

The World Sailing Classes Committee met from 16:00 – 19:00 (UTC) on Sunday 24 October 2021 online via Bluejeans

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions in these minutes.

Present:

Jan Martin Wilschut – Chairman	Dimitris Dimou – Rules Sub-Committee rep.
Markus Schwendtner – Vice Chair & Events Committee rep.	Alistair Deaves – International Measurers Sub-Committee rep.
Cory Sertl – Vice-President	Cary Lee Byerley – Women's Forum rep.
Marcus Spillane – Vice-President	
Philip Baum – Vice-President	
Eric Faust – Equipment Committee rep.	

Apologies:

Walter Baumgartner – Yngling Class representative
Mattias Dahlstrom – M32 representative

Class Representatives in attendance:

29er - Joan Mollerus	GC32 - Christian Scherrer
420 - José Massapina	GP14 - Curly Morris
470 - Andreas Kosmatopoulos	IFCA - Ruben Petrisie
49er - Jyrki Jarvi	IKA open - Markus Schwendtner
49erFX - Ben Remocker	ILCA 4 - Aileen Loo
6m - Tim Russell	ILCA 6 - Andrus Poksi
8m - Murdoch McKillop	ILCA 7 - Eric Faust
A-Catamaran - Graeme Harbour	IQ FoilYouth - Ronnie Meir
Cadet - Jan Martin Wilschut	Kitefoil open – Mirco Babini
Contender - Cees de Gruijter	Lightning - David Sprague
Dart18 - Nicolette van Gorp	Maxi - Andrew McIrvine
DIAM 24 - Joe Rafferty	Melges24 - Niles Quinton
Etchells - Andrew Cumming	Nacra17 - John Gimson
Fareast 28R - Mats Runström	Nacra15 - Edwin Lodder
Flying Fifteen - Michael Clark	OKDIA - Alistair Deaves
Formula 18 - Olivier Bovyn	International One Design - Peter Rugg
Formula Kite - Spyros Krotis	Optimist - Fiona Kidd
FWC - Piotr Oleksiak	Platu 25 - Dimitris Dimou

RS Aero - Dan Jaspers
RS21 - Jack Fenwick
Shark 24 - John David Brunt
Snipe - Luis Soubie
Soling - Peter Hall
Splash - P.A. de Heus
Star - Mike Hecky
Sunfish - Hector Duval

Techno293 - Marc Cardon
Topcat K1 - Piotr Liszek
Topper - Bill Brassington
Tornado - Jurgen Jentsch
X35 - Martin Moe
Zoom 8 - Anita Yngve

World Sailing Technical and Offshore Department

Jaime Navarro – Director Technical and Offshore
Francesco Gulizzi – Technical Specialist
Pilar López Fernández – World Sailing Classes Executive

1 Opening of the Meeting

1.1 Welcome from Committee Chair

Jan Martin Wilschut welcomed Committee members, invited speakers and observers to the virtual meeting.

1.2 World Sailing Vice-President Cory Sertl welcomed all attendees of the meeting.

1.3 Committee members were asked to declare any conflict of interest that would conflict with the agenda and decisions to be taken. There were no noted conflicts of interest.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the World Sailing Classes Committee meeting of 18 October 2020 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted and approved. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3 Committee Reports

The following reports are available as supporting paper at the World Sailing website and were distributed ahead of the meeting. No questions or comments were received during the meeting.

- a) Committee Chairman.
- b) World Sailing Classes Committee representative to the Events Committee.
- c) World Sailing Classes Committee representative to the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee.
- d) World Sailing Classes Committee representative to the International Measurers Sub-Committee

3.1. Equipment Committee Report

ILCA 7 - Eric Faust, appointed WSCC representative to the Equipment Committee gave a report on the activities and noted that the Equipment Committee met twice in 2021. It is the reporting committee for the following submission: 002-21; 009-21;015-21; 017-21;018-21 and 019-21.

The list of the EQ working parties formed for the quad where noted.

The following applications for World Sailing Class status were received:

- Techno Wind Foil 130
- L-30 One Design
- International Wing Foil Class
- GWA Race Wingfoil Class

No remarks or comments were made to the reports

4. Executive Office Report – from the Technical and Offshore Department.

David Graham welcomed the Committee members and gave the floor to Jaime Navarro, Director of the Technical & Offshore Department.

Jaime Navarro thanked for the cooperation of the Classes in this challenging year where activities had focused on the delivery of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games with the team assisting the Tokyo 2020 Technical Committee with the technical deliverables.

Jaime welcomed Pilar López, World Sailing Classes Executive, joining World Sailing staff with a role intended to improve the services to the Classes.

The report noted the plans for launch of the new website and the opportunity to utilise the new digital platform to offer new services such as rankings to all WS Classes.

The Technical and Offshore executive report included an update on the following areas:

a) In-House Certification Programme:

The In-House Certification report was distributed ahead of the meeting and is available at the World Sailing website.

Francesco Gulizzi, World Sailing Technical Specialist, summarised the programme, remarking that there are currently twenty World Sailing Classes, 5 MNAs and 34 sail lofts actively involved. The report underlined the difficulties and limited progress made due to the COVID-19 pandemic where audits and inspections had been postponed. It was noted that due to the challenges caused by the pandemic, the Board had agreed to extend the licences until the end of 2022. Additional lofts remain interested in joining the programme and the plan is to re-instate audits and site visits in 2022, working with the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee in a re-launch of the IHC programme.

- David Sprague, Lightning Class representative, asked what the cost of the programme was and if the income amounted to a profit for World Sailing. Jaime Navarro noted that the

interested parties, either sail lofts or MNAs, covered the costs of the programme which currently had a net profit for World Sailing.

- David Sprague noted that sail manufacturers are legally obliged to produce sails in compliance with certain standards and requested an explanation of the programme benefits to the Classes. Jaime noted that the programme allows manufacturers to self-certify the equipment they produce, allowing them to issue sails certified as measured in compliance with the Equipment Rules of Sailing. It was noted that the programme included training and certification of loft personnel as well as inspections and auditing of the manufacturer's facilities allowing the lofts to certify sails as part of the production process at a fraction of the cost for sailors of the alternative which would require competitors individually seek and pay the services of official measurers. It was further noted that the programme is not imposed in any way to Classes and that Classes are free to choose whether to allow the programme, noting however that a Class wishing to use the services requires their class rules to measure sails in compliance with the Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- Andrew Cumming, Etchells Class representative, asked if the use of the In-House Certification programme allowed to exempt sail measurers from certain events and requested information for Classes considering joining the programme. Jaime Navarro noted that the programme allowed sails to be certified by the manufacturer providing competitors with certified sails, however, it was noted that other lofts may choose not to join the programme and therefore sails might still require to be certified on-site at events. It was also noted that the certification mark of a sail did not exempt an event Equipment Inspector from performing an inspection to the sail if he so wished to do so.
- Dimitris Dimou, Platu 25 Class representative, highlighted the benefits of the programme and explained how it had been satisfactory for the 420 and 470 Classes.
- Olivier Bovyn, Formula 18 Class representative, noted that his Class had been unsuccessfully trying over the last years to join the programme. Jaime Navarro noted that in order to join the programme, the Class rules concerning measurement of sails are required to use the Equipment Rules of Sailing, which was unfortunately not the case. The Class was however invited to continue working towards implementing changes to their Class rules that would permit the implementation of the IHC.
- Luis Soubie, Snipe Class representative, expressed their interest for the programme, but noted the potential conflict of interest of loft owners who are also sailing. Jaime Navarro noted the importance to auditing lofts and the need to re-launch inspections once the travelling restrictions permitted.

b) Board Registration update

Francesco Gulizzi explained the boards' registration programme used by the Funboard, Raceboard and Formula Windsurfing, the modification that the office will include to give a better service and provide better control of the brands. The proposed changes included the

opportunity to further extend the programme into an 'Equipment registration programme' to include other equipment items and not only boards.

- Piotr Oleksiak, Formula Windsurfing Class representative, highlighted the benefits of the programme and noted that the Class has welcomed the proposed changes.
- Jack Fenwick, RS21 Class representative, asked if the IHC programme could be extended to other equipment items. Jaime Navarro explained that there are currently methods included in the ERS allowing to extend a standardised measurement system to any and all equipment items.

c) Class Rules Changes procedure

Francesco Gulizzi noted the Class Rules Changes approved since the last Annual Conference and introduced the new proposed Class Rules procedure that has been developed by the Office and the Equipment Rules of Sailing Sub-Committee (ERSC). It was noted that the new procedure intended to standardise the request process allowing to facilitate the review by the Office and by the ERSC and to provide Classes with a clear timeframe.

Francesco Gulizzi invited Classes to follow the published procedure for consideration at the next quad.

- Andrew Cumming, Etchells Class representative, inquired if the Office could assist in the review of their Class Rules to ensure alignment with the Standard Class Rules and the Equipment Rules of Sailing. Jaime Navarro noted that the Office would be able to assist in the following months.
- Bill Brassington, Topper Class representative, asked if all the new Class Rule Changes need to be submitted using the new form. Jaime Navarro noted the intention and the request to standardise the process among all Classes.
- David Sprague, Lightning Class representative, requested that Classes that do not follow the Standard Class Rules format are not considered secondary and noted that the published procedure required an update to that end. Jaime Navarro acknowledged the request.
- Fiona Kidd, Optimist Class representative, asked to clarify if their ongoing Class Rule change request would be processed under the new Procedure timeframes. Jaime Navarro confirmed that the agreed effective date would still apply.
- Eric Faust, ILCA 7 representative, noted that the regulations included a procedure for Class Rule Changes approval requiring approval from the Chief Executive Officer. Jaime Navarro noted that the proposed new Class Rule Change procedure is a process under development that would serve as the internal method for the Office to process applications. It was acknowledged that further review of the procedure might lead to requests for changes to regulation 10.
- Ben Remocker, 49erFX Class representative, noted that some changes could sometimes be considered "full re-writes" or "housekeeping" changes and asked to allow considering these

as single requests. Jaime Navarro agreed that each request would be considered on a case by case basis in consultation with the ERSC Chair.

d) Plaque procedure

Pilar López explained the published Plaque Procedure which clarifies and sets out the process for requesting new plaques as well as replacement plaques noting the different schemes in place that World Sailing has for each Class.

e) One Design Charter update

Jaime Navarro noted the intention to launch the Charter in 2022 and the good welcome that the proposal received from different Classes. The office will circulate a questionnaire to have better feedback from the Classes.

f) Plans to review historic Class agreements

Jaime Navarro noted that the Equipment Committee is required by regulation 10 to review World Sailing Classes compliance against certain regulations and the plans to develop Classes with the assistance of the Office. The need to review older Class agreements was highlighted.

Andrew Cumming, Etchells Class representative, asked if Classes could volunteer to have their Class Rules and other documentation reviewed. Jaime Navarro noted that he would consult with the Equipment Committee Chair.

5. Update on Governance Reform

5.1. To note and discuss updates to the Governance Reform and any recommendations to Council or the Board.

- World Sailing Vice-President Cory Sertl, member of the Working Party, noted that discussions had focused on whether to propose one or two Councils, where one would focus on Olympic matters, with the second one focusing on the development and participation of our sport. World Sailing Classes representatives were invited to provide feedback and suggestions.
- Jan Martin Wilschut was pleased to hear assurances that the Classes will be actively involved in the Governance Reform consultation and he would do everything to make the new governance serve the Classes well.
- Joan Mollerus, 29er Class representative, asked whether Youth Olympics matters would fall under the “Olympic Council” category or “Development Council” category, Cory Sertl noted that in her opinion Youth Classes would be considered as part of the development area.
- Eric Faust, ILCA 7 representative, asked if there is an example of the increase of service that World Sailing will provide to the Classes. Cory Sertl remarked the commitment from World Sailing to provide all the service that the Classes should be receiving. World Sailing Vice-President Marcus Spillane noted that after the Olympic funding, World Sailing was now able to address the need for resources and noted that World Sailing Classes would benefit from increased support from the Technical and Offshore department. World Sailing Vice-

President Philip Baum emphasised the importance of the Classes for World Sailing and thanked them for their engagement.

6. Submissions

The submissions can be found on: <https://www.sailing.org/meetings>

6.1. World Sailing Regulations

001-21 New Regulation 6.12: To transform the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee into Olympic Classes Committee

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

008-21 Regulation 27.2.3(d): Changes to minimum lengths for Grade 1 Open and Grade 2 Open boats

Reporting Committee: Events

Other Committee: Equipment, Constitution

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Event Grade	2 - O	1 - O	2 - W 2 - Y	1 - W 1 - Y
Boats General	6.8m 5.9m	6.8m 5.9m	5.9	5.9

009-21 Regulation 10: Addition of means / process to require changes to Class Rules and/or building specifications for safety reasons

Reporting Committee: Equipment

Other Committee: Events, Classes, Constitution

Opinion: No opinion

The submission is rejected failing to have a proposer and seconder. The Committee noted that the intent of the submission is understood, however

the proposed implementation changes the basic principle of the Classes being in control of their Class rules. Enforcing a Class rule change without consultation of the Class membership in question is not acceptable. In addition, there is currently no process or structure to implement proposal 2, with unknown costs imposed on Classes, sailors and MNAs.

(The submission was later withdrawn)

6.2. Recommendations not based on Submission

The World Sailing Classes Committee noted the following Recommendations not based on Submissions:

World Sailing Classes Committee agenda item 11: Any other business

- 1- The World Sailing Classes Committee requests to be included in the Working Party Proposed in Submission 041-21 regarding Transgender Athletes.
- 2- With regard to submission 028-21, the World Sailing Classes Committee proposes that a Working Party including representation from Classes and Athletes is appointed to examine an alternative approach to penalties for rules breaches.

7. Sustainability

7.1. Jaime Navarro acknowledged that World Sailing has made serious commitments in the past about sustainability, and took the opportunity to remind Classes of the Sustainability Agenda 2030 deliverables through technical standards that would affect their manufacturers and Class rules moving forward:

https://issuu.com/worldsailing/docs/sustainability2030_17may2018, Page 11 to 14 includes the deliverables through technical standards.

8. 2024 Other Committee's Agenda Items relating to World Sailing Classes

None received

9. Other Items Related to World Sailing Classes

None received

10. World Sailing Classes priorities 2021-2022

Jan Martin referred to his report.

11. Any other business

11.1. Optimist – Fiona Kidd; The need for a Safeguarding Policy.

Noted the need for policies that can protect vulnerable people in our sport.

Due to the challenges of World Sailing over the past 2 years and the COVID pandemic, this issue should be raised again and prioritised as an action item. It was noted how this is a directive of the IOC who have already provided the toolkit to International Federations to make it happen.

Madeleine Dunn, World Sailing Sport Manager, updated the Committee on her progress with the IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport and offered her assistance to the Classes.

11.2. Cary Lee Byerley – Women’s Forum representative

Noted that there is a lack of women in key positions and the need to have more appointed to events. She requested that Classes appoint and develop women to race official roles.

11.3. IKA open – Markus Schwendtner – Update from the Events Appointment Working Party.

Noted that the working party will soon circulate the plan for appointment of race officials to the Championships.

Not being any other matter arising, the Chair concluded the meeting.