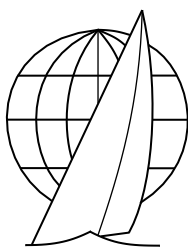


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MINUTES of the **Offshore Classes & Events Committee Meeting** of the Offshore Racing Council held on 10th November 2002 at Le Meridien Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus

Members present:	Don Genitempo	Chairman
	Gianfranco Alberini	Italy
	Thomas Blixt	Sweden
	Estanislao Duran	Spain
	Emilio Feliu Serra	Spain
	Bruno Finzi	Italy
	José Frers	Argentina
	Bengt Olof-Holmberg	Sweden
	Pasquale Landolfi	Italy
	Paolo Massarini	Italy
	Wolfgang Schaefer	Germany
Observers:	Kjell Borking	Sweden
	Eva Holmsten	Sweden
	Giovanni Iannucci	Italy
	Roula ....	Greece
	Miguel Rosa	Spain
	Timo Sarainmaa	Finland
	Akis Tsalikis	Greece – Race Management
	Theo Tsaltas	Greece - Measurement Committee
	Ecky von der Mosel	Germany

## 1. **Call to Order**

The chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for being there.

2. The minutes of the meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup> 2001 were approved.

## 3. **Report of Worlds Championships**

The Chairman gave reports of the three ORC events of 2002.

The Rolex IMS Offshore World Championship organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda in Capri was a huge success in every sense. 86 yachts from 16 countries participated in two divisions.

In September the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup organized by the YCCS in Porto Cervo was equally successful with 23 majestic yachts from 63 to 140 ft. coming to the starting line.

The third event was the inaugural World Championship of the IMS 600 Class. It was organized by the Monte Real Club de Yates in Bayona, Spain during October. 17 yachts from 5 nations participated in this event. Six different manufacturers of the production cruiser/racer were represented in the fleet. Despite difficult weather conditions the Championship was successfully completed.

Full reports and results of these events are available.

The IMS 50 Class elected to cancel their World Championship due to a crowded schedule of intense racing.

The IMS 30 Class whose championship was scheduled in Brazil was also cancelled because of sponsorship problems.

Bruno Finzi gave a report on the progress of the Team World Championship. The event has been confirmed by ISAF for September 2004 to be held in conjunction with the Sardinia Cup. While all details are not completed, it is expected that a Committee comprised of members from ISAF, ORC, YCCS and owners, will recommend 2 or 3 boats teams nominated by National Authorities (no more than 2 teams per country). It is expected the Championship will remain in Porto Cervo for three events. The Pre-Notice of Race will be published in March 2003.

A discussion of the philosophy of World Championships issued by Gianfranco Alberini suggested that the Committee might not want to attempt an event if there are reservations about the degree of success. It was suggested that incorporating a World Championship adjacent to or concurrent with other major events might give a better opportunity for success.

Iannucci Asked the Committee to discuss fleet size, its division for the Rolex IMS Worlds. While the event is restricted to only two divisions, it was agreed that the organizing body would endeavour to make the split and starts as equitable as possible for all participants.

#### **4. Reports from the Affiliated Classes**

a) IMA – Gianfranco Alberini reported that the Maxi Association has taken the decision to remain in Porto Cervo for the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. The Class has elected for the time being, to forego its World Championship because of the restrictions it imposes on divisions of its fleet. While the racing division is happy with their full IMS handicapping, the Wally and Cruising Class have asked the ORC Chief Measurer to study the ORC Club application presently used for their group.

b) Pasquale Landolfi reported on the IMS 50 ft. Class meeting held in Palma during August. The Class Members agreed on five events to comprise their circuit:

- 1 IMS Worlds in Capri
- 2 Punta Ala
- 3 Copa de La Reina
- 4 World Championship (Valencia)
- 5 Copa del Rey

The World Championship in Valencia will begin prior to Copa de La Reina, but will share some of the races of the series. For these races the yachts will be given separate starts and scored for both events.

c) Don Genitempo reported on the IMS 600 Class. The first meeting of owners of these yachts was held during the World Championship. It was agreed that the concept of one world wide Class organization was not practical. In order to give all owners and areas a voice, it was agreed that National and or regional organizations should be formed. These groups would then have direct input to the Offshore Classes & Events Committee & .. to the ORC Council. The ORC would have the responsibility and ability to service the owners in all areas.

The owners fully discussed the Class Rules and agreed they remain as written with minor .. corrections. In the Committee it was agreed Race organizers should be encouraged to start the IMS 600 fleet in their own Class.

Rule 5, regarding professionals was debated. It was agreed it shall remain for at least the coming year & be re-evaluated at that time. Paolo Massarini dissented.

The Chairman said he would explore with ITC & Chief Measurer some method for aiding the older designs with the new boats coming on line.

- d) The status of the IMS 30 Class was discussed. Many new as well as older production boats are appearing in regattas near the GPH range of the IMS 30. The Committee agreed to request guidance from the ITC in establishing a rating band that would include these smaller sisters of the IMS 600 and to ask ISAF for a name change.

It was also noted that similarly many new production boats in the 550  $\pm$  GPH are appearing. We should also ask the ITC to look at that fleet.

It appears there is an opportunity to adopt the IMS 600 concept & rules to these two size ranges. Possibly resulting in ORC rating band classes of IMS 550  $\pm$ , IMS 600, IMS 650, IMS 700 joining the Affiliated Classes of Maxi & IMS 50 ft. Class.

Event organizers could be encouraged to include these as individual Classes in their events.

## **5. Submissions**

### FIV 4 - IMS 700 Class

Committee approves subject to an ITC review & confirmation of bands.

The Committee would be agreeable to manage and monitor the Class for a year before substituting it for the ILC 25.

### FIV 6

Approval with the following modifications: increase the maximum number of yachts per hosting country to 50 unless expressly waived by the ORC.

### FIV 7

The Committee approves the concept of having input into the Race Committee procedures but prefers a Green Book modification that states: "The ORC Representative should also have the right to consult with the Race Committee during the course of the event".

### FIV 8

Again the Committee agrees with the concept but would prefer the wording as follows: "each yacht's time limit in the inshore and offshore race should be based on its ILC and GPH numbers respectively". Gianfranco Alberini dissented.

### IMS 50 - 1

Because of the new developments in the Class, the Committee withholds an opinion until the limits are reviewed by the Class Associations.

### IMS 50 - 2

Approved.

### RFEV – 1

Approved with clarification: "in order for a yacht to fulfil its entry status in the regatta, it must sail and finish at least one of the scheduled races, except for major damage that would preclude further participation."

### RFEV – 9

Approved

### RFEV – 10

Approved

## **6. Revisions to the Green Book**

### **- Page 3 – Paragraph 2.1**

- Modify
- a) to include all classes
  - b) designate which are authorized to hold World Championships
  - c) note which are "affiliated and which are "ORC"
  - d) re-title paragraphs
  - e) add ISAF/ORC Team World Championship

- **Page 9 – Paragraph 6**  
Modify: (I) “divide the fleet into 2 or 3 divisions as it deems necessary
- **Page 10 – Paragraph 6**  
Modify: “and hold an IMS/ORC Club certificate or their derivation”
- **Page 11 – Paragraph 7.1**  
Add: The scoring for the IMS World Championship shall be PCS.,  
For Classes: inshore TMF for inshore races & offshore TMF for offshore races
- **Page 12 – Paragraph 7.2 - “For Offshore Races”**  
Add in (a) : “20% penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3 shall.....”
- **Page 14 – Paragraph 11.3 – Corinthian Trophy**  
Add: (currently applies only to IMS 600 Class)  
  
1<sup>st</sup> sentence – Modify: “to be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy, every crew member of a competing yacht must qualify as a category 1 under ISAF Competitors Classification Code”
- **Page 15 – Paragraphs 11.4**  
  
Modify: “if the fleet is divided into two or three Divisions”
- **Page 15 – Paragraph 12**  
Modify Title to: Class Rules  
  
Eliminate: 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph
- **Page 16 – IMS 600**  
Substitute corrected Rules
- **Page 18 – IMS 30/IMS 650**  
Modify: To reflect new band per ITC  
Delete: LOA  
Include: Rules based on IMS 600

## 7. Calendar of ORC Events

17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Rolex IMS Offshore World Championship	Capri
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mediterranean IMS Championship	Punta Ala
16 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	IMS 600 World Championship	Porto Cervo
21 <sup>st</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	IMS European Championship	Croatia
1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> July	IMS 50 World Championship	Valencia
27 <sup>th</sup> July – 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	IMS 600 European Championship	Borgholm
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup IMA Championship (IMS)	Porto Cervo

## 8. Other business

A kind invitation was extended by the Spanish Sailing Federation to host the 2004 Rolex IMS World Championship. The event organizer & sponsor will be consulted.

## 9. The meeting was adjourned at 21.00