



## CONGRESS

**Extraordinary General Meeting**  
held online on 29th January 2026

### MINUTES

#### Congress Members present

Bruno Finzi (Chairman)	Italy	Luke Scott	South Africa
Matthew Gallagher (Deputy Chair)	USA	Vygantas Stankus	Lithuania
Ecky von der Mosel (Deputy Chair)	Germany	Easy Swissa	Israel
Gennaro Aveta	Italy	Laszlo Szeremley	Hungary
Rafael Bonilla	Spain	Masakazu Takagaki	Japan Pat
David Bartol	Slovenia	Tanner	Ireland
Stephen Benjamin	USA	Kerim Topoyan	Turkey
Thomas Blixt	Sweden	Bayard Umbezeiro Neto	Brazil
Per Boeymo	Norway	Noora Westerlund	Finland
Edward Cesare	USA	Godwin Zammit	Malta
Willem Ellemeest	Netherlands	Chris Zonca	Australia
Jose Frers	Argentina	Vygantas Stankus	Lithuania
Philippos Georgakis	Cyprus	Bruno Frank	Switzerland
Zoran Grubiša	Croatia		
Yannis Kalatzis	Greece	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos	Greece	H.M. King Harald V of Norway	
Kristine Kanska	Latvia	Hon. President	Norway
Ken Keefe	USA	Madis Ausman	Estonia
Romain Lanos	France	Joachin Gonzales Devesa	Spain
Patrick Lindqvist	Finland	Jose Martinez David	Spain
Dan McGreer	Canada	June Lee	Korea
Maurizio Pavesi	Italy	Thomas Nilsson	Norway
Roberto Peschiera	Peru	Valentin Oeru	Romania
Daniel Pillons	France	Stig Gard Paulsen	Norway
Michael Quist	Denmark	Gert Schmidleitner	Austria
Eckart Reinke	Germany	Mario Serra Quina	Portugal
Raymond Roesink	Netherlands		
Sukru Sanus	Turkey		



## **1. RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION USA 13**

Following AGM submission, a test run with Age Allowance extended to the maximum of 20 years was prepared and circulated among Congress members with two options for modifying the Age Allowance rule presented. The option of extending the maximum Age Allowance to 20 years with the same increase of 0.0325% per year up to a maximum of 0.65% got a majority of votes. Congress unanimously ratified this decision and ORC Rule 103.1 will be amended accordingly.

## **2. VPP RESIDUAL RESISTANCE FORMULATION UPDATE**

At the AGM, the ITC presented to the congress updates of the VPP residual resistance formulation coming from the correction of the ANN model correcting the anomalous behaviour of the XR-41 VMG values.

Proposed amendments to the VPP regarding the XR-41 issue were approved at the AGM with a possibility for the X-Yachts design team to present technical data that may lead to an update of the proposed solution.

After the AGM, the ITC extended research on this issue together with several new CFD calculations in cooperation with the X-Yacht design team. Andy Cloughton presented a new updated RR formulation with an explanation of new limits set at the ANN model together with APH changes to the fleet.

The new proposed VPP formulation is supported unanimously and immediately after the EGM, VPP and ORC software for 2026 will be issued and rating offices will start issuing 2026 certificates.

Bruno Finzi expressed great appreciation for the work done by the ITC in a short time, even during the holiday period, and thanked Andy Cloughton and his team for outstanding work.