



# OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

## Meeting

held from 09:00 – 13:30

on Saturday, 2 November 2024 in Singapore

## MINUTES

- Present on site:** Bruno Finzi (ITA) - Chairman, Patrick Lindqvist (FIN), vice-chairman, David Bartol (SLO), Steve Benjamin (USA), Thomas Blixt (SWE), Zoran Grubiša (CRO), Ecky von der Mosel (GER), Thomas Nilsson (NOR), Maurizio Pavesi (ITA), Eckart Reinke (GER), Peter Tjalma (NED), Akis Tsalikis (GRE)
- Excused:** Joaquin Barenys (ESP), Manuel Fraga (ESP), Jose Frers (ARG), Andrew McIrvine (GBR), Luke Scott (RSA), Edoardo Recchi (ITA)
- Observers on site:** Dobbs Davis (USA), Willem Ellemeet (NED), Pablo Ferrer (ESP), Matt Galagher (USA), Alberto Pindozi (ITA), Fabrizio Pirina (ITA), Raymon Roesnik (NED), Piret Salmistu (EST), Nicola Sironi (ITA), Masakazu Takagaki (JPN), Johan Tuvstedt (SWE), Chris Zonca (AUS), Matteo Zuppini (ITA)
- Observers online:** Alvaro Arroyo (ESP), Andres Blasco (ESP), George Dorsch, Philippos Georgakis (CYP), Alberto Moreno Pelluz (ESP), Panayotis Papapostolou (GRE), Ab Pasman (NED), Heikki Raisanen (FIN), Miguel Reboreda (FIN), Vygantas Stankus (LTU), Chris Tutmark (USA), James Tyson (USA), Aren van Bergeijk (NED), Noora Westerlund (FIN)

### 1. Approval of Minutes of 2023 meeting

Minutes of 2023 meeting and intermediate meetings during 2024 were unanimously approved.

### 2. Submissions

#### a) FIN 1 – Event sustainability

The submission is supported in principle, particularly in the first part modifying Green Book 3.2(f) by adding requirement to have sustainability plan presented with the bid to host ORC championship. It was noted that the second part of submission may be too early to be fully implemented as it may not be clearly defined the process of defining detailed sustainability plans and methods of checking it. Nevertheless, the committee strongly supports the World Sailing sustainability agenda 2030 and will work in the future in further streamlining of the process, if needed.

#### b) MANCOM 1 – Divisions at Double handed championships

The submission was already supported at the intermediate online meeting as it was needed to define Notices of Race for the 2025 DH championship events. This was unanimously confirmed.

#### b) MANCOM 2 – Classes at Double handed championships

##### SWE 3 – Class splits at Double handed championships

Being related to the same issue, these two submissions were discussed together. Submissions MANCOM 2 was already supported at the intermediate online meeting and Notices of Race for the 2025 DH championship events were published following this decision. Since submissions



SWE 3 is asking a different position on DH class splits, it was agreed that 2025 DH championships events will be held as announced and immediately after the DH World Championship event next September an intermediate online meeting for this Committee will be scheduled to evaluate class splits used on both DH European and World championship. Any new submission from SWE or other MNAs will then be prepared based on the feedback from 2025 events. Additionally, a general discussion on classes definition will be initiated with possible survey for the participants of the ORC DH championships with intention to have it further discussed at the 2025 AGM.

c) MANCOM 3 – ORC International for Sportboat championships

The submission was already supported at the intermediate online meeting as it was needed to define Notices of Race for the ORC Sportboat championship 2025. This was unanimously confirmed and noted that this applies for the championship events only while for any other event, Sportboats may still enter with either ORC International or ORC Club certificate. Furthermore, boats complying with the One Design Class Rules can get ORC International OD certificate without need for additional measurements. List of One Design Classes eligible for the ORC OD Certificate is available on the ORC website and ORC will work with other classes to get this list updated provided that One Design class rules clearly define measurement need for an ORC certificate.

d) SWE 6 – Grouping of boats of different classes at ORC championships

The submission is not supported, but its intention is noted by the committee. It was agreed that if the requirement for the minimum number of boats plus countries in the class is not met, classes may be grouped together. However, the titles and prizes for the classes grouped together may still be split between these classes. The exact format of how this will be done needs to be defined within the organizer and the ORC from case to case after the entry closing date. The general feeling is that no boats shall be excluded from the ORC championship for the insufficient number of entries in any class.

e) USA 5 – Flexibility for ORC continental championships

The committee acknowledges the fact that for the North American championship it may be hard to expect large number of countries, and the same problem may be for Australian and Oceanic championships in the future. The submission is therefore supported by relaxing the requirement for the minimum number of boats plus countries in each class. The final number will be defined with the organizer of the first ever ORC North American championship that will be held in 2025. Additionally, CDL limits for that event will be reviewed based on the analysis of the fleet that may be expected to enter that championship. The format that will be defined for the 2025 North American event will then be used for the future North American championships.

### **3. Report about Super Yachts 2024 season**

Alberto Pindozi reported on another successful season with 136 ORCs certificates issued this year. Ten regattas were using ORCs this year including the Millennium Cup in NZL, Antigua SY Challenge, the St Barths Bucket Regatta, the Giorgio Armani Cup in Porto Cervo, the Cyclades Cup in Greece, the Super Yacht Cup in Palma, the Super Maxi Class at the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup in Porto Cervo, the Ibiza Joy Sail Regatta and the America's Cup Regatta in Barcelona.



#### **4. Report about Multihull 2024 season**

Now in its second year of use, the advent of the VPP-based ORC Multihull Rule (ORCmh) is vastly improving fair racing among multihulls. This year ORCmh was used at the Millennium Cup (NZL), the Diamond Coast Race (RSA), the Southern Straits Race (CAN), the Maxi Rolex Cup (ITA) and the Multihull Cup (ESP). Currently the ORCmh database contains 450 catamarans and trimarans.

#### **5. Calendar of future ORC Events:**

2025 Championships and report on the status of their preparations were received from:

- ORC International Worlds in Tallinn (EST), 8 - 16 August 2025
- ORC International Europeans in Palma de Mallorca (ESP), 26 July – 2 August 2025
- ORC DH Worlds in Monfalcone (ITA), 7 – 13 September 2025
- ORC DH Europeans in Helsinki (FIN), 5 – 12 July 2025
- ORC Sportboat European Championship in Torbole (ITA), 18 – 24 May 2025

Two ORC championships events for 2026 have already been assigned and report on the status of their preparations were received from:

- ORC International Worlds in Sorrento (ITA), 1 – 7 May 2026
- ORC International Europeans in Klaipeda (LTU) , 7 – 15 August 2026

Bids to host other 2026 events were presented as follows:

- ORC DH Worlds, Scheveningen (NED), 18 – 25 May 2026

It was noted that a bid for hosting ORC DH Worlds was also received from CN Altea, Spain. However, there were no representatives to present the bid.

Since it is already agreed that DH World championship venues shall alternate yearly between the Northern Europe and the Mediterranean, CN Altea will be invited to change the bid to host DH Europeans. The committee will then propose to the Congress to confirm the venues for the 2026 DH championships for:

- ORC DH Worlds, Scheveningen (NED), 18 – 25 May 2026
- ORC DH Europeans, Altea (ESP), subject to confirmation of bid change with dates to be defined

A bid to host ORC Sportboat European Championship was presented by Cartagena, Spain with two possible dates proposed in July and October 2026.

The bid is supported and it will be proposed to the Congress to confirm it with final details about dates to be confirmed at the online meeting with the organizer immediately after the AGM.

A new initiative to start ORC Northern American championship was presented by Matt Galagher from Chicago YC proposing to have this event organized yearly by the major USA Yacht Clubs.

The first one is proposed to be held in Chicago from 20 – 24 August 2025 followed by San Francisco, Block Island, Newport and San Diego in following years.

This bid was unanimously supported and it will be proposed to the Congress to confirm creation of this new continental championship.

#### **6. Any other business**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 13:30.