



RATING OFFICERS COMMITTEE

Meeting

held from 14:30 – 17:00

on Sunday, 3rd November 2024 in Singapore

MINUTES

- Present on site:** Zoran Grubiša (CRO) - Chairman, Andrus Aarna (EST), Gennaro Aveta (ITA), Per Boeymo (NOR), Willem Ellemeet (NED), Pablo Ferrer (ESP), Masakazu Takagaki (JPN), Johan Tuvstedt (SWE), Chris Zonca (AUS), Matteo Zuppini (ITA)
- Present online:** Bruno Frank (SUI), Philippos Georgakis (CYP), Robert Jacobsen (GER), Romain Lanos (FRA), Joakim Majander (FIN), Panayotis Papapostolou (GRE), Lopo Pizzaro (POR), Raymond Roesnik (NED), Vygantas Stankus (LTU), Peter Tjalma (NED), Chris Tutmark (USA)
- Observers on site:** Dobbs Davis (USA), Yannis Kalatzis (GRE), Stig Garden Paulsen (NOR), Alberto Pindozzi (ITA), Raymond Roesnik (NED), Nicola Sironi (ITA), Peter Tjalma (NED),
- Observers online:** Stig Garden Paulsen (NOR), Karl-Hannes Tagu (EST), Arend van Bergeijk (NED)

1. Approval of Minutes of 2023 meeting

Minutes of 2023 were unanimously approved.

2. Submissions

- a) EST 2 - Mast jack on board
ESP 3 - Mast jack pump on board

Being related to the same issue, these two submissions were discussed together. Rating assessment for adjusting mast foot while racing was introduced after last year's submission. It is based on owner's declaration that mast foot will be adjusted while racing. While it may be accepted that word "possibility" used with "owner's declaration" in the IMS Rule can be ambiguous, this part may be resolved by the rewording of that rule and making it clearer. However, the main problem identified is controlling if the mast foot has been adjusted while racing when owner declared it as "No". Furthermore, the rule is limited to "while racing" while it is assumed that adjusting the mast foot between two races should be allowed without any rating assessment.

Two options for possible rule changes were discussed. First one was keeping owner's declaration for adjustment of the mast foot while racing and second one was introducing rating assessment for any possibility of adjusting mast foot while racing but also in between races. The committee was divided between two options almost at 50 – 50 % and without having clear majority for clear rule change, the submission were not supported and it was agreed not to change the philosophy of the current rule.

However, it was agreed that principle of the rule should be slightly re-worded starting from the fact that the possibility to adjust the base of the mast while racing, shall be taken as "YES" and there should be responsibility for the owner to prove that this cannot be used while racing if he/she wants to have it declared as "NO".



b) NED 1 - Stern height as a definition for ORC Club purposes

The committee agrees and supports the decisions of the Measurement committee on this submission.

c) USA 1 – Non-Spinnaker certificates

The committee agrees and supports the decisions of the Management committee on this submission.

3. Rating offices standard operating procedures

Rating officers procedures were discussed with exchange of experiences from the various rating offices. A presentation was made from the Dutch rating office by Arend van Bergeijk. It was noted that the best way to submit measurement data to the rating office is by DXT file created from the IMS Editor or downloaded from that Sailor Services.