International Umpires Sub-committee Minutes

The International Umpires Sub-committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours at the Fairmont, Southampton BER on Monday 28 October 2019

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

1. Opening of the Meeting
   (a) Welcome by the Chairman.
   (b) Apologies from Flavio Naveira (ARG) and Sofia Truchanowicz (POL) who were unable to attend.

      Obituaries for Levente Nagy (HUN), Hal Wagstaff (NZL), Rafael Lozano (ESP) and Bocci Aoyama (JPN).

2. Closed Session (closed to observers until 12 noon)
   (a) Race Official Appointments: Applications for IU status were considered with recommendations made to pass forward to the Race Official Committee.
   (b) Performance Investigations: No performance investigations to discuss.
   (c) Commendations: IUSC recommended two IUs for commendations for their services to umpiring.
   (d) Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors
      i) The current list of instructors was discussed with confirmation from Sally that John Doerr will step down as an instructor but would like to remain an assessor.

      Discussion took place to understand if any instructors should be dismissed due to lack of involvement within match/team/fleet racing. Decision to proceed with keeping all instructors was finalised.
      
      ii) Consideration of Mats Bjorkland as a new instructor, to check his availability.
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ACTION – write to all performance assessors asking them to confirm their umpiring activity in each discipline over the previous 2 years. Confirm if they wish to remain on the list. SB to draft and BO to check.

3. Open Session
   (a) Welcome to Observers
   (b) Obituaries for Levente Nagy, Juri Saraskin (EST), Hal Wagstaff (NZL), Atsushi “Bocci” Aoyama, Andy Wardle

4. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda
   (a) Minutes
      Minutes of the previous International Umpires Sub-committee meeting held on 26 October 2018 were approved.
      ACTION- Previous action of Kirk Brown listed as a test administrator to cover North America to be completed.
   (b) Matters arising
      No additional matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.

5. Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competences
   (a) Discussed the proposed adjustments for 2020 as set out in draft presented by RS. The updated version of the document reflected a step-by-step user-friendly document to make it easier for applicants to understand.
      ACTION - reduce option 2 regarding principal events from 36 days to 32. Option 1 or 2 now available for both first and re-appointment. Query the level of TR events with a TR expert to make reviewing applications easier in 2020. Recommend the revised draft of RQC doc to ROC as a more user-friendly document.

6. Online Applications & IT provision for Race Officials
   The application process was faster this year and no applications were appointment subject to test.

7. 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.

8. Conflict of Interest
   IUSC discussed the conflict of interest document and what is the short- and long-term impact of this and what changes are necessary to prevent the loss of the most experienced officials from World Sailing events.
Concerns were raised that the current guidelines are leading to the loss of professional officials from the pool of race officials for Principal Events. Several questions were asked: how does the sort of sailing compare with other sports, should sailors and coaches be asked how they feel about specific conflicts. Prefer a more binary approach. Agreement that the ROC draft document needs wider consultation.

9. **IU Manuals**
   (a) Match Racing Manual
      Received a report on the revised IU Match Racing Manual from Gary Manual. IUSC wish to thank him for his hard work.
      **ACTION** - MR Instructors to review MR Manual
   (b) Team Racing Manual
      Received a report on the development of the updated Team Racing Manual from Chris Atkins.
      **ACTION** - BO to update safety document for umpires working with fast boats. SB to review.
   (c) Umpired Fleet Racing/Medal Racing Manual
      Discussed the Umpire Fleet Racing / Medal Racing Manual and the need for a review following its use at the last two FR seminars.
      **ACTION** - FR Instructors to review FR Manual

10. **Calls & Rules**
    (a) Rapid Response Calls
        To receive a report from the Chairman of the Rapid Response MR & TR Calls Panel.
    (b) Rules Development
        To receive a report from the Chairman of the Match & Team Racing Rules Working Party.
    (c) There is currently no appointed group to review Rapid Response Calls for Fleet Race Umpiring.
        Jan Stage informed the Sub-Committee that the latest version of the Addendum Q document had been published in January. The web-based power point had however not been updated or refreshed since 2017. It was agreed that this was an important task and that it should also provide information for umpires on reaching starts for RSX.
        Jan reported that the umpired fleet racing rules should be agreed during conference.
        **ACTION** – RS to confirm with John Doerr who will be responsible for Rapid Response Calls for Fleet Race Umpiring. RS will also monitor progress of the UFR.
        **ACTION** – SB to refresh the Addendum Q PowerPoint. Work to then be reviewed by BO
11. IU Tests
(a) To receive a report on the status of the IU tests in all disciplines

IUSC received a report from Mats Bjorkland on the status of the FR and MR tests. He recommended that a new MR test be created in 2020 with all 50 questions created from scratch.

Chris Atkins reported on the status of the TR tests, no action required in 2020.

**ACTION** – establish a group of IUs to create a number of MR questions. Consult with the Chair of ROC as to whether someone who helps to create a test may be permitted to count the test creation for their IU renewal

12. Education and Development
(a) Budget for 2020
(b) Seminars and Clinics
   i) To note the 2019 program.

Seminars
   - Fleet Racing - Sochi, RUS - March 2019
   - Fleet Racing - Starnberg, GER - May 2019
   - Fleet Racing - Qingdao, CHN - Oct 2019

Performance Assessment opportunity
   - Fleet Racing - DEN - Sept 2019

ii) The committee discussed the proposals for 2020 education locations with seminars proposed to take place in the following:

   - Fleet Racing Seminar Gdynia, POL - July 2020
   - Match Racing Seminar Auckland NZL - October 2020

(c) The sub-committee discussed the possibility of additional Fleet Racing Seminars in N.America and Germany if the budget permitted.

(d) It was proposed and accepted that seminars should give candidates a more realistic understanding of what they need to do to prepare before attending a seminar. It was also agreed to trial having the seminar test on the first day of the seminar rather than on the last classroom day.

(e) Seminar and Clinic content

   It was agreed to proceed to modify the content presented for IU seminars and clinics. With the continued growth of Fleet Racing this discipline was selected to be the first discipline where the content is modified, thus resulting in the creation of a course that can be used as a clinic or as a National Umpire seminar by MNA’s. This initial module teaches the base competencies needed to successfully complete an IU seminar.

**ACTION** - RS to create a plan for the gradual creation of this package.

**ACTION** – JA to explore the WS moodle platform to establish where e-learning material may be stored and accessed.

**ACTION** – invite ST to lead this project. Following on from meeting in 2018 discuss and set framework and action plan to modify the content presented for IU Seminars and Clinics.
IUSC discussed the consideration of creating a clinic package, could be used by MNAs to create a National Umpire program.

(f) Create e-learning material which would include videos.

**ACTION** – source video footage from Craig Mitchell, Arnaud Mante and Chris Lindsey.

13. **Race Officials Committee**

To make any recommendations to the Race Officials Committee on any areas of its agenda not already considered by the Sub-committee.

14. **Submissions**

*Please refer to the 2019 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 an Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:
   i) Submission 023-19 – World Sailing Regulations – Misconduct Regulation 35.4 WITHDRAWN
   ii) Submission 024-19 – Code of Ethics – Application to Events SUPPORT
   iii) Submission 025-19 – World Sailing Regulations – Investigations – Regulation 35.4 SUPPORT
   iv) Submission 049-19 to 064-19 SUPPORT

(b) To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an other Committee - Submissions 123-19 through to 247-19

(c) Submissions that particularly impact Umpires:
   i) Submission 136-19 and 201-19 SUPPORT
   ii) Submission 139-19 NO OPINION
   iii) Submission 140-19 SUPPORT
   iv) Submission 128-19 and 148-19 (probable impact on C2.9) SUPPORT
   v) Submission 152-19 REJECT
   vi) Submissions 204-19 and 149-19 SUPPORT
   vii) Submissions 202-19 to 210-19 SUPPORT
   viii) Submission 205-19 SUPPORT
   ix) Submission 207-19 SUPPORT
   x) Submission 208-19 SUPPORT
   xi) Submission 209-19 SUPPORT
   xii) Submission 210-19 SUPPORT
   xiii) Submissions 239-19 to 241-19 SUPPORT
   xiv) Submissions 243-19 to 247-19 SUPPORT
15. **Any Other Business**

IUSC discussed the requirement of completing grouping and concluded any system would require multiple grouping systems to deal with the three disciplines. This was considered too much of a burden for the limited office resources. The EAWP appears happy with the present system.