



OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting

held from 15:00 – 18:00 UTC/GMT
on Saturday, 13th November 2021 via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Bruno Finzi (ITA) – chairman, Vasily Alexeev (RUS), Joaquin Barenys (ESP), Steve Benjamin (USA), David Bartol (SLO), Thomas Blixt (SWE), Jose Frers (ARG), Zoran Grubiša (CRO), Patrik Lindqvist (FIN), Ecky von der Mosel (GER), Thomas Nilsson (NOR), Edoardo Recchi (ITA), Wolfgang Schaefer (GER), Akis Tsalikis (GRE), Dirk-Jan Zweers (NED).

Observers: Andrus Aarna (EST), Gennaro Aveta (ITA), Michael Berghorn (GER), Anders Bjork (SWE), Per Boeymo (NOR), Johannes Christophers (GER), Dobbs Davis (USA), Willem Ellemeet (NED), Philippos Georgakis (CYP), Robert Jacobsen (GER), Mikael Jeremiassen (DEN), Carsten Krage (GER), Joakim Majander (Finland), Panayotis Papapostolou (GRE), Fabrizio Pirina (ITA), Lopo Pizzaro (POR), Michael Quist (DEN), Eckart Reinke (GER), Raymond Roesink (NED), Piret Salmistu (EST), Nicola Sironi (ITA), Karl-Hannes Tagu (EST), Johan Tuvstedt (SWE), Godwin Zammit (MLT), Matteo Zuppini (ITA)

1. Approval of Minutes of 2020 meetings

Minutes of 2020 annual zoom meeting were unanimously approved as well as minutes of the 21 December 2020 and the 16 January 2021 zoom meetings.

2. Submissions

GER 3 – Green Book Classes

The submission is not supported, but the ITC and staff is tasked to present a study showing possible variations of CDL limits with the new VPP. This study will be presented to the Committee in the first quarter of 2022 to be applied for events planned in 2023. Championship events in 2022 will be run using current CDL limits since their Notice of Race have already been published.

MANCOM 3 – Compliance with the certificate

The submission is supported, and Committee agrees with the recommendations from the Management Committee and Rating Officers Committee with the suggested value of 0.4% GPH difference in the new step introduced for checking the compliance with the certificate.

NED 1 – OSR Category in offshore races

Following the incident during the ORC European Championship when a liferaft saved lives of a crew from a sunken boat, the Committee emphasize the importance of the safety rules and regulations by supporting this submission with the only note that this does not apply to the Sportboat events where OSR Appendix B applies.

NED 2 – Standardized Heat Racing System

The submission is supported by adding description of the standard Heat Racing System in the Green Book to be used when the fleet needs to be split in heats. This standard will be based on the one used during ORC Worlds in Tallin in 2021.

SWE 1 – Locally adjusted CDL limits

This submission is similar to submission GER 1 and Committee's decision on GER 1 is confirmed also for this submission.

SWE 2 – Scoring of offshore races vs W/L races

Decision on this submission is deferred to the next Committee meeting to be held during the first quarter of 2022 after getting report from the staff on a study that will show the results of previously held championships if different scoring coefficients were used for the offshore races and windward/leeward races. The Decision that will be taken by the Committee in this future meeting will be applied to 2023 Championship events, while 2022 events will be run using the current Green Book format as their Notice of Race are already published.

SWE 3 – Level the playing field within the classes

Being closely related to submission SWE 2, this submission is withdrawn since the answer to submission SWE 2 covers the issue.

3. Report about Super Yachts 2021 season and future plans

The Superyacht season started with two events in New Zealand. MasterCard regatta and Millennium Cup. Under request from NZ sailors, these events were scored with PCS and everybody there was happy with this new method of SY scoring. Events in the Caribbean were cancelled due to Covid unfortunately and next events were held in Porto Cervo with Loro Piana Regatta, in Palma with the SuperYacht Cup, in Newport with Safe Harbour regatta, in Porto Cervo within the Rolex Maxi Worlds and in Ibiza with a new event named JoySail Regatta.

Next year the Events in NZ have been already cancelled due to Covid while Antigua and St. Barth in the Caribbean are on. The season will then move to the Med and all the events happening this year are supposed to be having more participation in 2022.

The relationship between ORC and SYRA as well as with top sailors involved in SY racing is continuing in a profitable and constructive way while PCS scoring will be more and more adopted in 2022.

4. Calendar of future Events:

2022 Championships reports on current status in preparations

ORC Worlds in Porto Cervo (ITA) – The Notice of Race was issued last October 23rd very late for an event that will be held next June between 22 and 30. A compromise for scoring the forecast combined IRC/ORC event was not approved by the IRC board and together with the OA YCCS, we were obliged to issue a Notice of Race at least 8 months prior to the event.

ORC Europeans in Hanko (NOR) – Notice of Race is just finalized; pre-registration already started with 30 boats from 6 countries already pre-registered.

ORC Double Handed Europeans was assigned last year to Stockholm (SWE) within the Round Gotland Race. However, in the meantime WS has approved ORC submission to have the right to hold ORC Double Handed World Championship. Therefore, the Committee endorses Management Committee proposal to upgrade the event in Stockholm (SWE) to become ORC Double Handed World championship while ORC Double Handed European Championship is assigned to Lavrio (GRE) within Aegean 600 race as this year edition had to be cancelled due to Covid situation.

There is still no bid to host 2022 ORC Sportboat European championships and MNAs are invited to present their bids.

2022 Multihull events

The ORCmh was applied for the first time on two events with Superyacht type of multihulls in Porto Cervo and Palma de Mallorca in 2021. These events will be also supported in 2022 with ORC members present on site, while ORCmh group will work closely with other multihull events and organizations such as MOCRA offering either rescoring with ORCmh, or a complete introduction of the new rule.

2023 bids and expression of interest received:

The bid to host the 2023 ORC World Championship was received from Kiel Yacht Club whose members made a short presentation. The Committee accepted the bid and will recommend to the Congress to assign 2023 ORC World Championship to Kiel, Germany.

A bid to host ORC European Championship was already presented by the Royal Malta Yacht Club, but due to 2020 season affected by Covid without any championship held, their bid has been referred to the next available year. Taking into account also regular swap of venues for the Worlds and Europeans between the Mediterranean and the Northern Europe, the Committee will recommend to the Congress to assign 2023 ORC European Championship to Malta.

When the bids for the 2022 ORC Double Handed Europeans were presented there was a gentlemen's agreement between Stockholm and Barcelona that Stockholm will organize it in 2022 and Barcelona in 2023 after confirmation by the Congress this year. The Committee is supporting this and as for the Stockholm event, recommends to the Congress an upgrade to the ORC Double Handed World Championship to be held in Barcelona 2023 following the change of WS regulation 13.1(j) that was not available at the time when the original bid was presented. Following that decision MNAs are invited to present their bids to host 2023 ORC Double Handed European championship.

New York Yacht Club presented their interest to host 2024 ORC World Championship in Newport (USA). The Committee will be glad to receive and discuss their official bid.

6. Organization of the Committee

Spain has requested to have Javier Sanz replaced by Manuel Fraga in the Committee and Italy proposed Maurizio Pavesi to be added. These changes are supported by the Committee subject to the final ratification by the Congress.