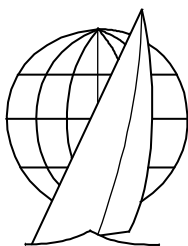


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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Offshore Classes & Events Committee** of the Offshore Racing Congress held on 3rd November 2007 in Estoril, Portugal

Present:

Don Genitempo (Chairman)
Bruno Finzi
Emilio Feliu Serra
Josè Frers
Zoran Grubisa
Bengt- Olof Holmberg
Paolo Massarini
Thomas Nilsson
Edoardo Recchi
Wolfgang Schaefer
Ecky von der Mosel

Observers:

Dimitrios Alevizakis
Per Boeymo
Hans Broman
Bruno Frank
Roula Galani
Eva Holmsten
Ioannis Maragoudakis
Fabrizio Pirina
George Sykaris
Christos Theodossis

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 a.m.. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thank them for being there.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 3rd November, 2006 were approves as presented.

3. Report of Championships

- 3.1 Emilio Feliu Serra the ORC representative reported on the IMS World Championship which was organized and hosted by the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club and the Hankoe Yacht Club from 11th to 18th August. Forty yachts from six countries were divided into two divisions. H.M. King Harald was an active participant in division one.

The complete schedule of races with the exception of the second offshore race was completed in 17 to 22 knots of wind. The short offshore was cancelled because of winds in excess of 30 knots.

Prizes were awarded to the top three competitors in each division. It was a well organized and efficiently run regatta.

- 3.2 Don Genitempo reported on the IMS 670 World Championship. The event was hosted by the Real Club Nautico de Sanxenxo. Thirty three yachts representing eight countries participated in the series. Nine races including two offshore were completed in breezes ranging from 7 to 14 knots.

There were 13 different types of yachts in the event with the X37 taking four of the top six positions and Grand Soleil 37 the other two.

The organizing team, Race Officials, International Jury and Measurement Committee were all excellent.

- 3.3 The IMS European Championship and GP 42 Croatian Grand Prix held from 16th to 23rd June was reported by Zoran Grubisa.

Giovanni Iannucci was the ORC representative. The event was organized by the Sailing Club of Rijeka and the Sailing Club Reful of Cres. The fleet of 54 IMS yachts were divided into two classes, seven nations were represented. A majority of the yachts were new and of recent design and skilfully sailed.

Eight races were completed. Except for the first day, winds were predominately light. The top three prizes in each Class went to a variety of designs.

The first organized event for the GP 42 had only three entries due to the late completion dates of six additional yachts. After seven races one point separated winner Sea Wonder from second place Roma. The two events were very successful, given the level of Race Management and excellent facilities.

4. Report from the Classes

Bruno Finzi reported the Mini Maxi Fleet had a successful season sailing six events with participation from 9 to 13 yachts in each. Full IMS certificates are required in the Class. The Wally Fleet of 8 yachts completed four events.

Class Manager Paolo Massarini reported the GP 42 Class is strong and growing. In its initial season 10 yachts participated in 4 circuit events in Italy, Spain and Portugal. For 2008 7 new projects are already planned and a circuit of 6 events is on the calendar.

The report of the GP 33 and GP 26 Classes was jointly given by Pepe Frers and Thomas Nilsson. The GP 26 is currently sailing in South America: Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. Martin Billoch, the Class Manager in South America is forming a circuit with plans for the first championship in February 2009 in Uruguay. He reports the Class is attracting new young designers and builders. Thomas Nilsson indicated continued interest from Italy, Russia, Ukraine, US and boats building in Poland. The website for the Class is being developed.

GP 33s are currently being developed in Sweden and a US design office is working on drawings for a Japanese owner.

A discussion of the merits of a bow sprit versus spinnaker pole has resulted in agreement to modify the GP Rule 501.2 to permit sprints and not permit spinnaker poles for the GP 33.

5. Submissions

- DSV 1 ó ORC Championship Rules/Long Distance Race

Committee supports the submission to give more flexibility to Race Organizers and will modify 8.1 of Championship Rules to allow three (3) options

- DSV 3 - 2008 Sportboat European Championship

The Committee supports the submission to assign the 2008 Sportboat Championship to the Lubecker Yacht Club.

- FIV 4 - Change The Time Limit Formula In The Green Book

The Committee supports the submission and will modify paragraph 27 and 33.2 in the Standard Sailing Instructions to include an additional period after the finish of the first yachts.

- RFEV 2 - ORC Championship Rules ó Modify Paragraph 10 - Penalty System

The Committee does not support this submission as it feels it does not have jurisdiction in this area and suggests it be referred to the Rules Committee of ISAF.

- RFEV 3 -ORC Championship Rules (Standard Sailing Instructions Guide) - Paragraph 18 - Radio Communications

The Committee does not support the submission to require a tracking system.

- RFEV 4 - ORC Championship Rules (Standard Notice Of Race Guide) - Trophies And Prizes

The Committee does not support the submission. Various solutions to the issue have been previously explored and tried with no success

6. Calendar of events

A number of requests for hosting of events were received. The attached calendar was agreed.

7. Organization of the Committee

Mr. Peter de Ridder and Mr. Miguel Rosa will no longer sit on the committee. Mr. Martin Billoch will be seated representing the GP 26 Class. Long Time committee member Mr. Bengt- Olof Holmberg announced his retirement. The Chairman reluctantly accepted his resignation and thanked him for his long and dedicated service to the ORC

8. Other business

The Hellenic Ocean Racing Club distributed the Pre Notice of Race and gave an attractive and informative presentation of the preparations for the 2008 IMs Worlds to be held in Athens.

The meeting was adjourned at 14.20 hours.

Estoril, 5th November 2007
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