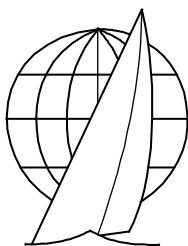


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MINUTES of the **Offshore Classes & Events Committee Meeting** of the Offshore Racing Council held on 8th and 9th November 2003 at Le Meridien Hotel, Barcelona, Spain

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
	Paolo Massarini	Italy
	Wolfgang Schaefer	Germany
Observers:	Neven Baran	Croatia
	Bruno Frank	Switzerland
	Zoran Grubisa	Croatia
	Eva Holmsten	Sweden
	Miguel Rosa	Spain
	Akis Tsalikis	Greece
	Ecky von der Mosel	Germany

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 14:35. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for being there.

2. Approval of Minutes of 10th November 2002

The minutes of the meeting of November 2002 were approved

3. Report of World Championship

The ORC representatives gave reports of the various events of the year:

- a) Bruno Finzi reported that the Rolex IMS World Championships in May at Capri was again an outstanding success both on the water and the social events ashore. Organized by the YCCS the event attracted 62 yachts from 8 nations, which were split into 3 divisions. They sailed 5 inshore and one long offshore race of approximately 200 miles. Production yachts dominated the standing with the Rodman 42 Telefonica Movistar winning division 1 and the Grand Soleil 42 Italtel taking division 2 and a Beneteau 36.7 Di Mare Tec winning division 3.
- b) Gianfranco Alberini reported that 34 Maxi yachts arrived in Porto Cervo in September to compete for the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. They sailed a series of inshore and island races in 4 divisions.

- c) Bruno Finzi reported that the 50 ft class elected to sail a circuit of events for their Royal Cup in place of one championship event. The circuit included the IMS Mediterranean Championship in Punta Ala, the Trofeo S. M. La Reina in Valencia and the Copa del Rey in Palma de Mallorca. Caixa Galicia won the 13 boat event.
- d) The IMS 600 Class held the European Championship reported by Bengt-Olof Holmberg. Held in Borgholm, Sweden it was organized by the Borgholm and Kalmar Yacht Clubs 6 sixteen yachts from 5 countries took part. Seven different production yachts were represented and produced very close racing with the championship not decided until the very last race.
- e) ORC representative Emilio Feliu reported on the 2003 IMS European Championship, which was held in a new venue that proved an outstanding success The sailing club of Rejeka in Cres, Croatia organized the event that was attended by 91 yachts from 7 countries producing a large multinational fleet of current generation yachts and skilled crews. The three divisions sailed 7 races of combined offshore and inshore courses. It was a tremendously popular and enjoyable event, exceptionally organized. Congratulations to Zoran Grubisa and Neven Baran and the excellent race officers that they assembled.

4. Reports from affiliated Classes

- a) IMA - Class Secretary Gianfranco Alberini reported the owners association is requesting a review and modification of their handicapping and simplified scoring system to better equalize the diverse types of boats making up the fleet. It was agreed that a letter be directed to the class indicating the ORC's desire to accommodate their needs and a proposal to have the Chief Measurer who is also the Class's Technical Assistant to work towards a simplified system tailored to these unique yachts.
- b) IMS 50 Class Association - The Spanish Federation and the Class will agree on using the same speed limits for the class and the Federation's class parameters. It was noted that many of the Mediterranean 50 fts are being sold to South America and the USA and those fleets are becoming more active.
- c) IMS600 Class Association 6 In View of the FIV submissions the Rules of the 600 Class were reviewed after much discussion. The Committee agreed that the original concept of the Class should remain oriented to production Cruiser/Racer yachts suitable for family/dual purpose use and to preserve the large Corinthian fleets, no changes should be made in crew make up for sanctioned events. It is anticipated that the new Grand Prix Rule would relieve some of the pressure on the Class. Therefore no changes to the Rules for 2004 are recommended. The Committee does recommend to the Management Committee that once the data for the 2004 VPP is available the Class Rating band be adjusted to include all yachts that were 600 yachts in 2003, even if it means expanding the band beyond the 20 second width.

5. Submissions

- FIV 11- IMS 700
The Committee was fortunate to have input from Mr. Bruno Frank of Switzerland who was present, and Mr. Jens Hartwig by message. The existing fleets encompass the ILC 25 yachts and most of the modern sport boats, totalling approx. 300 active yachts. They are the natural replacement for the ILC 25 already with racing circuit in place.
The Committee unanimously recommends to accept this submission subject to renaming it to ORC Sport Class and subject to a working party developing standardized Class Rules and parameters.
- FIV 12 6 IMS 600
The Committee does not recommend acceptance of this submission for reasons stated in the discussions above mentioned.
- FIV 13 6 World Championship program
The Committee recommends not to accept this submission as the requested program is already included in the Green Book.
- IMS 50 Class Association 1 6 Modify Class limits
The Committee recommends to accept this submission as it is necessary to the integrity of the Class.
- IMS 50 Class Association 2 6 2004 World Championship
The Committee recommends acceptance of this submission.

- IMS 50 Class Association 3 óTitle of Grand Prix Class
The Committee can not recommend this submission as it is out of the scope of the Committee's remit.
- RFEV 9 - New IMS 670 Class
The Committee recommends acceptance of this submission. This groups of yachts is the natural replacement of the ILC 30 Class and is presently existing and racing in significant numbers.
Subject to completion of Class Rules similar to IMS 600 Class Rules with modifications as specified in submission.

6. Green Book

- a) Paragraph 4.4 ó Modify 1st sentence to read: "Each yacht's rating certificate shall be presented in duplicate before 0900 hrs on the first day of inspections unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Race"
- b) Paragraph 6.1 ó To correct an error in qualification for a World Championship:
Replace the phrase "coefficients must be at least 6.25" in "coefficients must be at least 5.25"
- c) Paragraph 7.1 ó Modify the sentence "PCS scoring will be used" to "PCS is recommended for use for the Rolex etc."
- d) Paragraph 7.2 ó Delete the sentence beginning "For inshore races it, etc."
Delete the sentence beginning "For offshore races, it etc."

The Committee reaffirms that all requirements of the Green Book must be adhered to for all World Championship events and are strongly recommended for regional events.

7. Calendar of Events

15 th ó 22 nd May	Rolex IMS Offshore World Championship	Capri
30 th May ó 5 th June	IMS European Championships	Punta Ala
20 th - 27 th June	Sardina Rolex Cup (Offshore Team Worlds)	Porto Cervo
Last week of June	IMS 600 European Championship	Kiel
1 st ó 4 th July	IMS 500 World Championship	Valencia
30 th July ó 8 th August	Copa del Rey	Palma de Mallorca
4 th ó 10 th September	Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup	Porto Cervo
11 th ó 18 th September	IMS 600 World Championship	Cres (Croatia)