Major Oceanic Event Organisers

Major Oceanic Event Organisers met at 11:00 – 15:00 hours on Thursday 13 December 2018 at Fédération Française de Voile, located at 17 rue Henri-Bocquillon, 75015 Paris, France.

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Updates from Classes
4. Update on Past and Future Concordat Races
5. Update on Past and Future non-Concordat Oceanic Races
6. Rolling 4 Year Events Program
7. Incident Reports
8. Updates from World Sailing
9. Next Meeting
10. Any Other Business

Present:

Christophe Gaumont – Chairman
Alain Gautier – World Sailing Oceanic Panel
Mike Golding – World Sailing Oceanic Panel
Vanessa Boulaire – Class 40 – Office Manager
Hervé Favre – The Transat – La Route du Rhum - OC Sport – Offshore Sailing Events Director
Simon Forbes – World Sailing Technical and Offshore Manager
Phil Lawrence – The Ocean Race – Race Director
Guillaume Evrard – IMOCA General Delegate
Antoine Mermod – IMOCA President
Corinne Migraine – FFV Vice-President
Barbara Séguin – Profil Grand Large

1. Opening of the Meeting
Christophe Gaumont (Chairman) welcomed and introduced those attending.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
The minutes were noted of the Major Oceanic Event Organisers meeting of 7 December 2017 (circulated and approved after the meeting).
   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Updates from Classes
   (a) Class 40
Vanessa Boulaire gave an update:
   i) Update on fleet
      53 boats raced in the La Route du Rhum. Phil Sharp was the Class Champion.
   ii) Evolution of class rules
iii) Calendar of class events
   2019 Pinneaple Cup 6-10 boats expected Miami-Cuba 23 January
   March 23 2019 – Guadeloupe-Horta-La Rochelle, 15-20 boats, fully-crewed
   Normandy Channel Race, RORC Fastnet Race, Transat Jacques Vabre.
   [Subsequent to the meeting, two Round the World Races for Class 40 were
   announced].

   (b) IMOCA 60
   i) Update on fleet
      Six boats under construction

4. Update on Past and Future Concordat Races
   (a) La Route du Rhum 2018
      Hervé Favre (OC Sports- Offshore Sailing Events Director) was very happy with the
      media and sporting sides of the event. It was not an easy race in terms of the weather,
      decisions regarding going ahead with the start time proved to the right decisions, even
      though the Bay of Biscay presented tough conditions for five days. The finish line was
      closed after 33 days which saw 79 solo sailors complete the 3,452 miles between St
      Malo and Guadaloupe. The first two boats to finish were side by side at night in no wind,
      only 1 mile from the finish line, which saw Francis Joyon triumph over Francois Gabart.
      There were 123 starters, 42 retirements and 2 outside the time limit.

      By class:

      |          | starters | finishers | retired | %  |
      |----------|----------|-----------|---------|----|
      | Ultime   | 6        | 4         | 2       | 33%|
      | Multi 50 | 6        | 5         | 1       | 17%|
      | IMOCA    | 20       | 15        | 5       | 25%|
      | Class 40 | 53       | 34        | 18      | 34%|
      | Rhum Mono| 17       | 17        | 7       | 41%|
      | Rhum Multi| 21      | 12        | 9       | 43%|

   (b) The Transat 2020
      Hervé Favre (OC Sports- Offshore Sailing Events Director) noted that it will be the 60th
      anniversary of the first Single-Handed Trans-Atlantic Race in 1960. When OC Sport
      bought the rights to 'The Transat' for 2004 there was an agreement that the Royal
      Western Yacht Club could continue to organise ‘Corinthian/Amateur’ OSTAR and
      TWOSTAR events.
      [Subsequent to the meeting:  the TRANSAT will start from Brest on 10 May 2020 with a
      finish in Charleston (USA), 4 Classes IMOCA, Class 40, Multi 50 and Ultime]
(c) Québec - St Malo 2020
The planned start date is either 5 or 12 July 2020 using the same classes as in 2016.

(d) Vendée Globe 2020-21
Antoine Mermod advised that the start date will be 8 November 2020. The miles raced by competitors in the IMOCA Global Series Championship is an important aspect of securing a qualification spot in the Vendée Globe.

(e) The Ocean Race 2021-22
Phil Lawrence, (Race Director) advised that Richard Brisius and Johan Salen (Atlant) should be formalised as the owners of The Ocean Race by 25 December 2018. There will be two classes of boat, the ‘ex-Volvo’ Ocean 65 and IMOCA 60. The Ocean 65’s are all for sale. The mould tooling has been chopped up so that there will not be any new boats built, it is hoped that 5-7 Ocean 65’s will compete in the next race. The Ocean 65 Class Rules will be updated to reflect that the boats will be owned by each team and no longer by the Race organisers. The IMOCA 60’s will race with a crew of 5. The plan is to have 6-8 stopovers.

Antoine Mermod advised that IMOCA had signed an undertaking with Atlant, it is a big challenge, but a really important one for offshore sailing to take the best of both parts, the existing IMOCA boats, and to merge and to respect what exists already. The intention to publish an extension of the IMOCA Class Rule.

The Race start will be October 2021 and finish June 2022.

(f) Barcelona World Race
The situation is in abeyance due to the political situation.

5. Update on Past and Future non-Concordat Oceanic Races

(a) Golden Globe 2018-19
17 yachts started from Les Sables d’Olonne on 1 July 2018.

It was noted that the race was not run under the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Australian Navy had expressed concern to Australian Sailing that that they were responsible for the rescue of yachts that were not compliant to World Sailing’s Offshore Special Regulations.

As the Notice of Race did not state that the RRS will apply, it is not a race according to the FFVoile regulations. So this race is more an "adventure", and was not registered in the FFVoile official calendar. FFVoile have no power to authorize or forbid an adventure. only the maritime authorities can do that.

[Subsequent to the meeting: Five yachts completed the circumnavigation. Five yachts were dismasted in the Southern Ocean, four of these were abandoned, the skippers being rescued by ships. The next Golden Globe event is planned to have 30 entries starting from a port in France on 21 August 2022.]

(b) Normandy Channel Race 2019
10th running of the event, starting 19 May, 25 Class 40 expected.

(c) Clipper Round the World Race 2019-20
11 boats Start 1 September 2019 London, Portimao(POR), Punta del Este(URU), Cape Town(RSA), Freemantle(AUS), Whitsundays(AUS), Sanya (CHN), Subic Bay(PHI), Zhuha(CHN), Qingdao(CHN), Seattle (USA), Panama, New York (USA), Bermuda, Derry-Londonderry(IRL/GBR).
(d) Transat Jacques Vabre - October 2019
The Race will have three classes: Class 40, Multi 50, IMOCA 60. Following the Route du Rhum problems with 2 Ultims, and the postponement of the Ultim World Tour, Alain Gautier expressed concern if the TJV organisers changed plans and accepted a couple of Ultims into the race. He noted that now in boat sponsorship agreements, the sponsor insists in the Notice of Race to be attached as an Appendix to the contract. So changing the Notice of Race to add additional classes is a big problem.

(e) Ultim World Tour 2019 - Brest Oceans
The Ultim Collectif representative was not able to attend. The Brest Ocean Round the World Race planned to start in late 2019 was now in doubt following the loss of ‘Banque Populaire IX’, and damage to ‘Gitana 17’.

[Subsequent to the meeting: ‘Brest Atlantiques’ race was announced starting 3 November 2019 from Brest with 4 entries, ‘Actual Leader’; ‘Maxi Edmond de Rothschild’, ‘Sodebo Ultim 3’, ‘MACIF’. The course is Brest, Rio, Cape Town, Brest.]

(f) New York-Vendée 2020
The IMOCA race will start on 16 June 2020.

(g) RWYC OSTAR-TWOSTAR 2020
[Subsequent to the meeting: the Royal Western Yacht Club revised their Notice of Race, the OSTAR/TWOSTAR will start from Plymouth on 10 May 2020, finish Newport, Rhode Island(USA). Boat eligibility is LOA 8.23-18.2m, IMOCA 60 not eligible.]

(h) The Arch 2021
Barbara Séguin on behalf of Profil Grand Large reported that as a development of previous ‘The Bridge’ race they will be organising a race called ‘The Arch’ for Ultim trimarans and perhaps other classes starting 25 April 2021 from Hamburg(GER) with stops at Nantes and Marseilles with a finish in Athens.

6. Rolling 4 Year Events Program
To review the 4 year rolling events program for the coming years. (See Appendix 1)

7. Incident Reports
(a) The following report was noted: “Volvo Ocean Race Independent Report into Ocean Racing at Night in Areas of High Vessel Traffic Density.”
  http://email.sailingscuttlebutt.com/t/j/l-pjthyjd-ijtlillky-b/

(b) The following report was noted: the UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch Report – CV24  www.gov.uk/maib-reports/grounding-and-loss-of-commercially-operated-yacht-cv24

8. Updates from World Sailing
(a) Offshore Special Regulations
  Amendments have been made to the OSR 2019 (A summary of amendments was circulated at the meeting).

(b) World Sailing Offshore Two-handed World Championship 2019
  It was reported that details of the event planned for September 2019 had not been finalised.
  [Subsequent to the meeting: The event has been postponed and will be held in L30 One]
It was noted that World Sailing Council at its meeting in November 2018 changed the selected events to include mixed two person offshore keelboat. Christophe Gaumont reported that World Sailing working parties were working on:

Format – Field of Play
Media
Qualification
Equipment (class of boat)

Alain Gautier suggested that on a safety matter, it should not be permitted to adjust the shroud tensions whilst at sea, it would not be good to see crew up the rig changing shroud tensions.

9. **Next Meeting**


10. **Any Other Business**

    There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 1500.
Appendix 1 - Summary of Concordat and Other Events Calendar 2018-21 (13 Dec 2018)

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