



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting

held on 4th – 6th November in Montecatini

MINUTES

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

Consultants: Vivian Rodriguez

Guests: Akis Tsalikis, Edoardo Recchi

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting of 21st September were unanimously approved.

2. Report from WS meetings and result of ORC submissions to WS

Bruno Finzi reported. The submission sent to add in WS Regulation 13.1:

- the ORC Superyacht Rule
- the ORC Multihull Rating System

was unanimously approved by the Oceanic Offshore Committee as well by WS Council. He also reported that Simon Forbes resigned from WS after 36 years of service. The next WS Sailing Annual meeting will be held in Europe (venue to be determined) from 13th to 19th November, some further information will be distributed by WS soon.

3. ORC Submissions – Allocation to reporting committees

ESP 2 – Crew weight limit in DH certificates

The submission is not supported since the DH certificate is defined by ORC Rule 301.3 for two-person crews. However, there is no limitation on setting up a crew weight of 80 kg on the regular certificate and this may answer the submission.

ESP 3 – Release old offset file from confidentiality

The submission is not supported as it may cause legal issues. Maintaining the strict policy on protecting intellectual property should remain as an ORC standard that has always been appreciated by designers with mutual trust.

EST 1 – Championship prizes

The submission is supported. ORC is ready to design and produce standard ORC medals to be awarded for the top three boats in each class at the ORC championships, but the Corinthian division shall remain with trophies only. ORC will produce standard designed medals under its own budget and send it to the event organizer that will have to engrave the championship's title, venue and date on the back side of the medal at its own expense.

EST 4 – Number of sails carried on board

The submission is supported by increasing the maximum number of spinnakers for boats with CDL of 9.781 - 11.610 (2022 VPP) from 4 to 5 as requested.

EST 5 – Number of sails carried on board

The submission is supported by increasing the maximum number of mainsails on board while racing from 1 to 2. This will also remove the need for a spare mainsail to be registered at the ORC championship.

FIN 1 – Sustainability through age allowance

While supporting any item that helps sustainability, the committee does not support this submission as Age Allowance is already the rating credit included in the VPP calculation and its increase can cause unbalanced rating advantages.

FIN 5 – Promoting more diversity

The committee agrees about the goals proposed by the submission but does not support it in all parts. ORC may set up rules and recommendations for World and Continental championships only and cannot have jurisdiction over national championships. A prize for the top female crew is already planned for the ORC Worlds 2023 in Kiel and this could be a good test for the future, but at this stage, the committee does not support to add this as mandatory in the Green Book.

GER 2 – Life raft at the ORC Championships

The committee was divided on this issue and being a submission that is also assigned to the Offshore Classes and Events Committee it was suggested to postpone discussion and follow the recommendation of the Offshore Classes and Events Committee. In any case safety should be encouraged in alternative ways such as mandatory AIS or lifejackets on all crew members in cases where offshore racing is allowed without a liferaft onboard.

NED 4 – Heavier weight on long offshore race scoring

This item was on the agenda last year when the staff prepared the study of rescoring ORC Championships with different scoring coefficients. The study did not show significant changes or improvements with using different scoring coefficients but being also assigned to the Offshore Classes and Events Committee together with few more similar ones it was decided to follow the recommendations of this committee.

USA 2 – Forecast/Routing based scoring system

The submission is supported. The committee is ready to budget development of the web application that will make easy rating generation for the specific course type with a defined course and a known weather forecast.

4. Review of Committees and Congress members

The Congress member list was circulated among the committee. Valentin Oeru from Romania, Mario Quina from Portugal, Peter Tjalma from The Netherlands, Beau Vrolyk from USA and Eckart Reinke from Germany have been nominated as new Congress members. The Committee members were also reviewed and following changes are proposed:

- ITC Manuel Ruiz de Elvira is stepping down from the Committee
- Offshore Classes & Events Committee Luke Scott to join the Committee
- Race Management Committee Matt Gallagher to join the Committee
- Offshore P&D Committee Thomas Nilsson to become Chairman of the Committee, Dobbs Davis to become Vice Chairman of the Committee
- Roll of Honour Giovanni Iannucci is added to the Roll of Honour

5. Finance and budgeting

Patrick Lindqvist reported. Development has been good during 2022. Sailor Service and VPP have quite good numbers. The 2022 budget was distributed to the committee for their approval and will be distributed to Congress for approval. The committee also went through the 2023 budget which will be distributed to Congress at the EGM for their approval. The Management Committee suggests increasing the cost of the levies as follows:

- **ORC international 85 Euro**
- **ORC Club 50 Euro**
- **ORC Sportboat/OD 50 Euro**
- **ORC MH MOCRA Style 50 Euro**

6. Marketing and promotion

a) Sailor Services report

Use of Sailor Services is showing good numbers on the same level of 2021 which was the best year since the system was launched. A total of 3891 test certificates were run with 287 Speed Guides and 301 Target speeds by 759 unique users up to 31 October 2022.

b) Fleet Statistics, Rating Office relations and possible new countries

Fleet statistics for 3QT are showing very good numbers with total of 13967 certificates (9328 regular, 2948 DH and 1691 NS) at 30.09.2022. that is 495 certificates more than the same period of 2021. During 2021 new rating offices were established in Romania, Turkey and South Africa. The Staff was working with the fleet in Hong Kong and will continue during 2023 where local fleets want to adopt ORC as their main rating system.

c) Seminars and presentation plan

Hull scanning measurement seminars are planned by the end of the year in Denmark and Netherlands. Next year the schedule includes a complete measurement seminar planned for the Spring in Malta before the ORC Europeans with additional hull scanning seminars are planned for the USA and Australia. Other seminars and presentations may be planned in different areas when there is a request to do so.

d) ORC Publications

It is planned to have all publications for 2023 published on the web by the end of this year or 15 January 2023 at the latest together with the release of the ORC Manager and VPP for 2023.

e) ORC new website

A new website is one of the strategic projects for 2023. Details of the project will be defined at the staff meeting planned for 2-4 December in Trieste.

f) Additional members in the ORC media and promotion dedicated team

With increased number of ORC championships and activities around the world, the need for additional members in the ORC media and promotion team was detected. The Management Committee will do interviews with potential candidates.

7. Technical research and developments

a) ITC and Measurement report

Andrew Cloughton informed the Management Committee about the ITC work and changes and improvements of the VPP that will be presented to the Congress. The committee expressed its appreciation to the ITC work. Details are available in the ITC minutes.

b) UMS Report

A verbal report was given to the WS Oceanic and Offshore Committee by Jason Smithwick with whom Zoran was talking before the meeting. Since IRC has now also introduced sail measurement stickers, the possibility of standardization stickers between the IRC and ORC was discussed.

c) R&D plan and budget

The ITC has continued its work on 3 main elements of the VPP:

- Residuary Resistance
- Depowering scheme
- HSF coefficients

The ITC Chairman presented the results of the test runs which represent the best the ITC can do with the available data. The proposed changes are fully supported by the designers on the ITC. ManCom agreed to support the proposal in Congress. ORCmh and the foiling force model have consumed a lot of the staff programming resources, but the ORCmh VPP is now fully operational, and the foiling mode was successfully demonstrated through the Flying Nikka certificate. Simon Forbes has taken on the role of Rating Officer. Next year we will reach out to the MOCRA and Multi 2000 fleets to launch ORCmh under their auspices.

The Chairman repeated the remarks he made at the start of the ITC meeting. "The ORC VPP is a remarkably sophisticated performance prediction tool, that would bear comparison with the best commercial offerings. Its purpose is to provide handicap polars for any type of yacht based on mathematical force models that are rooted in sound physics. Having developed VPP's for superyachts, multihulls, and foiling boats there is no pressing necessity to add more capability to the VPP. Careful refinement of the existing infrastructure will continue using the most modern methods, but attention must also be focused on the whole ORC system. The user experience rests on 3 pillars - VPP, Scoring and Measurement, and each needs to function well to make the ORC system easily used by our growing customer base. That is not to say the VPP will be frozen, there is still a meaningful research agenda for us to execute."

8. ORC Championship events

a) Reports on 2022 events

See Offshore Classes & Events Committee Minutes

b) Plans for 2023 and beyond

See Offshore Classes & Events Committee Minutes

9. ORC Superyacht

- a) ORC Team in charge
see new ORC organization chart attached
- b) ORC presence at events and relationship with Organizers
see new ORC organization chart attached

10. ORC Multihull

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11. ORC Classic and IOR

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12. Meeting with Committee Chairman

The Management met with all Committees Chairs.

13. ORC Staff – Improvement of the organization scheme

- a) Improvement of the organization scheme
see new ORC organization chart attached
- b) ORC presence at events and relationship with Organizers
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14. Memorandum and Articles of Association review

It is decided to form a Working Party to prepare changes and amendments in the Articles of the Association to present them to Congress for approval in the EGM in 2023. The Working Party will be chaired by Ecky and will be composed by Bruno and Pepe. Philip Tolhurst will be consulted for final English text compliance.

15. Planning 2023 Committees and Staff meeting live and remote

The Management decided to join again with WS as their 2023 meetings will be in Europe in mid-November. Two live staff meetings are planned one in December and one in April 2023. Also, ITC will have two live meetings. Apart the AGM all the other Committee meetings will be web based.

16. Any other business

The Management Committee will next meet via web on Friday December 16 at 15 CET.

New Staff organization chart

