



RATING OFFICERS COMMITTEE

Meeting

held from 15:00 – 18:00 UTC/GMT
on Sunday, 7th November 2021 via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Zoran Grubiša (CRO) – chairman, Panayotis Papapostolou (GRE) – vice-chairman, Vasily Alekseev (RUS), Andrus Aarna (EST), Gennaro Aveta (ITA), Per Boeymo (NOR), Rafa Bonilla (ESP), Rodrigo Castro (BRA), Johannes Christophers (GER), Bruno Frank (SUI), Bojan Gale (SLO), Philippos Georgakis (CYP), Luc Gelusseau (FRA), Mikael Jeremiassen (DEN), Joakim Majander (FIN), Lopo Pizzaro (POR), Raymond Roesink (NED), Vygantas Stankus (LTU), Gert Schmidleitner (AUT), Masakazu Takagaki (JPN), Johan Tuvstedt (SWE), Chris Zonca (AUS), Godwin Zammit (MLT)

Observers: Tom Barnes (USA), Edward Cesare (USA), Andrew Cloughton (GBR), Dobbs Davis (USA), Dimitris Dimou (GRE), Willem Ellemeet (NED), Pablo Ferrer (ESP), Bruno Finzi (ITA), Simon Forbes (GBR), Francisco Freitas (BRA), Kim Henriksen (DEN), Robert Jacobsen (GER), Yannis Kalatzis (GRE), Eiji Mizukoshi (JPN), Tacha Montaner (ESP), Dan Nowlan (USA), Stig Paulsen (NOR), Ab Pasma (NED), Daniel Pillons (FRA), Alberto Pindozzi (ITA), Michael Quist (DEN), Victor Ramos (ESP), Nicola Sironi (ITA), Maria Spirideli (GRE), Karl-Hannes Tagu (EST), Jay Tyson (USA), Ben White (USA), Michiel Woort (NED), Dantsios Zacharias (GRE), Matteo Zuppini (ITA), Dirk-Jan Zweers (NED)

1. Approval of Minutes of 2020 meeting

Minutes of 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Submissions

ESP 4 – Limit mark on bowsprit

Multiple TPS and ISP measurements introduced last year are used only for the calculation of the minimum rated area of the Headsail Set Flying as defined in the ORC Rule 111.3. They have no effect on Asymmetric spinnakers. However, since Asymmetric spinnakers with 75 – 85% have a double VPP run as asymmetric spinnaker and as headsail set flying, it will be clarified with the ITC and VPP programmer if minimum rated area is used in that VPP run. If yes, additional field for the Foretriangle Id will be added to the Asymmetric spinnakers as well. Otherwise, word “spinnaker” will be deleted in the last sentence of the IMS Rule F7.2.

GER 2 – Non-spinnaker certificate

The submission is supported as it can be taken as an omission in 2021 rules versions. The last sentence of the ORC Rule 301.4(a) will be deleted and there is no any limitation for having Double Handed certificate without the spinnaker.

MANCOM 1 – ORC Certificate in electronic format

The concept of having ORC certificate in electronic format is supported after lengthy discussion about removal of the rule requiring certificate to be signed by the owner. Even though there is such a requirement in the ORC Rule 304.1, it is not followed in many countries that already use same way of digital certificates. It may also be noted that RRS 78.1 clearly defines obligation of the owner any other person in charge to ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her Certificate. Accepting this submission, ORC Database will be amended to have valid certificates validated and uploaded to the database as issued and immediately available online without a need for printed copy. Furthermore, e-mail field in the DXT file will be used to send automatically generated e-mail to the owner with the link to the certificate and a note that owner shall review all certificate data and in case in any doubts contact the relevant rating office. ORC Rules will be amended accordingly.

MANCOM 3 – Compliance with the certificate

It may be noted that current rules already provide two paths for the cases when boat is found not complying with her certificate. One is when this may be not through the fault of the owner in which case Rating officer shall withdraw the certificate and issued corrected one. If this is found during an event, results shall be re-calculated with the new certificate. Other option is when there is responsibility of the owner. Although responsibility of the owner or responsible person can not be diminished, it may be noted that some non-compliances were found due to error of the measurer. This requires better quality control on measurements with constant education and improvement of measurers work, but it is also agreed to add additional step in checking compliance with the certificate in the ORC Rule 305.2(b). This would mean that if non-compliance is between 0.25 and 0.40% of the GPH there will be scoring penalty of 50% of the score for DNF but certificate will be re-run and as such used for whole event. If the non-compliance is more than 0.4% penalty will be DSQ and boat will not be eligible to race unless she is brought back to compliance with the original certificate.

RUS 3 – ORC Scorer and IMS Editor

Having mobile version of ORC Scorer and IMS Editor is probably not top priority at this moment, but ORC Staff is working on a project of development of an App for general event management and communication during the regatta. More details about this project will be known by the end of the year.

RUS 4 – ORC Scorer

This is request for new feature in the ORC Scorer software that will be reviewed in development of the next versions of this software.

USA 4 – Additional scoring options on certificates

It was noted that adding additional national scoring options is already available and any additional options just need to be requested with explanation how different ratings are calculated. It shall also be noted that as for any other national scoring options, these are defined and should be documented by the relevant national sailing federation, while ORC cannot be responsible on answering question about national scoring options. Additionally, this item was discussed at the Race Management Committee and partially within other submissions in the ITC

where it was decided to have a document explaining the concept of PCS provided that may remove request of adding additional scoring options with 4 or 5 different wind ranges.

USA 6 – Multiple valid standard ORC certificates

Similar submission was presented and not supported last year. This year there was no again consensus in supporting the submission with some rating offices clearly against the submission and some rating offices asking for support of it. Therefore, submission could not be fully supported, but it was agreed that during 2022 different options to resolve the issue of overlap of deadlines to present certificate when entering different events will be investigated.

3. Latest developments on ORC Software

The most important change of the ORC software is introducing of ORC Certificates in electronic format as explained in submission MANCOM 2. Further updates may include removal of some obsolete items in the ORC Manager and re-organization of the Measurement Inventory to make it standard across ORC Monohull, Multihull and Super Yacht certificates.

It was also reported that ORC Multihull is coming to the useful VPP phase where further improvements and updates are expected during 2022. During 2022 ORCmh certificates will be issued by the ORC Central Rating office run by Simon Forbes who is joining ORC team with perspective to have ORCmh certificates issued by the National Rating Offices from 2023.