The Olympic Classes Sub-committee met at 09:30 – 13:30 on 29 October at the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, Florida, USA

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In attendance: Corinne McKenzie (Chair / Finn), Luissa Smith (Vice Chair / 470), Dimitris Dimou (470), Marcus Spillane (49er / Nacra), Ben Remocker (49er / Nacra), Jeff Martin (Laser), Eric Faust (Laser), Andrus Poksi (RS:X), Carlo Dalla Vedova (RS:X).

Alastair Fox (Director of Events), Carlos del Beltran (Director of Technical and Offshore), Michael Downing (Olympic Manager), Matt Wheaton (Competitions Manager), Daniel Smith (Director of Communications and Digital).

1. **Opening of the Meeting**
   a) The Sub-committee received an update from the Committee Chair

   It was noted that 2018 had been a very busy year for the World Sailing Executive Office but that there would be more staff working to support the work of the Olympic Classes in 2019.

2. **Minutes**
   a) The Sub-committee approved the minutes of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting from November 2017 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

   b) Minutes Matters Arising

   The Sub-committee requested that a member of the Olympic Classes be added to the World Cup Management Group. The Director of Events noted that there was no formal group Management Group in place but that the Executive Office would work closely with the Olympic Classes and include a member from the Olympic Classes if a Management Group was created.

3. **Update from the Board**
   a) The Director of Events gave a verbal update on the Board minutes from their recent meetings.

   It was noted that the Event Strategy Working Party created by the Board had
finalised a paper for the Annual Conference.

In addition it was noted the Board had been reviewing progress towards the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games following the first test event in Enoshima in September 2018.

(b) To receive an update from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee Vice Presidents.

Not discussed. (VP’s not present during the meeting)

4. Events Update -
Questions arising from the following reports sent prior to the meeting

(a) 2017-2020 World Cup Series

The Director of Events gave a report on the 2017-2020 World Cup Series. It was noted that the quotas had been increased for the Miami and Genoa rounds, and quotas for Enoshima were being reviewed.

The Sub-committee asked about splitting fleets where necessary and questioned whether more racing days were required.

The Director of Events stated that these questions would be reviewed with the local Organizing Committees to ensure the successful delivery of the World Cup Regattas.

(b) Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships

The Director of Events gave a report on the Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships. It was noted that the Championships had been a great success.

The Director of Events noted that the full economic impact assessment report would be shared with the Olympic Classes.

The Sub-committee agreed that the following key issues should be reviewed:

- Clarification over the use of reserve days
- Location of course areas to ensure that Class race management policies can be followed
- The Schedule should be reviewed for 2022
- The Qualification System should also be reviewed in partnership with the Olympic Classes to make it simpler for athletes to enter, rather than solely being MNA driven
- There should be the possibility of a final race for athletes not competing in a medal race

(c) Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The Director of Events gave a report on progress towards the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the Enoshima World Cup Regatta / first test event.

The Sub-committee proposed that the key Tokyo 2020 officials should be invited to the Class World Championships to ensure consistency. The Sub-committee also noted that the final ITO appointments should ensure a good mix of Class experts.

5. World Sailing Event Strategy

(a) Role and value of existing events
The Sub-committee discussed the role of the World Cup, World Championships and other major events.

(b) Desire model post 2020 (WP report, US Submission, OCSC SP)
The Sub-committee reviewed both event strategy proposals. It was agreed that the calendar was the key issue. The Sub-committee agreed that it would not make a final recommendation until after the Events Committee meeting.
It was noted that there would be a consultation period for the future Event Strategy, with a further update expected in May 2019.

(c) Calendar
It was noted that the World Sailing website does have the ability for MNAs and Classes to enter their events into the World Sailing calendar.

(d) Ranking
It was noted that the rankings were being reviewed as part of the future event strategy discussions. It was noted that the World Sailing office still receives results without Sailor IDs and that it is essential that Sailor IDs are included.
Also noted that a decision was taken three years ago to enable helm and crew to have separate rankings and this still required urgent implementation.

6. World Sailing Events for Olympic Classes

(a) Selection and entry system: evaluation and proposal (including entry confirmations)
The Sub-committee noted that the Aarhus 2018 qualification system had been based on MNAs entering sailors. The Sub-committee felt strongly that athletes should be able to enter directly as well.

(b) Fleet sizes
The Sub-committee agreed that wherever possible, Class policies should be followed when defining fleet sizes.

(c) Discretionary penalties for onshore breaches (ex. Safety and equipment)
The Sub-committee noted that the discretionary penalty policies should be reviewed and that the philosophy of non-racing penalties should be reconsidered.
Olympic Class representatives noted there was not consistency in the DPs applied at World Cup events, which also required review.

(d) Equipment Inspection (EqC SP)
The Sub-committee agreed that there should be more consistency with equipment inspection at major events.

7. Sport presentation for Olympics (Media Plan and Technology)

(a) Aarhus update on technology used
The Olympic Manager gave an update on the tracking and broadcast technology used at the Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships.
(b) New technology development towards Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024

The Olympic Manager gave an update on the discussions World Sailing was having with OBS in the lead up to Tokyo 2020. It was noted that OBS was committing to use drones, smaller onboard cameras and work to improve the analytics package.

(c) Maximise course’s live coverage

The Sub-committee stressed that it was essential that broadcast coverage for all Classes was equal, compared to Rio 2016 when there was significant difference in the coverage of each class, and that there is flexibility in which course areas are live TV course areas.

(d) Use of technology by sailors during events

The Olympic Manager gave an update on the electronic officiating discussions for Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

(e) Presentation by Marcus Bauer

Marcus Bauer gave a presentation of the SAP Analytics programme, highlighting current and future technologies which can benefit Olympic classes and sailors.

Noted there are 5 key streams to consider: results, tracking, officiating, analytics, scoreboard/graphics/sports presentation.

Each class was invited to contact Marcus directly.

8. Continental Qualification

(a) Formalise plan and support needed to optimise participation and fairness (OCSC Submission)

The Sub-committee agreed that at the Annual Conference the Classes would work with the Director of Events, the Olympic Manager and MNAs to finalise the dates and venues for the Continental Qualification Regattas.

9. Race management

(a) To include class specific race management request into World Sailing manual (recommendation)

See the recommendations not based on Submission.

10. Submissions

To review any relevant submissions and make any recommendations.

(a) Submission 012-18: 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition - Support to Continental Qualification Events

Recommendation: No recommendation

The OCSC wants to ensure that World Sailing supports the Tokyo 2020 Continental Qualification regattas to maximise MNA participation.

(b) Submission 038-18: World Cup Series & Olympic Class World Championships - Integrated Calendar

Recommendation: Reject
The OCSC notes the submission and will consider it in more details along with the Events Strategy WP proposal. The OCSC agrees with some of its principles, especially the aim for an effective calendar and the important role of class world championships as pinnacle event. However the submission could not be accepted in full.

(c) Submission 049-18: Olympic Sailing Competition - Event Names - New Regulation 23.1.10

**Recommendation: Approve**

(d) Submission 111-18: Olympic Equipment - Onboard Technology

**Recommendation: Reject**

The OCSC supports the principles of the submission but does not believe the submission is necessary.

(e) Recommendations not based on Submission:

The OCSC after consultation with the RMSC recommends adapting the WS race management policies with the Olympic classes specific Race Management policies for the sake of consistency.

To ensure that World Cup events maximise a level playing field with adequate equipment inspection (IM and process), and the inclusion of more experienced class specific jury.

The OCSC requests that the decision taken in November 2016 about the rankings of crews be urgently implemented.

11. **Items in other committee agendas relevant to Olympic classes**

   There were no items not already covered.

12. **Update on new website**

   (a) The Director of Communications and Digital gave an update on progress towards implementing a new World Sailing website and databases. It was noted that this work was due to begin in 2019. The Olympic Classes asked that World Sailing look at how to make the WS Sailor IP available to Classes.

13. **Olympic classes Contract :1% fee on boats for Quality Control System**

   The Director of Technical and Offshore met with the Olympic Classes in a closed meeting to review the Olympic Classes contract.

14. **AOB**