Equipment Rules Sub-Committee Minutes

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

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

1. Opening of the Meeting
   Jurgen Cluytmans opened the Meeting at 9:30h.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
      To note the minutes of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee meeting of 6 November 2017 were circulated and approved. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings
   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
      It was suggested to have a general ‘safety’ item on the agenda instead of just PFD and Helmets. Moreover, an agenda item for Innovation and Technology should be added in future.

3. Submissions
   The submissions listed below were noted and when relevant a recommendation was made to the Equipment Committee.
   The submissions can be found at: http://www.sailing.org/meetings

   112-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Bumpkin
   Reporting Committee: Equipment
   Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
   Proposer: Jurgen Cluytmans, Seconder: Bas Edmonds
   Recommendation to EQ: Approve with the following amendment
   Change 'bumpkin' to 'bumkin'
113-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Foil & Wing

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Jurgen Cluytmans, Seconder: Helmut Czasny

Recommendation to EQ: Reject

114-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Mast Spar Weight

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Bas Edmonds, Seconder: Jurgen Cluytmans

Recommendation to EQ: Approve with the following amendment
Move from F.2.3. to F.1.3

115-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Mast Tip Weight

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Bas Edmonds, Seconder: Jacob Jan Korpershoek

Recommendation to EQ: Approve

116-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Spinnaker Pole

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Bas Edmonds, Seconder: Jurgen Cluytmans

Recommendation to EQ: Defer
Comment: Requires further review

117-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Spreader

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Jurgen Cluytmans, Seconder: Bas Edmonds

Recommendation to EQ: Approve with the following amendment
Use 'standing rigging' instead of 'rigging' in F.1.5.

118-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Housekeeping

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Bas Edmonds, Seconder: Jurgen Cluytmans

Recommendation to EQ: Approve

119-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Jockey Pole

Reporting Committee: Equipment
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Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Bas Edmonds, Seconder: Jurgen Cluytmans

Recommendation to EQ: Defer

Comment: Requires further review

120-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Modification, Maintainence and Repair
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules, Race Officials
Proposer: Jurgen Cluytmans, Seconder: Bas Edmonds

Recommendation to EQ: Approve with the following amendment
C.7.1 fitting - component(s) (such as backing plates or spacers)

121-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Outrigger
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Jurgen Cluytmans, Seconder: Helmut Czasny

Recommendation to EQ: Approve

122-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Spinnaker & Headsail
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Bas Edmonds, Seconder: Jacob Jan Korpershoek

Recommendation to EQ: Defer

Requires further consideration

123-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Terminology
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Proposer: Bas Edmonds, Seconder: Helmut Czasny

Recommendation to EQ: Approve with the following amendment
Change "other tenses of the word" to "other forms of the verb"

145-18 Racing Rules of Sailing – Introduction
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to EQ: No recommendation

Comment: Requires further review by the ERS/RRS Working Party

164-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule 43.1(c)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Equipment, Race Officials
Proposer: Jurgen Cluytmans, Seconder: Bas Edmonds

Recommendation to EQ: Approve with the following amendment

43.1 (c) A trapeze harness worn by a competitor which may be used to support the competitor on a trapeze shall be of the quick release variety complying with ISO 10862 which allows the competitor to detach from the hook or other method of attachment at any time.

166-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 49.2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Race Officials
Proposer: Helmut Czasny, Seconder: Bas Edmonds

Recommendation to EQ: Reject

179-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Part 8
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Equipment, Oceanic & Offshore, Race Officials

Recommendation to EQ: Approve
Comment: EQ & RRC to define whether the proposal meets the requirements of submission 269-15 and to refine where the joint WP has to go

191-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Appendices E, F and G
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to EQ: Defer
Comment: Propose to refer to ERS/RRS Working Party

4. Equipment Rules of Sailing/ Racing Rules

Based on work performed over the last year the WP has put forward a submission to put all equipment related rules in a separate section of the RRS. This is only a first step in the process to bring RRS and ERS together.

During a joint session with the RRS WP, it has become clear that the RRS WP has a different view on the approach, so both parent committees (EQ & RRC) will be asked to take position to define whether the ERS-RRS WP proposal meets the requirements of the 269-15 submission and to subsequently refine the scope of work of the working party.

5. Class Rules

(a) Hendrik Plate, Technical Specialist of the Technical and Offshore Department reported on Class Rule Changes. 27 Class Rule changes and three interpretations, of different size were
processed by the Technical and Offshore department in 2018. The internal assignment list of classes per staff member will be distributed to the sub-committee members.

(b) Standard Class Rules

Review and update of the Standard Class Rules (SCR) template has started and a draft version will be provided in the coming months to the sub-committee members for their review of specific sections.

(c) Class Rules of World Sailing Class Applicants

The Class Rules of the International Windsurfing Class application were reviewed and approved by the executive office.

6. In-House certification Program

Hendrik Plate, Technical Specialist of the Technical and Offshore Department gave an overview on the World Sailing in House Certification System (IHC).

The presentation described the current status of the scheme, involved Classes, MNAs and Sail Lofts as well the results of the SWOT analysis conducted earlier this year. Issues are the documentation status, transparency of the sticker log and missed audits of already involved lofts.

The sub-committee discussed to request annually a sticker log from the sail lofts to increase the transparency of the scheme. Going forward the Executive Office and the sub-committee will review the content of the IHC contract and the rules applicable to breach of contract.

7. Equipment Control Process

No report has been received. The sub-committee chairman and equipment committee chair will review after this annual conference the scope of this working party together with its incumbent and eventual new members.

8. Reports on Committees with Cross Representation

(a) The sub-committee chairman noted that apart from the topic on PFDs and Helmets, the main topic of interest to this sub-committee is the discussion on professionalising of measurement at events and the related working methods and procedures. No other topics relevant to this sub-committee have been discussed.

(b) No report was received from the World Sailing Classes Committee representative.

(c) No report was received from an Oceanic & Offshore Committee representative.

(d) The RRC representative gave an overview of the ongoing work and more in particular on the current status of first steps performed by the ERS-RRS Working Party to bring RRS and ERS together (see item 4 of these minutes).

9. Annual Report

The Chairman presented the activity report which included activities from this Committee along with activities of the ERS Working Party, RRS & ERS Working Party, Standard Class Rules (SCR) Working Party, In House Certification (IHC). With regard to the activities of the ERS Working Party he presented a summary of the timeline defined for the publication of the ERS 2021-2024.

10. PFDs and Helmets

Non-sailing ISO standards and their applicability for sailing Helmets were discussed. High visibility, quick release mechanisms and drag characteristics were mentioned as sailing specific features to consider in a new standard.

Moreover, the problem of poor labeling and missing third party validation of PFDs is seen as an issue for sailors who are responsible for the compliance of their floating devices.
11. **Any other Business**

- It was agreed that a regulation change for 2019 is necessary in order to get ERS submission directly approved by the Equipment Committee.

  This would lead as from 2021-2024 to a similar process like for the RRS, which are directly adopted or changed the Racing Rules Committee or by Council.

  (Racing Rules Committee is authorised to adopt or change the Rules of Sailing, unless
  - it concerns a change of clear necessity or pressing importance made effective for any designated date; or
  - a decision of the Committee to change the RRS is referred to Council by the Board, a committee chair, a commission chair or a member of Council.)

- The meeting was closed at 15:05 h