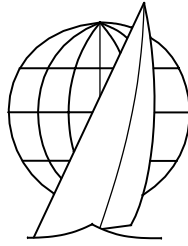


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MINUTES of the meeting of the **ORC Offshore Classes & Events Committee** meeting held on November 6th, 2005 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel in Singapore

Present:	Bruno Finzi	acting chairman replacing Don Genitempo
	Jose Frers	
	Zoran Grubiša	coopted member
	Paolo Massarini	
	Edoardo Recchi	replacing Gianfranco Alberini
	Wolfgang Schaefer	
	Hans Zuiderbaan	replacing Peter de Ridder

Apologies received: Don Genitempo, Gianfranco Alberini, Thomas Blixt, Estanislao Duran, Emilio Feliu Serra, Bengt Olof Holmberg, Peter de Ridder, Miguel Rosa, John Winder, Christian Hedlund

Observers: Kostadina Sfakianaki, Maria Dayianti, George Hourdakis, George Sykaris, Roula Galani, Ichiro Yokoyama, Ecky von der Mosel, Eva Holmsten, Yoshikagu Fukuda, Minoru Tomita, Radboud Crul, Max Berhrend, Philippos Georgakis, Gustavo Benavent

1. Call to order

Meeting was opened at 10:00 with a minute of silence in memory of Pasquale Landolfi who passed away on May and has contributed so much to this ORC Committee.

2. Approval of Minutes of 6th and 7th November 2004

Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Report of Championships

ORC Representative were reporting about ORC events held in 2005.

Rolex IMS World Championship

Don Genitempo, ORC representative reported about a well organized event in Mahon, Spain by Yacht Club Costa Smeralda with participation of 41 entries from 13 countries. Fleet was divided in Corinthian and non-Corinthian categories what is strongly recommended for future IMS World Championships.

IMS 600 Worlds

Wolfgang Schaefer reported about a well organized event in Neustadt, Germany. 19 boats from 6 countries were participating. New system of observers on the water was used with jury members whistling when incidents were observed and number of protest was reduced.

IMS 670 World Championship

Kostadina Sfakianaki reported about the event held in Alicante, Spain with 32 boats from 5 countries. Good wind conditions made very close racing of the class that has a good fleet in this region. It was noted that although there is GPH limits for IMS 670 class a significantly different size of boats were participating in the range of 25 to 40 feet.

IMS 600 European Championship

Kostadina Sfakianakis reported about the event held in Aghios Nikolaos, Greece organized by Sailing Club Aghios Nikolaos and strong support of the Municipality of Aghios Nikolaos. 14 boats from 8 nations were present for a very close regatta that was decided on the last day.

IMS European Championship

Eva Holmsten reported about the event held in Sandhamn, Sweden in occasion of 175th anniversary of Royal Swedish Yacht Club, where 37 boats from 6 countries were participating. The event started with a short distance race from Oxelund, with windward/leeward races sailed in Sandhamn and a long offshore "Round Gotland Race"

ORC Sportboat European Championship

Bruno Finzi reported about this event held in Trieste with participation of 16 entries from 3 countries. The problem of ORC Sportboat class appears to be the difference in applying Category 4 Safety regulations at sea and Category 5 at lakes.

4. Reports from ORC Classes

Paolo Massarini reported on new ORC level classes rules at the end of meeting.

IMS 600 class is well alive, but it was reported that in Spain IMS 600 want to sail on elapsed time. Owners of IMS 600 are looking to change with new GP 42 and IMS 600 class will have in the future the chance to come back to its original target – cruiser/racer production boats with Corinthian crews.

IMS 670 is going well in Spain, while Sportboat is suffering the constraints imposed by Category 4 and Category 5. More competitive sailors are expect to go in new GP 26.

Maxi class is having some troubles with lots of division within the class. Alessandro Nazareth and Nicola Sironi were preparing proposal for use triple-number scoring and it will be presented to Wally division next month. For next year Mini maxi class (18 – 24 m) was announced to be raced with IMS and ORC Club

5. Submissions

ORC Classes & Events Committee 1

A working party composed by: Don Genitempo, Zoran Grubiša and Ecky von der Mosel was proposed and accepted to prepare complete revision of Green Book including standard set of Sailing Instructions. Working party is made small to be efficient but communication and input from other committee members as well as other parties are very expected. Kostadina Sfakianakis, Peter de Ridder and Emilio Feliu Serra were offering to help.

CYA 1

This submission was received after submission deadline, but Management Committee felt it was important to submit it to the Offshore Classes & Events Committee.

- a) Committee is not recommending approval of this part of the submission, but instead to leave room for such a recommendation to be applied on some events with ORC approval

- b) Committee supported this part of the submission and recommends to amend the Green book to have:
- a maximum of 7 inshore races and 1 offshore race scored as two races;
 - scoring coefficient 1 for inshore races and 1.5 for each part of the offshore race;
 - one discard on inshore races will be allowed if all 7 inshore races will be completed;
 - offshore race(s) can not be discarded;
 - a series is valid if at least 4 inshore races and 1 part of the offshore race are completed.
- c) Committee defers this part of the submission to the Green Book working party to change the wording, but not the principle of 20% penalty for OCS on long distance races.

CYA 2

- a) Committee does not support this part of the Submission, with one vote against, as committee feels that is against the spirit of the class.
- b) Committee does not support this part of the Submission unanimously.
- c) Committee does not support this part of the Submission, with one vote against, as committee feels that is against the spirit of the class.

FIV 4

Committee supported the submission with one vote against.

FIV 5

Committee supported the submission unanimously.

KNWV 1

Committee supported the submission to use ORC implemented triple number scoring in IMS 600 class unanimously. For IMS 670 class Committee believes this scoring option is already included as an option within class rules.

RFEV 1

Committee did not support the submission unanimously.

RFEV 2

Committee is divided because while there is a sense in reducing the range of lengths in boats of the same class, there is an unfairness while excluding existing boats already in the class such as Dufour 40; Committee will then ask ITC to evaluate which type of existing boats would be excluded and then present to Congress 3 options:

Option 1

Support the submission. (limit of LOA \leq 11.40 m in IMS 670 class will apply)

Option 2

Support the submission with grandfathering of existing boats with LOA $>$ 11.40 m

Option 3

Support the submission only from 2007, but announcing now that a limit of LOA \leq 11.40 m in IMS 670 class will apply.

RFEV 3

Committee supported the submission subject to wording to be implemented by ITC and Chief Measurer including the possibility of grandfathering boats with an Age date six years earlier than the year of the event.

RFEV 4

Deferred to item 7 of the agenda.

RFEV 5

Committee did not support the submission unanimously.

RFEV 6

Committee supported the submission with the wording as defined by the Measurement Committee.

SWE 5

Committee supported unanimously and referred to the Green Book working party.

SWE 7

Committee supported the submission unanimously.

SWS 2

Committee recommend to approve the submission subject to ITC's evaluation of CEXT coefficient (proposed as 0.5).

6. Green book

Revisions will be done by the Working party as decided.

7. 2006 Calendar of Events

Committee has approved Preliminary Calendar of events as follows:

2006

13 – 20. 01.	Buenos Aires – Mar del Plata – Punta del Este	Buenos Aires, ARG
15 – 22. 01.	Circuito Atlantico Sur Rolex Cup	Buenos Aires, ARG
28. 05 – 05. 06.	IMS European Championship	Punta Ala, ITA
29. 05 – 04. 06.	IMS 600 and 670 European Championship	Scheweningen, NED
05 – 10. 06.	Sardinia Rolex Cup (Offshore Team Worlds)	Porto Cervo, ITA
10 – 18. 06.	IMS Mediterranean Championship	Brindisi, ITA
17 – 24. 06.	Kieler Woche	Kiel, GER
17 – 24. 06.	IMS Central European Championship	Cres, CRO
1 st week of July	Trofeo de la Reina	Valencia, ESP
1 st week of Aug.	Copa del Rey	Palma de Mallorca, ESP
11 – 20. 08.	IMS World Championship	Neustadt, GER
End of Aug.	IMS 600 World Championship	Aghios Nikolaos, GRE
03 – 09. 09.	Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup	Porto Cervo, ITA
21 – 24. 09.	IMS North European Championship	Bornholm, DEN
07 – 16. 10.	XV Campeonato Argentino IMS	Buenos Aires, ARG
TBD	IMS 670 World Championship	TBD, ESP

2007

16 – 23. 06.	IMS European Championship	Cres, CRO
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Agreement with YC Punta Ala to have IMS European Championship every second year will not be changed at this moment but it will be reviewed before 2008 IMS Europeans.

8. Organization of the Committee

Don Genitempo proposed to nominate two deputy chairmen, Peter de Ridder for classes and Zoran Grubiša for events. Nominations were approved unanimously.

9. Any other business

Paolo Massarini made presentation of new ORC Grand Prix Level classes GP42 and GP 33 will have a joint calendar in 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 17:00.