



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting

held on 5th November 2021 via Zoom
followed by meeting in Athens from 12th – 14th November 2021

MINUTES

Present: Bruno Finzi (Chairman), Ecky von der Mosel (Deputy Chairman), Pepe Frers (Deputy Chairman), George Andreadis, Thomas Nilsson, Patrick Lindqvist (Honorary Treasurer)

Guests: Edoardo Recchi, Akis Tsalikis

Consultants: Gennaro Aveta, Davide Battistin, Andrew Claughton, Dobbs Davis, Zoran Grubiša, Alessandro Nazareth, Panayotis Papapostolou, Alberto Pindozi, Pascale Queriot, Vivian Rodriguez, Piret Salmistu, Nicola Sironi, Matteo Zuppini

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meetings held in November last year as well as last July and September were unanimously approved.

2. Meetings

a) WS submissions & ORC report to WS

The ORC submission regarding the request for an ORC Double Handed Championship was approved by WS Oceanic & Offshore Committee and WS Council. The Chairman informed that the ORC annual report to WS was sent in due time and was presented to the Oceanic & Offshore Committee.

The Chairman also reported that the ORC scoring proposal for the ORC/IRC 2022 Combined Worlds had no reply from IRC Board even after their IRC Congress on October 16th; ORC and YCCS were therefore forced to produce a NoR for and ORC International WC in 2022 unfortunately dropping the combined event, but still proposing to IRC to continue discussions for a possible 2023 joint event. The NoR was already very late and had to be issued at least 8 months prior to the start of the event.

b) ORC submissions

MANCOM 1 – ORC Certificates in electronic format

Submission is supported in its intention. Change of the rules to be prepared by the staff after getting input from other Committees as well.

MANCOM 2 – Implied wind

Submission is supported. It is confirmed that PCS scoring method should be promoted as the most accurate. However, it needs “re-branding” that will make it easier for acceptance by the sailors. Management Committee supports the idea from the ITC of renaming it “Polar Curve Scoring” while the term of “scoring wind” was suggested for “implied wind”. Management Committee will wait for input from other committees on this submission.

MANCOM 3 – Compliance with the certificate

Submission is supported with suggestion to modify ORC Rule 305.2 to add another step of checking compliance with the certificate by comparing GPHs where if the difference is between 0.25 and 0.40%. The boat shall be penalized by the 50% scoring penalty but new certificate should be issued and applied for all races while if the difference is bigger than 0.4 % boats shall be penalized and not allowed to race anymore in that configuration.

RUS 3 – ORC Scorer and IMS Editor

Submission is supported in its intention and staff already had a talk with software company in Italy about a project in creating an App that may be used for regatta management and scoring as well as communication tool during the event. More details about this project will be presented to the Management Committee by the end of the year. It is long time project and Management Committee is ready to budget some amount for this after getting a full project presentation. The intention is to have this project finalized during 2022.

USA 5 – Estimated stability on Club certificates

Submission is not supported also following ITC recommendation. It is very dangerous to use any non-measured data for Stability Index shown on the certificate and ORC cannot take any liability on publishing incorrect data.

USA 6 – Multiple valid standard ORC certificates

Submission is not supported for the same reasons as it was last year. It may be difficult and prone to errors and use of wrong certificate data if there are more than one valid certificate at the same time. It should be noted that Rating Offices need to provide service to the sailors that may include their availability during the weekends when most of the regattas are held.

c) Review of Committee and Congress Members

Committee Members

Management Committee is proposing to the Congress following changes in the committees ITC – Chairman Andy Cloughton will present to the Congress proposal for re-structuring of the ITC.

Offshore Classes & Events Committee – Patrick Lindqvist is nominated as vice-chairman.

Manuel Fraga to replace Jose Martinez. Maurizio Pavesi to be added to the committee.

Race Management Committee - Joakim Majander and Bruno Frank to be replaced by Agnes Lill and Nora Westerlund

Measurement Committee – Nathan Titcomb to be replaced by US representative

Promotion and Development Committee – Piret Salmistu and Stratis Andreadis to be added to the Committee

Congress Members:

The following new nominations were received:

- Australia - David Griffith, Christopher Zonca
- Brazil - Mario Augusto Martinez
- Estonia - Sven Nuutman
- Finland - Heikki Räisänen, Noora Westerlund
- Hungary - Laszlo Szeremley

Lithuania	-	Vygantas Stankus
Netherlands	-	Raymond Roesink
Norway	-	Stig Gard Poulsen
Poland	-	Wojciech Denderski
Spain	-	Manuel Fraga, Javier Sanz
USA	-	Tom Rinda
World Sailing	-	Philip Baum

3. Finance and budgeting

a) financial report

The 2020 Accounts will be distributed for approval to Congress. The 2021 actual accounts were reviewed, and the trend is toward a complete recovery of the accounts against the previous covid years.

b) Levy payments and Paypal income

Paypal incomes statistics for 3rd quarter filed by Panayotis were distributed to the ManCom.

c) 2021 budget review

Thomas suggested to add a certain amount in Promotional adds.

d) 2022 budget

The 2022 budget was prepared and will be distributed to the Congress at the EGM.

4. Marketing and Promotion

a) Sailor services report

Sailor services are showing good increase in use and income. Several ideas for new products for sailmakers and other interested groups were put by Thomas Nilsson who will prepare more detailed proposal for the staff.

b) Fleet statistics, Rating Office relations and possible countries.

Fleet statistics were presented up to 7 November 2021 with comparison with the numbers at the same date in 2020. Number of certificates are almost on the level of pre-covid year of 2019 with total of 9326 certificates (6890 ORC Club and 2434 ORC International) in addition to 3403 Double-Handed and 1635 Non-spinnaker certificates. It may be expected that by the end of the year final number will be around slightly below or at the level of 2019 reaching 10000 certificates.

Relations with all rating offices around the World are reviewed. Rodrigo Castro will take over the Rating officer role in Brazil. Nicola is in contact with him planning visit to Brazil in February 2022. Estonian rating officer Veiko Rosme resigned his position earlier this year when ORC Central Rating office stepped in to help issuing certificate by the end of the year while at the same time training was provided for Andrus Aarna who will take over this position starting from 1 January 2022. Latvian Rating Officer Alberto Rozin also resigned in 2022 when link with the ORC Central Rating office is established. The plan is to support Latvia through the central office during 2022 and find new local rating office to start from 2023.

Zoran and Alberto will organize by the end of the year training for two new rating officers. Wojciech Denderski for Poland and JC Knobbel for South Africa who will both start from 1 January 2023.

Nathan Titcomb left position of the USA Rating officer in June when again ORC Central Rating Office had to take over. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with US Sailing defining the process of issuing certificates by the ORC Central Rating Office originally signed up to 30 September and then extended to 31 October and then to 31 December.

In the meantime, US Sailing has appointed Jim Teeters as Rating Officer responsible for issuing all rating certificates in USA. While technical knowledge of Jim is not in doubts, a concern was expressed about his possible conflict of interest with use of ORC tools and database in developing the ORR Rule. A Zoom call was organized with ORC, US Sailing and Jim Teeters when it was confirmed by US Sailing that they are aware of possible conflict of interest and that they will come with a proposal to resolve this issue before the end of the year.

Two new fleets in Hong Kong and Dubai (UAE) approached ORC expressing their wish to start with ORC racing. The staff is in contact with them and will provide complete support to get some test certificates with re-scoring of existing events to show advantages and all features of the ORC rating systems

c) Seminar and presentation plan

Request for measurement seminar was received from Denmark and supported with suggestion to be extended to other Nordic countries considering upcoming ORC European Championship to be held in Hanko, Norway. Other seminars are planned for Turkey, Finland and Brazil while individual visits are planned in Europe for rating offices of Poland, South Africa and Romania

d) ORC Publications

ORC Publications are planned to be published by 1st January 2022 with rules updates based on the VPP changes and AGM decisions. Race Management Guide will be updated to reflect new certificate layout introduced this year. ORC Guide is now outdated with new certificate layout and will be therefore removed with the web with plan for update in the future.

5. Technical research and developments

a) ITC and Measurement report

Andrew Claughton presented the report of the ITC work and recommendations that will be presented to the Congress. These are explained in detail in the ITC minutes. ManCom thanks to the ITC for all the work done through the year.

b) UMS Report

A joint report by Zoran Grubisa (ORC) and Jason Smithwick (IRC) was presented to the WS Oceanic and Offshore Committee. Following UMS developments and progress made with standardization of several measurements such as SPL and TPS, ORC and IRC continues working on the implementation of the data conversion scheme where the CSV format was agreed as intermediate solution to data exchanges. This is currently work in progress and when completed, ORC software will be able to import IRC data and vice-versa.

6. ORC Championship Events

a) Reports on 2021 events

See Offshore Classes & Events Committee

b) Updates on 2022 events

See Offshore Classes & Events Committee

c) Plans for 2023 and beyond

See Offshore Classes & Events Committee

7. ORC Superyacht

See Offshore Classes & Events Committee

Certificates fees will remain the same.

8. ORC Multihull

See Offshore Classes & Events Committee

A new RO will be named within the ORC Staff and Simon Forbes representative of MOCRA.

The Management and the Staff will continue to work on a price list for these new certificates in 2022.

9. Meeting with Committee Chairman

All Committee Chairmen were interviewed by the Management and relevant requests of budget were discussed and addressed. Patrick Lindquist is proposed as new Vice Chairman of OCE Committee.

10. ORC Staff interview and single responsibilities and assignments

All staff members were interviewed and responsibilities as well as individual tasks were discussed and addressed.

11. Planning on 2022 Committees and staff meetings

AGM – The Chairman reported that WS is hosting both the Mid-Year and Annual meetings in Abu Dhabi. The Management will evaluate if ORC wants to continue hosting their AGM together with WS or not. A meeting will be planned live between Management and Staff prior to next 2022 AGM.

12. Any other business

The ManCom decides to apply for new staff because of the continuous growth of the Company to better continue to serve the sailors.