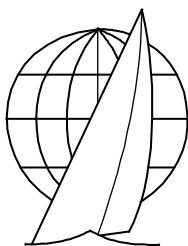


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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Offshore Classes & Events Committee** of the Offshore Racing Congress held on 7th November 2008 in Madrid, Spain

Present:

Don Genitempo (Chairman)
Bruno Finzi
Emilio Feliu Serra
Josè Frers
Zoran Grubisa
Hans Broman
Jesus Pintos
Paolo Massarini
Thomas Nilsson
Edoardo Recchi
Wolfgang Schaefer
Martin Billoch

Observers:

Gianfranco Alberini
Vasily Alexeev
Jon Amtrup
Per Boeymo
Hans Drakenberg
Sten Edholm
Bruno Frank
Roula Galani
Donatella Gianni
Eva Holmsten
Patrick Lindqvist
Carlos Lopez Fernandez
Vadim Mekhanikov
Enrique Molinelli
Ab Pasman
Fabrizio Pirina
George Sykaris
Hans Zuiderbaan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thank them for being there.

He introduced the new Members of the Committee, Hans Broman from Sweden, Martin Billoch from Argentina and Jesus Pintos of Spain.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 3rd November, 2007 were approved as presented.

3. Report of Championships

- 3.1 The Chairman reported on the ORC Int. World Championship that was held in Athens, Greece from 21st to 29th June. The event was organized by the Hellenic Offshore Racing Club while the Yacht Club of Greece offered their facilities for use to Race Officials, Staff and Committees.

Fifty one entries from eight countries participated, with all yachts starting together.

The title was awarded based on overall scoring, but there were also division prizes for two numerical balanced groups.

It was a very competitive series coming down to the last day. In the end the Italian yacht ðLibertineö, owner Maurizio Biscardi, was the World Champion, closely followed by ðMeliti Vö, George Andreadis, second, and the Check Republicø ðBohemian Expressö, third.

Many thanks to the Hellenic Offshore Racing Club for their exceptional organization of a very enjoyable and competitive World Championship.

- 3.2 Emilio Feliu Serra reported on the ORC International European Championship that was organized by the Royal Gotheborg Sailing Club from 5th to 9th August. Thirty seven entries from 5 nations. Sailed nine races (7 windward- Leeward and two offshore) for the title. The Swedish yacht ðData Communicationö a Synergia 40 owned by Rolf Aspholm was the winner

- 3.3 The World Championship for the 670 Class was held in Puerto Calero, Lanzarote, Canary Islands from 10th to 20th October. Twenty one yachts representing four nations compete in a nine race series. In winning this World Championship Pedro Campos in the X37 ðTelefonicaö scored his 13th World Title. In second place was Fernando Pombo in the Grand Soleil 37 ðVindioö. Jesus PintosøðNavantiaö was third overall but won the Corinthian title for the third consecutonal time.

Puerto Calero staged a beautiful event in ideal conditions,

- 3.4 The Lubecker Yact Club organized the European Championship for the Sportsboat Class as part of the 119th Travemunde Weekö from 19th to 26th of July. Fifteen yachts from four countries entered the series with only 13 competing. There were nine different designs in the fleet. After nine races (2 discards) the top two yachts were Melges 24s both from the Czech Republic. Alexandre Tinoco sailing ðBohemia Expressö was the champion followed by Milan Hajek sailing ðRadostIIö, third was Marco van Driel from Holland sailing a Max Fun 25 ðMXTCö

- 3.5 Bruno Finzi reported that five teams participated in the ISAF Team World Championship for the Sardinia Cup. The event was hosted by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda. Each team consisted of a TP52, a Swan 45 and a Farr 40. The Spanish Team was the winner.

4. Report from Classes

- 4.1 The GP 42 Class report was given by Paolo Massarini, Class Manager. The 2008 racing Circuit was made possible by the Class sponsor òQuebramarö. The program included 6 events sailed in 4 different countries: Italy, Spain, France and Portugal. Of the 16 existing boats, 11 participated at the Quebramar Cup Series, that spanned a 5 months period. òDesafioö a 2007 boat of Botin & Carkeek design won the Championship followed by the 2008 Felci design òAirisö. The Swiss Farr design òNear Missö was third,
- 4.2 Thomas Nilsson reported there was modest activity in the GP 33 with two boats on the water and two others under construction. Additional promotions are planned for 2009 to increase interest.
- 4.3 Martin Billoch reported on the activity of the GP 26. The Class is building good momentum in South America with 4 boats on the water and 5 under construction, in Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, The Class has been officially formed and its web page constructed. Eight additional boats are in the water in Europe and Russia and the USA. One under construction in Australia and another in Chile. Bringing the total to 20 that should be sailing by spring. There is discussion of joining the Sportsboat for combined events. The Class has a bright future.
- 4.4 Jesus Pintos reported the 670 Class is continuing to be strong in Spain, and Class leaders are discussing possible events in other countries to promote Class growth.

5. Submissions

DSV 3 – ORC Sportsboat interior volume

The Committee supports the proposal to delete Sportsboat Rule 4.3(b).

DSV 4 – ORC Sportsboat OSR Category

The Committee supports changing Rule 4.3 (e) to allow Category 5 as the default.

MANCOM 1 – GP 33 crew weight

The Committee supports the proposal to increase crew weight for the GP 33 to 640 kgs.

RFEV 5 – Carbon battens & Ruder in 670 Class

The Committee does not support this submission as written but agrees the carbon steering wheel should be allowed. Therefore the Committee is supporting its own submission to Congress allowing carbon steering wheels in the 670 Class.

SWE 3 – Communication

The Committee does not support this submission as written but agrees the intent. Therefore it supports its own submission to Congress in a more simplified form.

6. 2009 Calendar of events

The calendar as agreed by the Committee is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 14.30 hrs.