OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting
held from 09:00 – 13:30
on Sunday, 1 November 2026 in Las Palmas

MINUTES

Present: Bruno Finzi (ITA) - Chairman, Patrick Lindqvist (FIN), vice-chairman, Joaquin Barenys (ESP), Thomas Blixt (SWE), Zoran Grubiša (CRO), Ecky von der Mosel (GER), Thomas Nilsson (NOR), Fabrizio Pirina (ITA), Raymond Roesnik (NED)

Present online: David Bartol (SLO), Maurizio Pavesi (ITA)

Excused: Steve Benjamin (USA),Manuel Fraga (ESP), Cristian Frers (ARG), Eckart Reinke (GER), Luke Scott (RSA).

1. **Approval of Minutes of 2025 meeting**

   Minutes of 2025 November meeting were unanimously approved.

2. **Submissions**

   a) FIN 3 – Weather model selected for WRS

   The Committee agreed to a friendly amendment: publication of the weather model(s) to be used for WRS 24 hours before the start of the race should be recommended, not mandatory. For advance notice, the Race Committee should inform competitors of its intentions, which may include multiple weather models under consideration. For final selection, decisions shall be made using the available source in the RaceFlow App and announced before the start of the race, at a time that allows use of the latest available weather forecast. The finally selected weather model shall be published together with the ratings, as already provided in the RaceFlow App.

   b) MANCOM 1 – Weather routing scoring backup

   The Management Committee withdraws MANCOM 1 because it agrees with the ITC recommendations on the WRS submissions.

   c) ITA 5 – Technical Committee chairman

   The Committee agreed to modify the Green Book to provide that the chairman of the Technical Committee at ORC Championships shall be agreed between the Organizing Authority and the ORC. If the chairman is not the ORC Chief Measurer, the ORC Chief Measurer or a person appointed by him shall be a member of the Technical Committee.

   d) SWE 1 – Class divisions at DH Championship

   For 2027 DH events, the Notice of Race will specify only the fastest and slowest APH limits for the fleet. Final class composition shall be agreed between the Organizing Authority and the ORC one month before the start of the championship. Classes should comprise boats of similar sizes and performance potential. The Committee acknowledged that class definitions at DH championships may differ from those at fully crewed championships because of the different nature of offshore races and the application of WRS.

e) SWE 2 – Long offshore race parameters

The submission is referred to the Race Management Committee.

3. Report about Super Yachts 2026 season

ORC's cooperation with the Super Yacht Racing Association (SYRA) started in 2015 and continued through this year, with an increase to 127 ORCsy certificates for the year to date. Nine regattas used the system this year including the Antigua SY Challenge (10 entries), the St Barths Bucket Regatta (32 entries), the Giorgio Armani Cup in Porto Cervo (13 entries), the Cyclades Cup in Greece (20 entries), the Super Yacht Cup in Palma (14 entries), the Safe Harbour Regatta in Newport, USA (6 entries), the Super Maxi Class at the Rolex Swan Cup in Porto Cervo (9 entries), and the Ibiza Joy Sail Regatta in Ibiza (19 entries).

4. Report about Multihull 2026 season

This year ORCmh was used for both official scoring and shadow-scoring at numerous MH events and races with MH classes held throughout the world. These included: Dubai-Muscat Race (10 entries), Round Antigua and Caribbean 600 (11 entries), The Tre Golfi Multihull Trophy (3 entries), Ilwaco to Victoria Race (4 entries), Palma Super Yacht Cup (4 entries), The UK MOCRA Nationals (10 entries), Round the Isle of Wight Race (23 entries), Aegean 600 (5 entries), Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup (6 entries) Multihull Cup (5 entries), Rolex Middle Sea Race (3 entries).

5. Report on 2026 ORC Championships

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

- ORC Worlds in Sorrento (ITA), 5 - 14 May 2026
- ORC 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 North American Championship in San Francisco (USA), 16 – 20 September 2026

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 2027 were received from:

- ORC Worlds in Skovshoved (DEN), 6 – 14 August 2027
- ORC Europeans in Malaga (ESP), 5 – 12 Jun 2027
- ORC DH Europeans in Sandhamn (SWE), 28 Jun – 5 July 2027

Bids to host two more 2027 events were presented as follows:

- ORC DH Worlds in Portorož (SLO), 6 – 14 August 2027
- ORC Sportboat Europeans in Preveza (GRE)

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

Bids to host ORC Worlds 2028 were presented by

- Valencia (ESP)
- Limassol (CYP)

The committee decided to recommend Valencia to the Congress as the venue for the ORC Worlds 2028, with Real Club Nautico de Valencia as organizing authority. This decision followed the review of two very well-prepared presentations.

Next bids were presented for the following events:

- ORC Europeans in Marstrand (SWE), 4 – 12 August 2028
- ORC DH Worlds in Hanko (FIN), 10 – 16 July 2028

The committee propose to the Congress to confirm the venues of Marstrand (SWE) and Hanko (FIN) as listed above.

The committee supports Annapolis Yacht Club's bid to host the ORC North American Championship 2028, subject to finalizing details in discussion between the Management Committee and the organizing authority. The bid was presented by Annapolis Yacht Club.

Yacht Club Italiano presented a bid to host the ORC DH Worlds in Genoa in 2029. Since there are no bids for the 2028 ORC DH Europeans, the chairman will propose to Yacht Club Italiano that it modify its bid from the 2029 DH Worlds to the 2028 DH Europeans. The chairman will inform the committee accordingly before final approval by this year's Congress.

7. Any other business

No other business arise.