



# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Meeting

held from 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
in Malaga, Spain

### MINUTES

**Present:** Bruno Finzi (ITA), Chairman, Jose Frers (ARG), Deputy Chairman, Ecky von der Mosel (GER) – Deputy Chairman, Patrick Lindqvist (FIN), Honorary Treasurer, Thomas Nilsson (NOR), Akis Tsalikis (GRE)

#### 1. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16 October 2023 were unanimously approved.

#### 2. WS submissions

The 2023 ORC Rating Systems Report to be submitted to the WS was reviewed and finalized. The Committee noted the importance of this report as it gives overall picture of ORC and needs to be prepared earlier avoiding last minute changes. For 2024, the communication group shall also be involved in creating the report.

#### 3. ORC Submissions

##### a) ARG 1 - Additional ORC Sportboat Class Division

The submission is not supported following the same decision of the Offshore Classes and Events Committee.

##### b) ESP 1 - Woven polyester rating credit

The submission is not supported following the same decision of the ITC.

##### c) ESP 2 - Mast jack pump

The committee recommends ITC and Measurement Committee to find a consistent wording to amend our rules taking into account that this fitting is onboard many offshore boats.

##### d) FIN 3 - Lower CDL limit for Class C

###### ITA 1 - Class C lower CDL limit

Being related to the same issue, these two submissions were discussed together. Submissions are supported following the same decision of the Offshore Classes and Events Committee.

##### e) ITA 2 - Use of designer offset file

The committee supports this submission and agrees with Measurement and Rating Officers Committees recommendations.

##### f) MACOM 1 - Standardizing ORC Championships

The submission is supported as presented.

##### g) NED 2 - Profile of the boat below the waterline

The submission is supported as presented.



h) USA 4 - Minimum crew weight

The submission is supported following the same decision of the ITC.

i) USA 5 - ORC Maxi Class

The committee supports the creation of this new class that in fact is just a revamping of one of the old ORC classes.

j) USA 7 - Age allowance reformulation

The submission is supported following the same decision of the ITC.

#### **4. Review of Committees and Congress members**

Committees and Congress members were reviewed with following proposals:

Management Committee: Pepe Frers will be retiring as congress member next year. Management Committee would like to have Christian Frers as a guest at its meetings from 2024. Bruno Finzi asked to think about the Nomination Committee in due time according to the constitution. The Nominating Committee will be composed of Bruno, Patrick plus one between Akis and Thomas, and two Congress members.

Race Management Committee: Hans-Eckhard von der Mosel asked to step down from the chairmanship and to nominate Akis Tsalikis as Chairman and Agnes Lill as Vice Chair.

Promotion and Development Committee: Thomas Nilsson proposes Fabrizio Pirina as vice-chairman, and Willem Ellemeet (NED) and Erfili Vardaki (GRE) as new committee members.

George Andreadis and Ken Morisson will be added to the Roll of Honor.

#### **5. Technical research and developments**

a) ITC and Measurement report

Andy Cloughton reported that Marcus Mauleverer is a huge asset for ITC and the work of the Committee went well all over the year. A good engagement was reached with ORC ITC from people around the world. Andy reported about the last ITC in Hamburg.

b) UMS Report

Zoran Grubiša reported that not much progress was made on UMS. However, Zoran and Andy met with Jason Smithwick and Andrew Yates in Winchester during the ITC spring meeting where differences in ORC and IRC rules regarding the rules applied while racing were discussed.

c) R&D plan and budget

Andy reported that the VPP product is looking good so far, but there will be some more work to be done. However, the software language used for VPP is not responding with the flow of ideas and is very obsolete and it would be good to program a switch in the next few years to more modern programming languages. R&D budget will be prepared by Andy Cloughton, but some additional programming resources should be found. Davide Battistin is finalizing a deal with a new programmer due to start his work for ORC next December.

Andy Cloughton wondered whether ORC should handicap Multihulls and Monohulls together. The idea is to push the project ahead in the future (from 2025). The primary task will be to expand the ORC image and convince the MOCRA fleet to join. Goal is set for 2024.



## **6. Finance and budgeting**

Patrick Lindqvist reported that Finance 2023-year end is looking good with a forecast of a surplus over the one predicted by the budget. The main reason is linked to the more efficient control of expenses and in the automatic procedures established by the Company for travelling and accounting. A budget for 2024 was finalized and will be proposed to Congress for approval with no increase in levies for 2024. Therefore, levies for 2024 will be:

- ORC International        85 EUR
- ORC Club                50 EUR
- ORCmh MOCRA style   50 EUR

DH and NS certificates remain free if there is a regular certificate issued for that boat.

## **7. MNA relationship**

A review of relationships with all MNAs was given. Special attention in 2024 will be given to Sweden, Denmark, and Turkey.

## **8. Marketing and promotion**

Thomas Nilsson reported about the work done by the communication team and raised the issue that Management Committee should give inputs to the communication team on what to promote with a clear task. Marketing and promotion ideas will be decided very shortly in the next comm group meeting and will be on the table during the next Management Committee meetings.

## **9. New 2024 projects**

The Management Committee will support the major project of Weather Routing Scoring as the main 2024 project. A new user-friendly interface for Sailor Services will also be developed by the ORC staff.

## **10. ORC Championship Events**

See Offshore Classes and Events Committee minutes.

## **11. ORC Superyacht**

See Offshore Classes and Events Committee minutes. The committee complimented the ORC staff in charge for their excellent performance throughout the year. This allowed for a new project that will start in 2024 involving the same team and Andy Cloughton to assist the J Class in the three events of their 2024 season.

## **12. ORC Multihull**

See Offshore Classes and Events Committee minutes. The committee wishes the ORC team could be more present at venues during 2024 season.

## **13. ORC Classic and IOR**

The Management Committee will continue to work with Nicola Sironi inside the CIM to reach the constitution of a new "classic" division subdivided in 3 categories: Veteran until 1950, Classic 1950-1973 and IOR 1970-1995. Some restrictions about upgrades and restoration criteria, as well as limitations on sail materials can be applied if agreed.



**14. Committee Chairmen interviews**

The Management Committee interviewed Committee Chairmen who gave complete report about their 2023 activity.

**15. Report's revision for staff interviews on 10<sup>th</sup> November**

The reports of all responsible branches were reviewed to get prepared for the staff meeting in Trieste.

**16. Staff interviews on 11<sup>th</sup> November**

The Management Committee interviewed staff personally to understand ideas, issues, and staff suggestions. Interviews were done with Pascale Queriot, Vivian Rodriguez, Dobbs Davis, Piret Salmistu, Andy Cloughton, Gennaro Aveta, Matteo Zuppini, Alberto Pindozi, Nicola Sironi, Zoran Grubiša, and Panayotis Papapostolou while the remaining staff (Alessandro Nazareth, Simon Forbes, and Davide Battistin) will be interviewed during the Trieste staff meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on 13th November 2023 at 17:00.