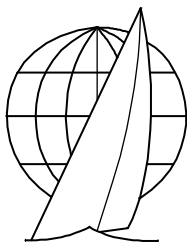


# OFFSHORE RACING CONGRESS

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Minutes of a meeting of the **Management Committee** of the Offshore Racing Congress held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in Busan, South Korea.

**Present:** Bruno Finzi (Chairman)  
Don Genitempo (Deputy Chairman)  
Wolfgang Schaefer (Deputy Chairman)  
George Andreadis  
Jose Frers  
Philip Tolhurst (Honorary Treasurer)

**Attendees:** Nicola Sironi (Chief Measurer)  
Zoran Grubisa  
Vivian Rodriguez (Secretary)

### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and approved as circulated by the Secretariat.

### **2. ISAF submissions and ORC report to ISAF**

Submissions presented to the ISAF regarding offshore sailing and rating systems were reviewed by the Committee. The Report to ISAF was sent together with the reports of the various events.

### **3. ORC/RORC relationship**

A working party formed in the last ManCom meeting composed by: Bruno Finzi and Wolfgang Schaefer from ORC and Andrew McIrvine & Eddy Owen from RORC did not have a chance to meet. Therefore it is recommended that the working party should meet as soon as possible after the meeting in Busan.

### **4. 2009 IRC certificates analysis**

It was noted from the IRC certificates status that the total numbers of certificates from October 2008 to October 2009 diminished by 8,4%

## **5. ORC/US Sailing relationship, 2009 ORR certificates analysis**

A termination agreement allowing ORC and US Sailing to terminate all mutual obligations between MIT, US Sailing and ORC regarding the use of LPP, VPP and related products was finally signed between the parties. With this agreement ORC VPP and related should be sole responsibility and property of ORC without any further obligations to US Sailing and MIT.

## **6. AGM and EGM Preparations**

The Agendas of the AGM and EGM were confirmed without any changes.

## **7. Financial Report**

The Audited Accounts for 2008 were sent to all Congress Members for approval. They were approved by mail vote.

The Treasurer also circulated to the ManCom a breakdown management figures up to 30<sup>th</sup> September and these were discussed by the ManCom and in particular the previous year adjustments that had been made. It was noted that the amount of debtors had reduced substantially, and that there had been a corresponding increase in bank balances. With the bank balances having remained fairly constant, a small increase in debtors, and assuming that creditors had not increased since last December this would suggest that to date a small surplus would be achieved. A budget for 2010 was prepared to be submitted to the Congress. This budget is based on the assumption to maintain unchanged levies for ORC certificates.

## **8. Fleet Statistics & Update on Levy payments & Invoicing from and to MNAs**

Vivian updated on Levy Payments & invoicing. Invoicing and payments in 2009 is going well and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter invoices were already issued at the beginning of October.

Zoran Grubisa is collecting the numbers to update the Fleet Statistics as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008. These statistics will be presented to Congress for evaluation.

Total number of certificates up to now is already higher than total of 2008 with an increase in Club and a decrease in International.

## **9. Update about ORC rating offices and relationship with MNAs (Japan, Australia, Portugal etc)**

Australia: A good progress has been made in relationship and Australia. An offer to the CYCA for including ORC fleet in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Race was well accepted and staff will further work on issuing certificates and checking the data. An offer include free certificate by the end of the year together with Stability Datasheet if it is used for the entry of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Race.

Furthermore, proposal from the submission AUS1 will be tested on the Australian fleet and will be used as a reference in final drafting of the rule for 2010.

Portugal: a letter of understanding has been signed to appoint APR as Rating Authority in 2010.

Japan: The ManCon decided to invest some resources planning a visit in Japan of the Chief Measurer.

## **10. Measurement report**

See Measurement Committee Minutes.

## **11. ITC and ORC Club report**

See ITC & ORC Club Committee Minutes

## **12. Race Management report**

Race Management Committee meeting will not take place in Busan.

## **13. Review of Committees and Congress Members and relationship with MNAs**

The Management decided to create a new Committee named Rating Officers Committee. The existing Club Working Group will be disbanded to become part of this new committee. Chairman of this new committee will be Jean Louis Conti and Vice Chairman Boris Hepp. All Rating Authorities will be granted one place in this Committee. The position can be filled automatically either by the Rating Office or Chief Measurer or an alternate at their discretion.

### **- Congress Membership**

The situation of the current Congress membership as prepared by the secretary was reviewed. The nomination of one Congress member in representation of Canada, Chile, Russia and Slovenia are still pending.

### **- Committee Membership**

#### **- Management Committee**

Philip Tolhurst reported that in view of his involvement in ISAF Constitutional Committee he is resigning as Honorary Treasurer of the Association. It is agreed that Jeremy Tolhurst is appointed to deal directly with the Auditors while Vivian will keep daily accounts to be sent to Jeremy every 3 months. The Committee Agreed to nominate Don Genitempo as Honorary Treasurer.

#### **- ITC Research Associates**

Michael Richelsen no longer Research Associate member.

#### **- Measurement Committee**

Taro Takashi is replaced by Ichiro Yokoyama  
Chris Theodosios is replaced by Dimitris Dimou

#### **- Offshore Classes & Events Committee**

Christian Hedlund & Jesus Pinto no longer member of the Committee  
A member for Sportsboat Class is to be nominated.

#### **- Promotional & Development Committee**

Dobbs Davis is nominated Chairman of the Committee and Sten Edholm is nominated Vice Chairman. Martin Billoch is replaced by Chris Theodosios.

#### **- Roll of Honour**

Kaoru Ogimi and Ola Wettergen to roll of Honour

#### **14. Allocated submissions**

##### **AGE ALLOWANCE (ARG 2 )**

The Committee supports the decision of the ITC to have a credit of 0.065% per year for a maximum of 15 years which is 0.975% after 15 years.

##### **MEASUREMENT OF HULLS (AUS 1)**

The Committee supports the submission subject to providing an accurate procedure through the new rule update.

##### **HYDROSTATICS & STABILITY DATA SHEET (AUS 3)**

The Management Committee supports Rationale 1 and 2 only as the goal of the data sheet is not to create an alternative to the ORC Certificate

##### **INFORMATION ON THE CERTIFICATE ( ESP 6)**

The Management Committee does not support the submission as these informations are already available to Rating Officers and not needed instead by the Sailors.

##### **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES (FRA 1)**

The spirit is followed by our organization as far as practicable.

##### **ACCOMMODATION DIVISIONS (GER 2)**

The Committee supports the submission without the rationale.

##### **BATTENS ON JIB (GER 5)**

The Management Committee supports this submission.

##### **AGE ALLOWANCE (ITA 3)**

See Submission ARG 2.

##### **POWER ASSISTANCE WHILE RACING (ITA 5)**

The Committee supports the submission, only for cruising, the suggested penalty by ITC related to the declared crew weight but points out that the exemption from RRS 52 is needed in the new rule.

##### **ORC LEVIES (JPN 1)**

The Committee recommends to reject the submission because only one certificate shall exist at any one time. The Management Committee will provide anyway a new policy to reduce costs of new certificates with one only item changed such as crew weight.

##### **MEASUREMENT MANUAL (NED 5)**

The Committee supports this idea and will invest with the staff to create and provide this manual.

##### **ORC CLUB GUIDE (NED 7)**

The Management Committee will monitor the staff to take care of this request.

##### **OFFSET FILES DATABASE (NED 8)**

The Management Committee will monitor the staff to take care of this request.

##### **MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF MEASUREMENTS USED IN ORC CLUB (NED 8)**

The Committee is rejecting the submission but feels that each National Authority can still provide National Regs. to accommodate this condition.

**15. Seahorse, Newsletter and Website**

Seahorse deal did not give the results that was expected. It was noted that on-line magazine editions is generally not very well accepted, and the e-mail registration process was too complicated. The complete deal is under review with Dobbs also taking into account his expanded involvement with ORC.

The website has shown an increasing number of visits, particularly during the ORC Worlds where results were posted immediately after the races. It was noted that better co-operation is needed from national events from where is very hard to get any information for the web.

In the main ORC events there should be ORC media representative present at the venue.

**16. ORC Publications**

It is planned to have 2010 Rules and documents ready by the end of 2009 together with VPP and new ORC Manager software distributed to the rating offices.

Interpretation ORC-2009-1 was confirmed and it will be recommended for confirmation by the Congress.

**17. ORC International marketing and Promotion**

After significant improvement in the technical aspects during last years, Management Committee feels a need to improve marketing and promotion activities. At this purpose an increase in the budget for the Promotional activities is agreed.