RACING RULES AND OCEANIC & OFFSHORE RACING

Report to World Sailing Offshore and Oceanic Committee and International Judges Sub-Committee


   No changes in personnel to date.

2. Activity during the year.

   The working party report report to OC and IJSC in Sanya in 2015 recommended that:

   “it was considered appropriate and timely to draft an experimental offshore and oceanic racing appendix to the Racing Rules of Sailing.”

   During the year under review the possibility of an introduction of an experimental appendix was discussed.

   It became apparent that to achieve implementation of a new appendix, the support of other committees within World Sailing would be required.

   There has been no work done on changes to the IJ Manual pending introduction of the 2017 – 2020 rules. There has been feedback on the initial drafting of the appendix and a number of changes could be considered.

   Undersigned attended the Oceanic Race Organisers meeting in Paris in December 2015, and led a discussion on TSS issues.

3. Comment

   a. The work of the joint IJSC/OC working party will be limited until an appropriate structure is found to consider:
      i. How to achieve rules changes as recommended in the attachment;
      ii. A longer-term basis for additions and amendments to the IJ Manual;
      iii. Re-consideration of the role of this working party.
   b. The work done by this working party has achieved considerable change; however, the current committee structure falls outside the normal committee system of World Sailing.
   c. The working party adds value to World Sailing by reason of the expertise available within the group. However, changes to the way it operates may be necessary to make it effective.
   a. OC and IJSC requested to consider the issues raised in para 3 above.
   b. Working party chairman to attend the World Sailing Oceanic Organisers committee in Paris in December, and seek feedback from organisers.

5. Action Requested
   a. Consideration of how best to achieve rules development for offshore and oceanic sailing. See attached review of rules applying to offshore and oceanic racing (13(b)).
   b. Consideration of the long-term structure for implementation of changes to the IJ Manual.
   c. Offshore & Oceanic and International Judges Sub-Committee to note.

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