis.

12. Any other business

Eric Faust – International Laser Class Representative commented on the application of the 'The Laser Class'. Comments suggested to consider a Regulation change or policy to cover the case where an application to become a World Sailing Class is made using the same equipment as an existing World Sailing Class. It was also pointed out that Class Applications should not be part of the Classes Committee Agenda, but the Equipment Committee.

The International Musto Skiff Association raised concerns that the ongoing COVID-19 situation might lead to problems for classes to fulfil the requirements given in Regulation 10. It has been requested that the Equipment Committee monitors the situation and considers the circumstances in their reviews.

13. Elections

- (a) The election of the World Sailing Classes Committee Chair and Vice Chair 2021-2024 came to the following result:

Chair:

Jan Martin Wilschut - Int. Cadet Class Association (36 Votes)

David Sprague - Int. Lightning Class Association (30 Votes)

Abstain (0 Votes)

Vice-Chair:

Markus Schwendtner - International Kiteboarding Association (63 Votes)

Abstain (2 Votes)

New Chair of the World Sailing Classes Committee is Jan Martin Wilschut. New Vice Chair of the World Sailing Classes Committee is Markus Schwendtner.

- (b) Selection of Nominees for World Sailing Classes Committee representation to other committees. The following candidates were elected for nomination as cross-representatives

To the International Measurers Sub-Committee:

1. Alistair Deaves – OK Dinghy

2. Leo Sanchez – Tornado (in case of unavailability of Alistair Deaves)

To the Equipment Committee:

1. Eric Faust – International Laser Class Association

2. David Sprague – Lightning (in case of unavailability of Eric Faust)

To the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee:

1. Dimitris Dimou – 470

2. William Abbott – Etchells (in case of unavailability of Dimitris Dimou, or appointment through MNA nomination)

To the Events Committee

1. Markus Schwendtner - IKA

The meeting was closed at 21:50h UTC