

Reporting committee: **ITC**  
**RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## USE OF TIME ALLOWANCES FOR TWS OF 4 KTS

---

### PROPOSAL

Add the following clarification to Section 3.1 (ORC Rating) and/or 3.2 (Polar Curve Scoring) of the ORC Race Management Guide if the 4 kt wind band will stay as a test element:

*Clarification: Use of Corresponding Time Allowances and 4 kt Wind Band in 202x For scoring calculations involving Time-on-Distance or Time-on-Time methods derived from wind band-based time allowances, Race Committees and scorers shall:*

- *Use the time allowance values corresponding to the actual scoring wind, as defined in the scoring procedure (e.g. PCS or WRS).*
- *Disregard the 4 kt wind band values unless specifically instructed by the ORC, the release of the test state or if clearly stated in the event documentation.*

*Important Note:*

*The 4 kt wind speed values included in the 2025 VPP were introduced for testing and evaluation purposes only. These values were not explicitly announced in the AGM 2024 minutes and may not be validated for competitive scoring use. Until the 4 kt values are officially confirmed for competitive scoring by the ORC, their use should be avoided unless justified and documented.*

### RATIONALE

In 2025, a new wind band at 4 knots of true wind speed was introduced in ORC certificates and rating outputs. However, this addition was not clearly disclosed in the minutes of the 2024 AGM, nor were guidelines provided for its application.

To ensure fairness, transparency, and consistency in scoring practices, this clarification will prevent the unintended use of unverified test data and reinforce the correct procedure for selecting corresponding wind-based time allowances. This also promotes confidence in the ORC system and its implementation at all levels of racing.