



## RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Meeting

held from 09:30 to 12:00 h CET  
on Monday, 13th November 2023  
Malaga

### MINUTES

**Present:** Ecky von der Mosel (GER, Chairman), Akis Tsalikis (GRE, Vice-Chairman), Agnes Lill (EST), Noora Westerlund (FIN), Nicola Sironi (ITA), Willem Ellemeet (NED), Johan Tuvstedt (SWE), David Bartol (SLO),

**Excused:** Joaquin Barenys (ESP), Matthew Gallager (USA)

**Observers on site:** Andy Cloughton (GBR), Per Bøymo (NOR), Vygantas Stankus (LTU), Lynn Lynch (USA), Chris Zonca (AUS), Johannes Christophers (GER), Heikki Räisanen (FIN), Raymond Roesink (NED), Peter Tjalma (NED), Timo Hass (GER), Eckart Reinke (GER), Robert Jacobsen (GER), Michael Quist (DEN), Fabrizio Pirina (ITA), Laszlo Szeremley (HUN), Pablo Ferrer (ESP), Rafael Bonilla Paz (ESP), Tacha Montaner (ESP), Daniel Pillons (FRA), Andrus Aarna (EST), Kristine Kanska (LAT), Piret Salmistu (EST), Zoran Grubiša (CRO), Dobbs Davis (USA), Panayotis Papapostolou (GRE), Matteo Zuppini (ITA), Alberto Pindozi (ITA),

**Observers online:**

Ab Pasman, Ernst Rohner, Bruno Frank, Gennaro Aveta, Jay Tyson, Karl-Hannes Tagu, Marius Junker Krabbe, ORC Portugal, Saverio Trotta, Stig Gard Paulsen, şükrü Sanus

#### 1. Approval of Minutes of 2022 meeting

Minutes of 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### 2. Submissions

EST 1 and GER 2 (Scoring with All-Purpose PCS)

This submission has already been discussed in the ITC and OCEC and was ultimately rejected. It should be noted that an all-purpose value contains roundings that can distort the result. The evaluation can be significantly improved by the planned new weather routing scoring, the development and introduction of which should be awaited.

For this reason, the submission is currently rejected.



Andy Cloughton, Chairman of the ITC explained how far the development of weather routing scoring has progressed and what challenges still need to be overcome. The programme is ready for use at the beginning of the coming season, but will initially only be used by ORC staff.

Andy asks all race managers to support the testing by offering events for testing in good time.

EST 2 (Percentage Limit of lower scoring wind)

The submission is not supported.

The ITC does not see any benefit to scoring accuracy by the expansion of the wind range in the low wind bands. It is generally not a good recommendation to start ORC-races in windspeeds of less than 6 knots. This advice should be included in the Race Management Guide as "Best Practice". See point 5.

GER 1 (Scoring above 20 kn of wind)

The submission is supported.

ITC will add a value for 24 kn wind speed to the tables. In addition the Committee also refers to the new section 4.2 "Best Practice" in the Race Management Guide.

GER 3 (Crewchange during an Event)

The proposal is intended to limit crew changes during the event.

The ITC has drawn up a proposal (see USA 4) for a minimum weight restriction.

According to this, a reduction of 15% of the maximum crew weight, but no more than 85kg, should be permitted. This idea was discussed in detail. It seems fair to allow an additional reduction if a person drops out regardless of their weight.

In any case, the majority of the Race Management Committee rejects the submission as too far-reaching.

NED 7 (scoring in lower wind)

rejected, see EST 2

NED 8 (Upper wind limit)

The Committee does not support the introduction of a fixed limit, but it follows the applicant's idea of giving a guideline. A corresponding text is to be included in 4.2 of the part "Best Practises" of the Race Management Guide.

**3. Weather Routing Scoring**

see above (EST 1 and GER2)

**4. Alternatives to Bow-Numbers**



Ecky asks whether anyone has any new insights or ideas on how to do without stick-on bow numbers in future. All those present confirm the problem, but there is still no viable solution.

#### **5. VHF Announcements on the Race Course**

A small working group consisting of David Bartol, Willem Ellemeet and Eckart Reinke was formed in order to add a collection of exact commands on VHF to the Race Management Guide.

#### **6. Race Management Guide**

After the Congress there will be another revision of the Race Management Guide to incorporate the new features. Dobbs Davis has written a new version of the guide for the American continent in order to do justice to the special features there. There is now also a Ukrainian version.

Furthermore, the ideas of a guideline for handling in very light and very strong winds will be incorporated, as well as the concerns of a Swedish submission on quality criteria. The committee has drawn up text proposals that are now being further refined before they are published..

#### **7. Any other business**

no requirements were identified

Malaga, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Ecky von der Mosel

Chairman