



# OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

## Meeting

held from 09:00 – 13:30

on Saturday, 1 November 2025 in Dun Laoghaire

## MINUTES

**Present on site:** Bruno Finzi (ITA) - Chairman, Patrick Lindqvist (FIN), vice-chairman, David Bartol (SLO), Joaquin Barenys (ESP), Steve Benjamin (USA), Thomas Blixt (SWE), Zoran Grubiša (CRO), Ecky von der Mosel (GER), Thomas Nilsson (NOR), Maurizio Pavesi (ITA), Eckart Reinke (GER), Raymond Roesnik (NED)

**Excused:** Manuel Fraga (ESP), Cristian Frers (ARG), Andrew McIrvine (GBR), Luke Scott (RSA), Edoardo Recchi (ITA)

**Observers on site:** Stratis Andreadis (GRE), Gennaro Aveta (ITA), Per Bøymo (NOR), Dobbs Davis (USA), Willem Ellemeet (NED), Pable Ferrer (ESP), Bruno Frank (SUI), Matt Gallagher (USA), Philippos Georgakis (CYP), Max Gurgel (GER), Marta Hernandez (ESP), Robert Jacobsen (GER), Yannis Kalatzis (GRE), Iiro Kinnanen, (FIN), Mantas Klimantavicius (LTU), Romain Lanos (FRA), Tobisa Merkel (GER), Antonio Negreiros Fernandes (ESP), Cristobal Ortega (ESP), Panayotis Papapostolou (GRE), Ab Pasman (NED), Nacho Pastor (ESP), Stig Gard Paulsen (NOR), Alberto Pindozzi (ITA), Fabrizio Pririna (ITA), Michael Quist (DEN), Rudolfs Romans (LAT), Piret Salmistu (EST), Nicola Sironi (ITA), Famara Sonko (ESP), Vygantas Stankus (LTU), Laszlo Szeremley (HUN), Johan Tuvstedt (SWE), Felix Weidling (USA), Noora Westerlund (FIN), Christopher Zonca (AUS), Matteo Zuppini (ITA)

**Observers online:** Andrus Aarna (EST), Cillian Ballesty (???), Teresa Rios (ESP), Pat Tanner (???), John Vistorin (GER)

### 1. Approval of Minutes of 2024 meeting

Minutes of 2024 November meeting and of 2025 intermediate meetings were unanimously approved.

### 2. Submissions

#### a) ESP 5 – Post-race equipment inspection

After a long debate about the arguments for and against the current method of the post-race measurement checks in ORC championships, it was agreed that the principle to check as many as possible boats should remain and ESP agreed to make a friendly amendment to the submission by replacing wording from “change” to “review”. Therefore, the actual post-race measurement method will be reviewed, and possible updates will be suggested and adopted in the future. With this friendly amendment the submission is unanimously supported by the Committee.

#### b) EST 1 – Championship format

Even though there is a general understanding of the problem, it cannot be easily defined a priori what effectively will be the final race of the championship. It may happen that due to the lack of wind there is no wind on the last scheduled day and then the last race would be the



one sailed on the previous race. However, sailors need to know if the race is discardable or not before the start of the race. Therefore, submission is not supported, but the Committee discussed possible future submissions to get rid of the discard on one side or instead deal with this problem within our ORC rules.

c) FIN 1 – Events financial expenses and cost structure

The Management Committee has already made a working group that will prepare a standard contract between the Organizing Authority and the ORC. Such a contract will define the requirements asked by the submission. The Committee is unanimously in favor of having a contract signed between the OA and the ORC.

d) FIN 2 – Sustainability certification for ORC Championships

The submission was already discussed last year and supported in principle. This year can be supported by adding to the Green Book requirement for events to achieve at least Clean Regattas bronze level certification by Sailors of the sea with guidelines explaining the procedure added as an Appendix of the Green Book. The Committee unanimously supported the submission

e) USA 11 – Digital starting line tools

The submission is supported in principle, but at this moment it is hard to recommend use of digital starting line tools until the costs for the Organizing Authority are clear and products with more affordable costs can become available soon. In the meantime, the Committee recommends encouraging the monitoring of different systems with presentation of a report next year. In the same time David Bartol pointed out that a thorough check of ORC rules should be performed to verify which modifications should incur to allow these systems to be used.

### 3. Report about Super Yachts 2024 season

ORC's cooperation with the **Super Yacht Racing Association (SYRA)** started in 2015 and continued through this year, with an increase to **140 ORCs certificates** for the year to date. Nine regattas used the system this year including the **Millennium Cup** in NZL (5 entries), **Antigua SY Challenge** (10 entries), the **St Barths Bucket Regatta** (26 entries), the **Giorgio Armani Cup** in Porto Cervo (9 entries), the **Cyclades Cup** in Greece (18 entries), the **SuperYacht Cup** in Palma (11 entries), the **Safe Harbour Regatta** in Newport, USA (6 entries), the Super Maxi Class at the **Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup** in Porto Cervo (4 entries), and the **Ibiza Joy Sail Regatta** in Barcelona (22 entries).

### 4. Report about Multihull 2024 season

This year ORCmh was used for both official scoring and shadow-scoring at six major events: the **Millennium Cup** (NZL), the **Tre Golfi Regatta** (ITA), the **Seychelles Challenge** (Mauritius), the **Chicago Mackinac Race** and the **Bayview Mackinac Race** (USA), the **Gougeon Brothers Great Lakes Multihull Championship** (USA), the **Multihull Cup** (ESP), the **Harvest Moon Regatta** (USA), and the **Copa Galapagos** (ECU). Currently the ORCmh database contains nearly 500 catamaran and trimaran designs.

### 5. Report on 2025 ORC Championships

Reports were received from the organizers and ORC representatives at the 2025 ORC Championships



- 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

Reports were received also from some Continental ORC Championships such as Mediterranean in Sorrento and North American in Block Island. All events were evaluated as successful with some suggestions received on what can be improved in the future.

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

Report on the status of preparations for already assigned events for 2026 were received from:

- ORC International Worlds in Sorrento (ITA), 5 – 14 May 2026
- ORC International Europeans in Klaipeda (LTU) , 7 – 15 August 2026
- ORC DH Worlds in Scheveningen (NED), 18 – 25 May 2026
- ORC DH Europeans in Altea (ESP), 1 – 7 March 2026
- ORC Sportboat Europeans in Cartagena (ESP), 15 – 21 June 2026
- ORC North Americans in San Francisco (USA), 16 – 20 September 2026

Bids to host 2027 events were presented as follows:

- ORC Worlds in Skovshoved (DEN), 6 - 14 August 2027
- ORC Europeans in Malaga (ESP), 5 - 12 June 2027
- ORC DH Europeans in Sandhamn (SWE), 28 June – 5 July 2027
- ORC North Americans in Fort Lauderdale (USA), 14 – 20 November 2027

The committee propose to the Congress to confirm the venues as listed above.

Bids are still open for ORC DH Worlds 2027 and ORC Sportboat Europeans 2027 and the Committee will ask Congress permission to approve these events at online meeting as soon as new bids are received. MNAs are encouraged to place their bids with those for the 2027 DH Worlds in the Mediterranean area.

## **6. Any other business**

Johan Tustdedt presented the interest from Marstrand (SWE) to place a bid for ORC Europeans and ORC Worlds in 2028 and 2029. Being three years in advance it was suggested that these bids are reviewed by the countries in the neighbourhood and formally presented next year with their consensus.