World Sailing Classes Committee Minutes

The World Sailing Classes Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Sunday 28 November 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.

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9. Other Items Related to World Sailing Classes
10. Working parties
11. World Sailing Classes priorities 2019-2020
12. Any other Business

Present:
Markus Schwendtner – Chairman/ IKA TT Racing
Ben Remocker – Events Committee Rep/ 49er, 49erFX / Nacra17
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – Vice-Chair/ Finn
David Brookes – Equipment Committee Rep/ Hobi Class Rep
Raema von Reiche – Developments and Regions Rep
Quanhai Li - Board

Apologies:
Bruno de Wannemaeker – International Measurers Sub-Committee Rep/ IFCA

Class Representatives:
8mR – Julia Ormio 12mR – Jones Dyer
420 – Nino Shmueli 470/Platu 25(In part) – Dimitris Dimou
49er, 49er FX / Nacra17 – Marcus Spillane Cadet – Jan Martin Wilschut
Europe – Jaroslaw Plaszczyna Far East 28 – Mats Runström
IOD – Peter Rugg J/70 / J/111- Christopher Howell
J/24 / J/22 – Julie Howell Laser – Jeff Martin
Laser Radial– Eric Faust Laser 4.7 – Chris Caldecoat
Lightning – David Sprague M32 Cat/ Yngling – Mattias Dahlstrom
Optimist – Fiona Kidd Platu 25 – Tatiana Ermakova
RS:X – Carlo Dalla Vedova Soling – George Wossala
Sunfish - Hector Duvaz Topper – Bill Brassington
Zoom 8 – Anita Yngve

World Sailing Technical and Offshore Department:
Carlos de Beltran – Director Technical & Offshore
Simon Forbes – Manager Technical & Offshore

Hendrik Plate – Technical Specialist
1. **Opening of the Meeting**

   Markus Schwendtner opened the Meeting at 9:30h.

   Advise to the representatives to focus on technical and class related topics.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

   (a) **Minutes**

   The minutes of the World Sailing Classes Committee meeting of 5 November 2017 were circulated and approved. The minutes can be downloaded at: [http://www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings)

   (b) **Minutes Matters Arising**

   Request about appointing of alternates for representatives who are attending other committees. – moved to Agenda item 10

3. **Annual Report**

   The Committee Chairman gave a general report on the activity of the Classes Committee.

   Due to the Paris 2024 decisions and submissions, 2018 was a busy year, leading to a reduction of cross committee work, but proactive work improved the relationship to other committee chairs, leading to better communication and exchange about class related topics.

   Work on the class committee terms of reference regarding voting processes were conducted, leading to submissions for 2019 to clarify the voting procedure for the voting in 2020.

   In coordination with the World Sailing executive office different measures were taken to make the annual conference more attractive for classes. A networking event and a class advertising area were initiated to increase the attendance and recognition of classes at the conference.

   The re-platforming of the World Sailing website is in progress, a questionnaire has been sent to the classes and the classes will be involved further throughout the process.

   The planned joined Keelboat OD world championship requires further work, even if the event is a great opportunity to show the diversity of the sport, the World Sailing tender document showed prohibitive costs. Updated documents will be available soon [also discussed in council].

**Report to Council**

The main focus of the World Sailing Classes remains in technical matters and ensuring that sailing as a sport for life is having great representation around the globe through the world and continental championships of the World Sailing Classes. The World Sailing Classes maintain a close relationship with their sailors to ensure representation of their interests.

World Sailing Classes have continued their work on class contracts, class rule changes and interpretations, equipment inspection, measurement and application of the rules. This is done through representation on technical committees and working parties and close communication with the Executive Office.

The World Sailing Classes Committee continues working on Builder and major event sustainability, pathways for sailors between classes, Anti-Discrimination policies and a review of the technical sections for classes on the World Sailing website.

The joint working party with Events committee, Equipment Committee, Youth Events and Womens Forum continues their work on the review of regulations 10 and 25 to reflect the developments of the sport in terms of requirements for World Sailing Class status and World
Championship eligibility. It has resulted in a submission to revise regulation 10 for large keelboats. The working party will continue their work in 2019 with the review of age categories and requirements for classes with multiple distinct disciplines.

There are 2 new classes applying for World Sailing Status in 2018:

Diam 24 (deferred from 2017)
IWCA

World Sailing continues to receive class reports from the World Sailing Classes and the data from these is being used for data analysis into the IOC Agenda 2020 and beyond.

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee as a Sub-committee of the World Sailing Classes Committee works on issues directly related to the Olympic Classes.

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee is in constant discussions throughout the year and is involved in the preparation of World Sailing’s major events. In addition, the Olympic Classes have representatives on most Events Committee Working Parties that deal with Olympic issues.

4. Olympic Classes Sub-Committee

The Committee Vice-Chairman gave a general report on the activity of the Olympic Classes Committee.

A good collective work between the Olympic classes and engagement with World Sailing was reported. The outcome of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee is seen as decreasing due to their disenfranchisement, which also disconnects the sailors from the organisation. A request for improvement is forwarded to the vice president.

The work with the office Technical staff has been satisfying and proactive. However, the workload in the office means that it has proven very hard for the Olympic classes to engage fully and fulfil their role of bridge between the classes and sailors activities and WS. At the end of the year despite all the efforts invested, very little results can be notice. The working process between the OSCS, the office and the VP’s responsible have to be reviewed in order to reach better efficiency.

5. Reports from representatives of other committees

(a) Equipment Committee

The representative of the Equipment committee advised the classes to report incidents at the World Sailing Safety Portal in order to generate a database and pointed out that classes will not be judged based on the gathered data. Comments regarding the confidentiality of the data, the panel structure and the form of the report on the World Sailing website were discussed between the representatives. The Nacra 17 representative recommends links from each class website to the portal. MNAs and Classes were mentioned as the reporting bodies at the incident portal.

Report on class applicants; the International Windsurfing Class as a returning Class and the 12mR who likes to split the current class into individual classes based on the current divisions due to the variety of boats developed during the last century.

(b) Events Committee

The focus for the year has been Olympic events for Paris 2024. As a representative of all classes, I did not vote on any regulation 23 proposals, and withheld any arguments on specific classes. The only arguments I put forward were to ensure the process was upheld as designed, and to ensure the resulting slate makes sense from an overall perspective. This debate remains ongoing and my will continue to refrain from voting or arguing for specific classes.

Currently serving on the:
- Format Working Party
- Event Strategy Working Party
- Alternative penalty on discretionary penalty

The format working party, lead by Palma organizer Ferran, covered a lot of ground ahead of the May meeting and put forward options and variations available to each Olympic event, including the status quo. Ultimately the status quo is what the Events Committee endorsed, including theatre style medal race for skiff. The status quo was passed by council other than putting skiff back into standard medal race.

The Calendar / Schedule working party is lead by Kim Andersson. There has been inconsistent working throughout the year, which will eventually lead to a paper to be circulated and endorsed. I made a number of contributions, especially in proposals around how to deal with event outside of Europe in partnership with Yann, head of the Athletes Commission. There remains dissatisfaction with how crowded the calendar is and the event rights holders (classic, Classes, World Sailing) must come to agreement on shared working or division of rights that satisfies all stakeholders

(c) Equipment Rules Sub-Committee

Representative Absent. The Committee Chairman gave a brief report on the activity Equipment Rules Sub-Committee.

(d) Measurers Sub-Committee

Representative Absent. Dimitris Dimou on behalf of the race officials committee reported that International Measurer applications were submitted after the deadline due to missing class endorsements.

The Application process was discussed; portal was difficult to use, missing documents stopped applicants to submit other parts of the application, but the portal was seen as a big step forward from the previous paper applications. Review of the application portal will be part of the new website. Issues were forwarded to the Representatives of Race officials committee.

A ‘Guide for Classes’ was requested to guide voluntary or part-time managed classes with application and other processes around World Sailing. Screenshot-guide for new website/portal was suggested.

6. Executive Office Report

(a) Update on the work of the Technical and Offshore Department

Hendrik Plate, Technical Specialist of the Technical and Offshore Department gave an overview of the services offered and provided by the Technical and Offshore Department. The Annual Report 2018 procedures and its relation to Regulation 10 has been described. World Sailing Classes related Regulation 10 showed outdated and non-feasible paragraphs for classes and should be reviewed. This discussion should be linked to the World Championships requirements working party in a joint review of regulation 10 and 25

The format of the annual report was discussed, the current format will be used until the process can be implemented into the new website.

(b) Report on Anti-Trust Policy

Carlos de Beltran Gutierrez Technical and Offshore Director gave an insight into the Anti-Trust policies adopted at the Annual Conference 2017. The two main problems regarding competition law were described as a) the market exclusion for classes who are not Olympic and b) Olympic classes with a monopoly manufacturer.
The new policy allows a review of Olympic classes every eight years, leading to a fair entrance to the market and constant review of manufacturers. The currently just applies to Olympic classes.

(c) Day Zero Concept
Carlos de Beltran Gutierrez Technical and Offshore Director gave an introduction into the Day 0 concept. The day 0 concept shall increase the integrity in our sport by making sailors accountable for their equipment as soon they enter the measurement area.

The delegates agreed on the concept in general but point out problems for youth and non-Olympic classes.

The office is asked to provide an overview to the classes of the currently used concepts and procedures to raise knowledge and awareness of other methods between the classes.

(d) International Measurers and Olympic Classes
Carlos de Beltran Gutierrez Technical and Offshore Director introduce the idea to professionalise Race Officials in order to keep up with the increasing resources of sailing teams and their professionalisation. The proposal includes the involvement of Executive Office staff in the technical committees of World Sailing Classes and attendance of Staff at Olympic class meetings.

The second part of the proposal suggest guidelines how to present measurement noncompliance sufficiently in front of a jury. Increasing the confidence and willingness of measures to pursue cases.

It was discussed how World Sailing can support less professional or smaller classes and how to handle the demographic change, as well as the concomitant loss of knowledge.

(e) Safety
Carlos de Beltran Gutierrez Technical and Offshore Director gave an update on the operation procedures of the World Sailing Safety Panel. Members of the panel are senior management staff of the executive office and the CEO. During Monthly meetings 35 cases were discussed since February 2018. 30% are related to offshore sailing, 70% are related to dinghy sailing.

Actions were taken to work together with the industry and the ISO to develop a helmet standard and protective clothing. Cases from the report portal were analysed and improvements were suggested to manufacturers. Further outcomes were class rules changes and the introduction of a minimum age for the youth world championships.

Best practice guidance for the classes on personal safety equipment will be developed on basis of the incident reports and should be available for the mid-year meeting.

7. Submissions
The submissions listed below were noted and when relevant a recommendation was made to Council.

The submissions can be found at: http://www.sailing.org/meetings

World Sailing Finances - Financial Statement and Budget
001-18
Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Audit, Constitution, Classes

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment
World Sailing Classes Committee Agenda (cont.)

Circulate accounts also to World Sailing Classes

World Sailing Annual Conference – Publication of Submissions

**Reporting Committee: Board**

Other Committee: Constitution

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

Making World Sailing More Relevant to Sailors - New Working Party

**Reporting Committee: Board**

Other Committee: Constitution, Classes

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

World Sailing Constitution - Powers of Board and Council - Article 41

**Reporting Committee: Board**

Other Committee: Constitution, Classes

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

World Sailing Annual Conference - Bid Process

**Reporting Committee: Board**

Other Committee: Constitution, Classes

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

World Sailing Annual Conference - Bid Process

**Reporting Committee: Board**

Other Committee: Constitution, Classes

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

Comment

World Sailing Special Events - Obligations and Consequences for Non-Compliance

**Reporting Committee: Board**

Other Committee: Constitution, Events, Classes

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*
Approval Fees - Prize Money

Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Events, Classes

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Equipment for Olympics, WS Events and Regional Games - Antitrust Compliance

Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Constitution, Development & Regions, Equipment, Classes

Recommendation to Council: Reject

World Sailing Regulations - Classification Code - Regulation 22.2.1 and 22.2.2

Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Constitution, Oceanic & Offshore

Recommendation to Council: Approve

World Sailing Regulations - Nationality Requirements for Match Racing Events - Regulation 19.8

Reporting Committee: Events
Other Committee: Constitution

Recommendation to Council: Approve

World Championships - Participation Requirements for Large Keelboats - Regulation 10.4(b)

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Oceanic & Offshore

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment
Change 20000kg to 16000kg in the last two columns of the table

Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Bumpkin

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve
Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Foil & Wing

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Mast Spar Weight

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Mast Tip Weight

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Spinnaker Pole

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Spreader

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment
Add: F.1.5 “Standing” rigging, add: “primarily” in compression

Equipment Rules of Sailing - Housekeeping

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Jockey Pole
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Modification, Maintainence and Repair

120-18

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules, Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

C.7.1 fitting - component(s) (such as backing plates or spacers)

Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Outrigger

121-18

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Spinnaker & Headsail

122-18

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Equipment Rules of Sailing - Terminology

123-18

Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition Start, Definition Finish

143-18

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Comment: If ERS terms are used or referred in the RRS they need to be marked as such and their use explained in RRS Introduction

149-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule 8 and 65.3
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Constitution, Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Test Rule 13
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Racing Rules of Sailing - Test Rule 17
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 42.3(c)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Comment: Actions to initiate or maintain foiling vary from class to class and should be regulated by the class rules. In addition, surfing, planning and foiling need to be defined

Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule 43.1(c)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Equipment, Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Reject Proposal 1-3, Approve Proposal 4

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 62
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Requires further discussion with sailors

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

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Appendices E, F and G

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

(a) For Youth and Junior Classes that are recognised on one or more MNA Olympic pathways it would be helpful to ensure that their World and Regional championships are co-ordinated to minimise conflicts both for the sailors and officials. Sailors transitioning from a Junior Class to a Youth Class or a Youth to a Senior Class may wish to undertake events in both their old and new Class.

(b) Following discussions with the Director of Technical and Offshore on events quality, professionalising of race officials and equipment inspection the WSCC recommend that a working party be formed with members of the classes, race officials committee to address the subject.

8. Other Committee’s Agenda Items relating to World Sailing Classes

(a) Equipment Rules Sub-Committee

Hendrik Plate, Technical Specialist of the Technical and Offshore Department gave an overview of the World Sailing in House Certification System (IHC). The introduction described the current status of the scheme, involved Classes, MNAs and Sail Lofts as well as the basics of the scheme.

It was discussed that the costs for the service are covered by the sail lofts and the cost share for each sail is less than the usual costs for measuring a sail.

Moreover, a leaflet will be distributed by the to the classes including a basic guide about how to get involved and the scheme benefits.

(b) Equipment Committee

- Deferred Application of the Diam24 Class was mentioned
- Applications for World Sailing Class Status International Windsurfer Class Association (I.W.C.A) was discussed
- To consider the request from the ITMA to award a World Championships in each division.

ITMA and technical office outlined the process of splitting the current one class into 5 separate classes based on the current divisions. Every new class (one class is classic) meets the requirements of regulation 10.
World Sailing Classes Committee Agenda (cont.)

(c) Development of relationships with World Sailing classes (remote judges, travel grants)
   The Committee Vice-Chairman gave a report on remote race officials and will share a best practice guide with recommendations to the classes.
   Moreover, development grants were mentioned which are available for classes to cover costs for national and international judges.

9. Other Items Related to World Sailing Classes
   (a) Calendar for non-Olympic classes, especially youth and pathway classes. Discussed for Submission 38.

10. Working parties
    (a) Class Worlds Working Party
        The Class World Championships working party will continue its work in 2019 with a focus on age category championships and discipline championships.

11. World Sailing Classes priorities 2019-2020
    - Continue to evolve the committee’s terms of reference to streamline voting procedures
    - Technical and functional grouping of classes
    - Review regulations where money could be saved for classes / class activities (Reduce jury costs)
    - Review and input on the technical pages on the website for the classes
    - New survey on top class priorities / top class issues
    - World Sailing support for class, events and race official insurance (e.g. centralised Insurance). Single event insurance for emerging nation competitors.
    - Regarding Submission 191-18 a class representative group was founded to discuss solutions with the Racing Rules Committee.
    - Sharing the PwC report if allowed
    - TV to play class videos in the lounge at the next conferences
    - Dimitris Dimou is appointed as World Sailing Classes deputy for the International Measurers Sub-Committee

12. Any other Business
    - Gender equality for Race Officials, especially for class measurers in Olympic classes.
    - Last opportunity for submissions regarding the next edition of the Equipment Rules of Sailing is 2019.
    - Ethics commission ask for support concerning discrimination cases at class events in order to improve the code of ethics.
    The meeting was closed at 17:50h