Race Officials Committee Minutes

The Race Officials Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours at the Kempinski Hotel, Haitang Bay, Sanya, China on Tuesday 10 November 2015

1. Opening of the Meeting

   (a) Welcome by the Chairman

   The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee to Sanya. He informed the Committee of the appointment by Council of Tom Duggan (USA) to the Committee during the year. He welcomed the observers to the meeting as well.

   (b) Attendees and Apologies

   The Competitions Manager reported that apologies had been received from Peter Shrubb (BER) and Tom Duggan (USA).

   (c) Obituaries

   The Committee received a list of obituaries since the last meeting and stood in remembrance of ISAF Race Officials who had passed away during the year.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda

   (a) Minutes

   The Committee noted the minutes of the previous Race Officials Committee meeting held on 4 November 2014 (circulated and approved after the meeting).
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(b) Matters arising

The Chairman informed the Committee of four additional agenda items.

3. Governance

(a) Executive Committee meetings

Chris Atkins noted the increasing number of challenges to race official decisions at high-level events and expressed the Executive Committee’s gratitude to officials for the rigour they put into their decision. He noted the progress on grouping and confirmed the Executive Committee wished the Committee to continue with this work.

(b) Collaboration with Vice Presidents

Chris Atkins asked that any feedback on the division of Sub-committee areas between Vice Presidents be passed to him by the Sub-committee Chairmen.

(c) Delegation to Sub-committees

The Committee reviewed the current delegations of authority and no changes were proposed.

4. Strategy and development

(a) Sub-committee reports

i) International Umpires Sub-committee

Sally Burnett, as Chairman of the International Umpires Sub-committee, reported on two main areas of focus for the Sub-committee. Primarily, this was the recognition that umpiring is no longer just match and team race umpiring, but also umpired fleet and medal racing. The Sub-committee is working on the integration of these disciplines into the IU programme (seminars, manuals etc.). In addition, there has been a complete re-drafting of the IU Team Racing Manual.

The Chairman asked if the Sub-committee had a view on the number of International Umpires required overall. Sally Burnett reported that the number of International Umpires has remained stable but the age profile has increased (unlike the other disciplines where it has decreased). The marked decrease in the number of match racing events has impacted on the ability to develop new International Umpires in that discipline.

ii) International Measurers Sub-committee

Dimitris Dimou, as Chairman of the International Measurers Sub-committee, reported on the Sub-committee’s collaboration with the ISAF Classes. In particular, the Sub-committee has identified those ISAF Classes with no or only one International Measurer and also is working on development in Asia and Africa. The number of International Measurers is stable and there is a steady stream of candidates.

The Chairman asked the Sub-committee about the need for training for the 2018 Sailing World Championships and the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition. Dimitris Dimou reported that the Olympic Classes are well covered and have enough International Measurers to select the best of them for the forthcoming events.

Dimitris Dimou asked about the development of mentoring systems. Sally Burnett said that the International Umpires Sub-committee had discussed this during its meeting and noted that mentoring is often a more intensive process than has been
offered in the past. Mentoring a developing official at an event is a short-term project and the Sub-committee felt that a longer-term contact and support is better. However, it is important that the developing official wants and engaged with the process. Sally Burnett felt that a document needs to be drawn up to set out the expectations of parties involved in the process – in particular, a careful balance needs to be struck in relation to confidentiality of the process but reporting to ISAF the performance of the candidate.

**Decision**

Each Sub-committee is to nominate one member to the Chairman and he will then appoint a working party to develop an approved mentoring programme.

iii) International Judges Sub-committee

Andres Perez, as Chairman of the International Judges Sub-committee, reported on the seminars and clinics held this year. The Sub-committee is working on improvements to the national judging materials for all MNAs. The number of International Judges has seen a slightly increased number of non-renewals but an increased number of new applications has kept the numbers stable.

iv) Race Management Sub-committee

Nino Shmueli, as representative of the Race Management Sub-committee, reported that the number of International Race Officers is stable and that the level of knowledge has improved with the introduction of testing for first appointment. Liaison with the Olympic Classes has continued to ensure the development of race officers. A number of seminars and clinics had been held, focussing on Asia and Africa, and the Sub-committee has begun an education programme for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition. The Sub-committee is working on clinic materials being available for all MNAs and in February a conference of all instructors will be held to work on the development of new materials. A number of new and talented International Race Officers have been identified, but the other disciplines were asked for support as it is hard for the Sub-committee to identify talent when International Race Officers often work alone.

The Chairman asked if the Sub-committee had discussed development of race officials with respect to the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition. Nino Shmueli reported that the first clinic is being run in Tokyo in December 2015 and that will allow an identification of the training needs for the host country and a full assessment will be made in January 2016.

(b) Cost of officials at ISAF/high level events

The Committee received a report from the Working Party appointed to analyse race official costs. A full report will be prepared for the middle of 2016 ready for consideration at the Committee’s next meeting.

(c) Other ISAF committees

i) Coaches Commission

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Coaches Commission meeting. He was pleased to report there was general approval on the quality of race officiating. The Commission supported the principle that a competitor could be penalised, in extreme cases, for the actions of a coach and the Commission was pleased that action was being taken to address bad behaviour in support teams. The Commission support the “Day Zero” equipment inspection concept.

ii) Olympic Classes Sub-committee
The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting. The meeting focused on the appointment of race officials, which will be covered elsewhere in the agenda.

iii) ISAF Classes Committee

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the ISAF Classes Committee meeting. He said the main item was the cost of international juries and the Chairman noted the submission this year for decreasing the size of international juries.

(d) ISAF Race Official appearance

The Committee received a report from the Chief Marketing Officer on plans for race official clothing. He expected the new issue of clothing in Spring 2016.

The Chairman noted the paper circulated and requested consultation with the Committee to ensure that the known difficulties with race official clothing were reduced and to ensure the proposed deal is acceptable to the Committee.

Chris Atkins supported the urgency of this project and requested no delays in feedback from Sub-committees in order to keep to the timeline.

(e) Discretionary Penalties

The Committee received a paper concerning discretionary penalties for class rule breaches.

Andres Perez said that the International Judges Sub-committee was happy to continue with discretionary penalties for non-performance enhancing breaches. He noted that there can be differing opinions on the appropriate penalty for breaches and this concept allows for consistency. Dimitris Dimou said that the “Day Zero” concept is good for the Sailing World Cup but the International Measurers Sub-committee did not feel that it was appropriate for wider use.

John Doerr reported that he had been involved with the development of the discretionary penalty and “Day Zero” concepts. He explained that the purpose of the process was to prevent equipment inspection being used to optimize performance of boats and to reduce inspection costs. Also he noted mandatory disqualification can lead to disproportionate penalties for minor breaches and this was an important area to be considered.

Decision

The Committee rejects the proposal to remove class rules from the discretionary penalty list.

The Committee recommends to Council that a joint working party of the Race Officials Committee, Equipment Committee and Olympic Classes Sub-committee be established to consider discretionary penalties and their application to class rules with a report to be made to the Chairmen of those Committees in time for submissions in 2016.

5. Education and Development

(a) Seminars and Clinics

i) 2015 program

The Competitions Manager reported on the 2015 program of clinics and seminars.

ii) 2016 program
The Sub-committee representatives informed the Committee of the intended plans for 2016.

John Doerr commented that it is important to have a long-term strategy for developing areas to ensure that candidates attending seminars progress to the international qualification. The Chairman agreed that clinics or workshops can be more helpful than the full seminar.

Rodney Tan (Asian Sailing Federation) addressed the meeting and requested that all intended seminars and clinics in Asia be put through the Asian Sailing Federation to ensure that candidates attending and geographical location are optimal. The Chairman replied that the Committee decided last year that approval from continental associations was not required but that the Committee would work with them to ensure the best spread of seminars and clinics.

The Competitions Manager informed the Committee that a budget request for the new disciplines has been submitted to allow them to continue development.

Dimitris Dimou asked that consideration be given to the allocation of budgets and to ensure that each Sub-committee can spend that amount and be given a date in the middle of the year by which they know they have to ask for expenditure. The Competitions Manager informed the Committee that no request for a seminar or clinic had been refused, but that there was an issue with cash flow planning and the Secretariat must be informed of Sub-committee’s plans so that appropriate internal planning can take place.

iii) To discuss and agree the procedures for over-booked seminars.

The Committee received a proposal from the Secretariat concerning over-booked seminars.

The Competitions Manager reported that some seminars had been overbooked by as many as 25 people and that some instructors reported that some candidates were not sufficiently experienced or had enough rules knowledge for seminar attendance and this then restricted teaching at the seminar.

Andres Perez said the International Judges Sub-committee would develop an online pre-test for seminar candidates. Nino Shmueli commented that it would be difficult given the variation in the levels of national race officials and their national qualifications.

**Decision**

The Committee approves the proposal from the Secretariat. John Doerr will provide guidelines for the Committee to consider.

(b) Conferences

The Committee received an update on the planned race management instructor conference in February 2016.

The Committee noted a request from the International Umpires Sub-committee for an umpire fleet racing conference for instructors in 2017. A further detailed request will be made in 2016.

(c) Training in assessments

The Committee received an update report from John Doerr.

(d) Travel Grants

The Committee received a report from Ross Wilson on the provision of ISAF race official travel grants.
Sally Burnett noted the difficulty in identifying potential candidates and placing them into vacancies in event appointments. The Competitions Manager noted the strong link in this area with seminars and the ability to identify candidates for a travel grant based on their performance at a seminar.

Nino Shmueli commented that the current program may not work for International Race Officers and it may be more helpful to fund an existing International Race Officer to attend an event as a mentor. The Chairman noted that mentoring activities should be funded from the education budget.

**Decision**

Tom Duggan was appointed to the Travel Grant Group and the Secretariat asked to re-circulate the Guidelines around the Committee.

(e) Publications

The Chairman informed the Committee that Tom Duggan had taken over responsibility for manuals and asked the Sub-committees to inform Tom and the Secretariat of any intended updates to the Manuals.

The Committee noted the publication of a separate ROC Manual in place of the common sections. The Competitions Manager informed the Committee of the intended new format for manuals and agreed to circulate the new style to the Sub-committees.

6. **Race Official Administration**

(a) Draft New Regulation 31

The Committee received a draft new version of Regulation 31 for review and comment before submission in 2016. The Chairman explained the purpose of this was to harmonise and simplify the current Regulation to remove duplication. In particular, the detailed qualification criteria for each discipline will be set out in separate documents issued by the Committee.

The Competitions Manager reported that, during the consultation on the general grouping process, a number of Sub-committee members expressed concern that the level of qualification for international status needed to be raised. He asked that the Sub-committees propose any changes to the qualification criteria.

**Decision**

Any proposal to change the qualification criteria for a discipline shall be notified by the relevant Sub-committee to the Chairman before 1 February 2016.

The Competition Manager asked the Committee for guidance on examination validity for re-applications.

**Decision**

The Committee will set examination validity at 4 years for first applications and re-applications in the proposed new Regulation.

(b) Administration of new ISAF Race Official disciplines:

i) International Classifiers

The Committee received a report from John Doerr as Chairman of the International Classifier Working Party. He informed the Committee of the transfer of IFDS International Classifiers to the new ISAF status and that next year would be when first applications would be expected, so the Working Party was working on this next phase of work.
ii) International Expression Judges

The Committee received a report from Sally Burnett as Chairman of the International Expression Judge Working Party. There has been slow progress in this area due to unfamiliarity with the discipline, but better progress is now being made.

iii) International Technical Delegates

The Committee received a report from Ricardo Navarro, as Chairman of the International Technical Delegate Working Party. He informed the Committee that the qualification criteria for International Technical Delegates had been prepared and implemented, and a number of applications were due for consideration later in the meeting.

(c) Code of Conduct

The Committee considered a draft Code of Conduct for Race Officials.

**Decision**

The Committee approves the Code of Conduct. It is to be circulated to all ISAF Race Officials and added to the ROC Manual.

(d) Designated MNA of Race Officials

The Competition Manager reported that no applications had been received in the past year.

(e) Reference Forms

The Chairman noted that John Doerr will prepare a paper for the Committee next year on the general principles applicable to applications from candidates who have positive and negative reference forms.

(f) MNA Endorsement of Applications

The Committee discussed whether MNAs should be required to review a candidate’s application before issuing an endorsement. Patrick Bergmans noted that some MNAs already require this and the Competitions Manager noted that nothing prevents MNAs from requiring this.

**Decision**

The Committee will not require MNAs to endorse an entire application but notes there is nothing that prevents individual MNAs from requesting this of their candidates.

(g) Events for Applications

The Committee discussed whether events can be counted for an application where the candidate is also responsible for making appointments.

**Decision**

The Committee agrees that a candidate can count events where the candidate is also responsible for appointing the officials but discourages this practice.

(h) Principal Event Guidelines

The Committee discussed the revision of the Principal Event Guidelines.

**Decision**

Each Sub-committee and the permanent working parties is to nominate one member to the Chairman and he will then appoint a working party to review the Guidelines. It was noted this must be done in time for 2016 applications.
7. **Event Appointments**

(a) Event Appointments Working Party

The Committee received a report from the Event Appointments Working Party.

The Chairman noted some concern about the number of race officials appointed to Sailing World Cup events and that there was a limit below which a fair competition cannot be provided. The Chairman, the Chairman of the International Judges Sub-committee and a representative of the Race Management Sub-committee will work with the SWC Management Group on this point.

(b) Olympic Class race official appointments

The Committee received a paper concerning Olympic Class race official appointments. The Chairman of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee addressed the meeting and thanked the Committee for the opportunity to make comments on this. She said the Sub-committee has been working collaboratively with the Secretariat, the Committee and the EAWP to make event appointments. She disagreed with the statement in the paper that juries at ISAF events are of a higher quality than class world championships. Classes have specialist expertise required and also required consistency and development amongst their appointed officials. The situation is working well for the majority of the Olympic Classes and there was no need to move to a new system. She agreed that earlier appointments are needed. She asked that ISAF consider, both through this process and any grouping system, the experience of officials with the Olympic Classes.

The Chairman agreed that there must be a process for taking comments from the Olympic Classes. The Competitions Manager said there was excellent communication with some of the Olympic Classes but also said that communication was a two-way process and sometimes when the Secretariat informs a Class that a particular official is not suitable that is for a good reason which should be respected.

It was agreed that the paper must reflect the difference in the size of SWC events.

**Decision**

The Committee supports the paper, subject to appropriate communication being in place with Olympic Classes and adjustment for the size of various SWC events.

(c) Payment of ISAF Race Officials

The Committee discussed whether ISAF Race Officials should be paid when prize money is offered at an event.

Andres Perez and Nino Shmueli agreed that if significant prize money was paid, then all race officials must be paid. Sally Burnett expressed concern that there was a growing number of full-time professional race officials who were turning down appointments to ISAF events because they paid less than other events. This led in turn to less experienced officials at ISAF events because their experience was lacking. She commented also on the growing number of younger race officials who cannot afford to take time off work because they will lose income by attending an ISAF event.

There was concern that this was an annual discussion and the normal response that race officials are too expensive does not reflect the actual problem being faced. Chris Atkins said that this issue is complicated and has a number of significant issues connected to it. He supported the establishment of a review of the question.
8. Race Officials Performance and Feedback

(a) Race Official Groupings

The Committee received a report from the Chairman on the new grouping system for ISAF Race Officials.

Ross Wilson expressed concern that the system was being put in place without the appropriate measures of performance being in place as well. He said that there is a lack of transparency in the current appointment system and it would be better for the Sub-committees to have the appropriate performance criteria in place first. The Chairman agreed that it was important to have transparency but noted the Committee needed to decide whether to have a grouping process or the performance measures first.

Chris Atkins noted that the proposal was that the system would be trialled with International Judges initially and to receive a report back next year for consideration. Andres Perez said that classes and organizing authorities have this in place unofficially anyway so this proposal would strengthen that process and put in place a formal and official procedure.

Sally Burnett remarked that the International Umpires Sub-committee supported this proposed process and noted that the International Umpires had long experience of a grouping system. Nino Shmueli commented that other sports have grouping and supported the paper and the points made by Andres Perez.

The Competitions Manager agreed that transparency is important and that having public lists of top-level and development officials will help the expectations of the race official community. He noted that other sports have systems such as these and felt that ISAF was being fair compared to other systems that are out there. He agreed that ISAF should not have a secret or unfair system.

Chris Atkins requested that event organisers be encouraged to feedback on how well appointed officials perform. The Competitions Manager informed the Committee that future appointments to the Sailing World Cup would require the chief race officials to report on their teams and for the ISAF Technical Delegate to report on the chief race officials.

The Chairman noted that the Groups would be amended to be Group C (Chiefs) and Group L (Lead).

(b) Race Official Reports

Andres Perez commented on the IJ regatta reports received and noted there was no variance in the rankings provided. He noted that there was reluctance from International Judges to accurately reflect the performance of their colleagues.
Ricardo Navarro commented on the IRO regatta reports and felt that the current form based system was not helpful and a digital report would be more useful.

(c) Race Official Performance

i) 2015 Olympic Test Event

The Competitions Manager briefed the Committee on the performance feedback process used at the Olympic Test Event with the International Judges and the International Race Officers. The results from the process were then used to inform the final appointments to the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition. He felt that it was a good and useful process with room for improvement still.

ii) Future Events

The Chairman noted the process had been used in Santander 2014 as well, but there was no obvious event in 2016 at which to run it. He agreed it was a standalone job that needed a dedicated individual.

Sally Burnett asked what feedback had been received from the individuals involved in the process. The Competitions Manager noted that all judges who were assessed in the top category were the ones who had actively sought feedback. He felt that those who were assessed in the lowest category often appeared to be the ones who did not engage with the process.

The extension of the process to medal racing was discussed. The Committee noted the difficulty of collecting information from on the water, particularly at large multi-Olympic class regattas.

Bruno de Wannemaeker noted this is the way that expression judging works in windsurfing and kiteboarding. Nino Shmueli said that the process had been very helpful to him as the Principal Race Officer of the Test Event. The Competitions Manager confirmed the final decider on feedback is the chief race official in the discipline.

**Decision**

The Committee notes the process and the Chairman will look at the events next year with the aim of running the process at one of them.

9. Reports

(a) Sub-committee reports and Recommendations

i) Race Management Sub-committee

The Committee received the recommendations of the Race Management Sub-committee.

**Decision**

The Committee recommends to Council that the numerical starting procedure trialled in the 2015 Olympic Test Event can be continued for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition and Sailing World Cup. It can be rolled out to other principal events but should not be used further without further evaluation.

**Decision**

The Committee approves the ISAF Race Management Policies for Team Racing. The Race Management Sub-committee is to review the upper wind limit and to inform the Committee if any further amendments are required.
ii) International Umpires Sub-committee
The Committee noted that its recommendations had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

**Decision**

The responsible members of each Sub-committee shall work together to share best practice on the training of new instructors and the development of seminar materials.

iii) International Measurers Sub-committee
No recommendations were made by the International Measurers Sub-committee.

iv) International Judges Sub-committee
The Committee received the recommendations of the International Judges Sub-committee.

**Decision**

The Committee agrees that for umpiring in medal races there must be at least two umpires in each boat and three boats on ‘slow’ course and four boats on ‘fast’ courses.

(b) Reports from 2015 major events

i) 2015 Olympic Test Event
The Committee received a report from the Chairman on the 2015 Olympic Test Event.

ii) ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships
The Committee received a report from the Competitions Manager on the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships. He noted that the Secretariat had been working with future event organizers to increase the size of the jury in line with the Committee’s recommendation last year.

iii) 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup events
No report was received.

(c) Q&A Panel
The Committee received a report from Ana Sanchez del Campo Ferrer, the Chairman of the Q&A Panel.

She noted the increase in questions from International Race Officers and the corresponding increase in the number of Q&As concerning race management. The number of “rules science” questions has increased, but the Panel has adopted a policy of only providing private answers to overly complicated rules questions.

(d) Rule 42
The Committee received a report from Andrus Poksi on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party.

The Working Party had discussed the development of new techniques by competitors and the Working Party had issued new guidance concerning the judging of these. The Working Party is also working on new video guidance.
(e) Rule 69 & Judicial Working Party

The Committee received a report from John Doerr as Chairman of the Working Party. He summarised the submissions being considered by Council this year and said that his view was that urgent implementation of the package in January 2016 was not required.

He explained that if the submissions are approved, then there will be a considerable amount of work in 2016 preparing the relevant guidance documents and he thanked the Royal Yachting Association for granting ISAF use of its guidance on rule 69 and misconduct.

(f) Conflict of Interests Working Party

The Committee received a report from the Competitions Manager on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party. He noted that the referral process with the Secretariat is working well and noted the Committee had a list of decisions. There was now an opportunity to update the Guidance based on the most common decisions.

(g) Social Media Working Party

The Committee received a report from the Chairman on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party. The Working Party considered it had now completed its work.

Decision

The Committee dissolved the Working Party.

(h) Race Officials Website Working Party

The Committee received a report from Andrus Poksi, the Chairman of the Working Party. He explained that the Working Party had reviewed the current website platform and worked within those constraints. The Working Party felt the layout was much better now and all relevant documents were on the website. He recommended that the Working Party be dissolved until such time as a new website is contemplated.

Decision

The Committee dissolved the Working Party.

(i) Match Racing Organization and Race Management

The Committee received a report from Thomas Jorgensen, the Chairman of the Working Party.

(j) International Jury Size Working Party

The Committee received a report from the Chairman as Chairman of the Working Party. He referred the Committee to Submission 266-15 and proposed that if the submission was passed then the Working Party had completed its work.

Decision

The Committee dissolves the Working Party if Submission 266-15 is approved by Council.

(k) Use of Footage from On Board Cameras Working Party

The Committee received an update from Corinne Rolland-Mckenzie and noted a full report would be received for its meeting in 2016.

(l) Judging of Oceanic Racing
The Committee received an update from the Chairman of the International Judges Sub-committee. A new appendix was added the International Judges’ Manual last year and a new experimental appendix for the Racing Rules of Sailing was being developed.

The Committee noted concern from the offshore community if changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing were made in an appendix and the boats were interacting with inshore boats while racing.

10. **IT Systems**

   (a) Internet based training and development

      i) IJ renewal test system

         Andres Perez reported on the use of the system. This was the second year that the platform had been used and 65 judges had taken the test to date with a 3% failure rate. He noted issues with the login and extra administration due to password changes being required. The hosting server is due to the changed with a corresponding decrease in costs.

      ii) Continuous training materials

         The Chairman reminded the Sub-committees that they are responsible for the development of online training materials for existing race officials.

   (b) Internet based applications

      The Committee received a report from the Competitions Manager on the development of online applications and from Sally Burnett on the use of the system for renewing International Umpires in 2015. It was noted that the system is a large improvement to the current form based system but there were some minor presentational issues which can be improved for next year.

      **Decision**

      The Committee approves the roll-out of the system to all International Judge, Measurer, Race Officer and Umpire applications in 2016 and requests that the Secretariat urgently implement this.

   (c) Internet based event reports

      The Committee received a report from the Competitions Manager on use of internet based event reports and asked the Sub-committees to review the content of their report forms. Andres Perez said the International Judges Sub-committee would be happy to trial a new online reporting system.

      The Competitions Manager noted that the principal event categorisation of reports would remain with Sub-committees and not be undertaken through the system.

11. **Submissions**

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

      i) Submission 141-15 – International Equipment Inspector – Regulations and Racing Rules

         **Recommendation to Council: Reject (0 in favour, 5 reject, 3 abstain)**

Recommendation to Council: Approve (4 in favour, 1 reject, 3 abstain)

iii) Submission 143-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Candidates for Seminars and Exams – Regulation 31.9

Recommendation to Council: Approve

iv) Submission 144-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 31.15.1

Recommendation to Council: Approve

v) Submission 145-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 31.20 and 31.21

Recommendation to Council: Approve

vi) Submission 146-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 32

Recommendation to Council: Approve

vii) Submission 147-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Equipment Inspectors

Recommendation to Council: Reject (0 in favour, 4 reject, 4 abstain)

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


Opinion: Reject (2 in favour, 3 reject, 3 abstain)

ii) Submission 016-15 – Race Officials for Olympic Games – Conflict of Interest for ITOs for Olympic Games – New Regulation 34.5

Opinion: Reject

Support the principle. The Conflict of Interest Working Party will consider the issue and ask the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee to make any necessary submissions next year.

iii) Submission 019-15 – ISAF Committees – Changes to Committee Structure for 2017-2020

Opinion: No opinion

iv) Submission 020-15 – ISAF Committees – Sub-committee Recommendations to Council

Opinion: Approve

v) Submission 034-15 – Continental Associations – OSAF Executive Board

Opinion: No opinion

vi) Submission 051-15 – ISAF Regulations, Definitions – Delete the definition of Event Measurer

Opinion: Reject (0 in favour, 4 reject, 4 abstain)


Withdrawn

Measurer, C.4.6 Event Measurer, H.1 Certification Measurement, H.2 Event Measurement  

**Opinion: Approve (5 in favour, 0 reject, 3 abstain)**

(c) The Committee considered submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee:


**Opinion: Approve**


**Opinion: Reject**

12. **Finance**

(a) 2015 Finance

The Committee received a report from the Competitions Manager on the 2015 expenditure.

(b) 2016 Finance

The Committee received a report from the Competitions Manager on proposed expenditure in 2016.

13. **Annual Report**

The Committee received the Chairman’s annual report to Council.

14. **Closed Session**

The Committee went into closed session.

(a) ISAF Disciplinary Commission proceedings

The Committee noted proceedings before the Disciplinary Commission concerning ISAF Race Officials. The Committee was informed of the dismissal of three complaints made against the members of the International Jury for the 34th America’s Cup.

**Decision**

The Committee records its appreciation for the members of the International Jury of the 34th America’s Cup and the work they undertook.

(b) ISAF Review Board proceedings

The Committee noted proceedings before the Review Board concerning ISAF Race Officials during the year.

(c) Performance Investigations

i) Report on performance investigations

The Committee received a report on performance investigations under Regulation 32 during the year.

ii) Publication of the outcomes of performance investigations.
The Committee noted Submission 146-15 and awaited the decision of Council.

iii) Timing of investigations
The Committee discussed the time taken to complete investigations and noted this was due to conducting it by correspondence.

**Decision**
The Secretariat is to monitor the time taken to complete investigations and make a report to the Committee.

(d) Commendations
The Committee considered commendations and made recommendations to the Executive Committee.

(e) Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors
The Committee noted the current list and the appointment of new instructors/test administrators/assessors.

(f) Race Official Appointments
The Committee considered recommendations for appointment from the Sub-committees and permanent Working Parties.

Members of the Committee and staff members present whose applications were due for consideration declared their interests and left the room during consideration of their applications.

**Decision**
The Committee appointed the ISAF Race Officials listed in Appendix 1 to the Minutes to the disciplines and for the terms of office set out therein.

(g) Late or Incomplete Applications
The Committee noted the increased number of late and incomplete applications. While agreeing the Secretariat has a role in acknowledging receipt and reminding applicants, the Committee agreed applications were the individual responsibility of applicants and a firmer stance was needed on late or incomplete applications in order to reduce the extra administration they cause.

**Decision**
The Committee will only consider applications received by 1 September each year in accordance with the Regulations. Late applications may be rejected by the Secretariat on behalf of the Committee after consultation with the Chairmen of the Race Officials Committee and the relevant Sub-committee.

Supporting documentation must be filed by 1 September unless it relates to an event between 1 September and 14 October (when it can be filed by 14 October or immediately after).

The Secretariat is to write to all renewing ISAF Race Officials notifying them of these clarified requirements. Application documentation is to be updated reminding applicants of their responsibilities.
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 10 November 2015, the ISAF Race Officials Committee appointed the candidates below as ISAF Race Officials in their respective disciplines and for the term of office indicated.

1.2 The Race Officials Committee is currently confirming details on a number of applications and may make further appointments in due course. Therefore if a candidate’s name does not appear below, it does not necessarily mean he or she has been rejected. When all appointments for the year have been made, a notice of this fact will be posted on the ISAF website.

1.3 If a candidate’s name is not below and they have not been contacted by email by the ISAF Secretariat, then they should contact Madeleine Dunn (madeleine.dunn@isaf.com) and Jon Napier (jon.napier@isaf.com) for further inquiries to be made.

1.4 On behalf of ISAF, the Race Officials Committee, its Sub-committees, Working Parties and the ISAF staff, congratulations go to all the successful candidates – particularly first-time applicants – for being appointed.

Jan Stage

Chairman

ISAF Race Officials Committee
2 INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIERS

2.1 4-year first appointment

Peter Lazarus Anastassiadis  AUSPA14
Holly Burr                     GBRHB49
Bernard Destrube               FRABD14
Pedro Leite Cunha              PORPL4
Jenny Molson                  CANJM40
Sue Parry                     GBRSP73
Sarah Ross                    AUSSR27
Jürgen Schwittai              GERJS4
Itzhak Siev-Ner               ISRIS5
Stephen Wilson                AUSSW32
3. INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

3.1 4-year first appointment

Corinne Aulnette FRACA1
Marton Beliczay HUNMB1
Rosemary Collins AUSRC31
Giuseppe D’Amico ITAGD86
Tatiana Ermakova RUSTE1
Doug Fredericks USADF69
Michal Jodlowski POLMJ1
Qidong Lu CHNQL1
Markus Schwendtner GERMS75
Angela Stenger GERAS65
Heiko Thoelmann GERHT2
Kiyoshi Tomimatsu JPNKT16
Michael Turner CANMT17
Neville Willis AUSNW15
Stephan Zeyn GERSZ8
Uros Zvan SLOUZ1

Natalia Chubenko RUSNC3 * Subject to test
Thorsten Doebbler GERDT7
John Doerr GBRJD6
Ivon Echave ESPIE1
Howard Elliott AUSHE3
Russell Green NZLRRG7 * Subject to test
Rodrigo Guerra URURG2
Sandy Grosvenor USASG4
Manuel Huensch GERMH1
Francisco SG Jauregui MEXFJ1
Ewa Jodlowska POLEJ2
Hermann Muñti Kling GERHK11
Rainer Kornfeld AUTRK6
Hedwich Kuipers NEDHK9
Teodoro Kundig ARGTK1
Hong Kit Lock SINHL2
António Matta PORAM16
Ross May NZLRM4
Selvam Mookenk SINSM2
Jon Napier GBRJN21
Michael O’Connor IRLMO31
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3.2 4-year reappointment

Andres Anca ARGAA4
Jacob Mossin Andersen DENJA8
Alfred ‘Pat’ Bailey ISVAB5
Neven Baran CRONB1
Jorge Barreda PERJB1
Gustavo Bernabei ARGGB6
Wayne Boberg NZLWB2
Jean-Militia Bouyoukas FRAJB45
Michael Butterfield GBRM13
Francisco Calich BRAFC11
Leonard Chin MASLC2

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3.3 2-year reappointment

Noel Allen AUSNA5
William Bell AUSWB
Abel Bellaguet FRAAB26 * Subject to test
David Brunskill GBRDB58
Means Davis USAMD22
Penny Carter GBRPC43
George Chapman GBRGC4 * Subject to test
J. Theodore Everingham USAJE1
Ulrich Finckh GERUF3
Ulrich Fischer GERUF2
Carol Haines GBRCH15
Lister Hughes AUSLH2
Thomas Kresse NORTK5
David Lees GBRDL8
Donald Makowiecki USADM10
John Gilmour Manuel GBRJM126
Sonia Mayes GBRSM63
Henry Menin ISVHM1
Robert Milner GBRRM97 * Subject to test
Kenneth L Morrison USAKM15
Phillip Mostyn AUSPM25
Luis Ormaechea ESPLO1
Roger Palmer GBRRP58
David Pelling CANDP3
Charles Perry GBRCP34
Mark Pryke AUSMP1

Pier Bruno Rizzoti ITAPR13 * Subject to test
Tom Sheppard HKGTS1
Tee Suan Tan SINTT4
Constantinos Tsantilis GRECT1
Egil Wold NOREW4
Zvi Ziblat ISRZZ1

3.4 1-year extension

David Chivers GBRDC52
Ricardo Garcia Soriano ESPRG7
Jordi Lamarca-Sindreu ESPJL12
Hassan Luxor EGYHL1
4. **INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS**

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