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Minutes of a meeting of the **Offshore Classes & Events Committee** of the Offshore Racing Congress held on 9th November 2009 in Busan, South Korea.

Present: Don Genitempo (Chairman)

Bruno Finzi Jose Frers Zoran Grubisa Wolfgang Schaefer

Apologies for absence:

Emilio Feliu Serra Jesus Pintos Paolo Massarini Thomas Nilsson Edoardo Recchi Martin Billoch

Observers: Dobbs Davis

Sten Edholm
Eva Holmsten
Vadim Mekhanikov
Hoonseong Cho
Hans Zuiderbaan
George Andreadis
Patrick Lynqvist
Christos Theodosis

1. Call to order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 and welcomed everyone for comin the long distance to attend

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Finzi moved the minutes of 2008 to be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

3. Report of Championships

- Mr. Finzi, the ORC representative at the ORCi World Championship reported on the event held 5th-11 July 2009 in Brindisi Italy. The Championship was organised by Circolo della Vela Brindisi in conjunction with the Italian Offshore Association UVAI.
 - 77 yachts from 7 countries were divided into two Classes with the smaller yachts sailing as slightly shorter course. Five windward-leeward and two offshore races were completed. Racing was very close, with small differences in corrected times including six ties. George Andreadisøs MELITI IV from Greece won the title in Class A, while the Class B champion was LOW NOISE, an M37 own by Giuseppe Giuffrè.
- Zoran Grubisa reported on the ORCi European Championship that was organised by Ystad 3.2 Segelselskap under the authority of the Swedish Sailing Federation. The event was sailed during the Ystad Offshore Weak, 3th-8th August. 23 yachts from 4 counties
 - competed. 7 inshore races and 2 offshore races were completed in almost perfect conditions, giving very close racing with small difference in point totals. Christian Plump RODMAN 42 õ BELUGA RACINGÖ from Germany was the Overall Champion. Second was the SINERGIA 40 õDATACOMÖ of Rolf Aspholm.
- The IMS 670 Class World Championship was sailed in La Coruna in North West Spain during the last week of August. Sixteen entries from five counties sailed six W/L and one offshore race, in predominately strong winds. Pedro Campos TELEFONICA was the World Champion with Fernando Pomboøs õVINDIOö, second the Corinthian Trophy was won by TARRIT MEDILEVEL.
- Dobbs Davis reported the GP42 Global Championship hosted by Daniel Calero in Puerto Calero 3.4 Lanzarote, Canary Islands. 8 yachts representing 4 countries sailed the four days series in breezes in ranging from 7 to 8 kts. As expected the competition was exceeding close with ROMA 2 the eventual winner over ISLAS CANARIAS PUERTO CALERO.

4. **Report from ORC Classes**

Dobbs Davis reported on the very successful 2009 season of the GP42. The Class joined the TP52 on the AUDI MED CUP REGATA CIRCUIT for the five stages held in Alicante, Marseille, Sardinia, Portugal, Murcia. Seven teams completed the extremely competitive series, with the final outcome not decided until the last run of the last race of the last stage; in contrast to the TP52 series where one yacht dominated the fleet. ISLAS CANARIAS PUERTO CALERO won the series by one point over ROMA 2. The close competitiveness of the boats and the tight races has stimulated increasing interest in the Class for 2010.

Mr Davis also reported on the increased interest on the GP33 and GP26 specially in Japan and the USA where the new boats are building.

5. Allocated submissions

GER 3 – Sportboat LOA limit

The Committee supports the proposal to lower the LOA limit from 6.50 to 6.0.

ITA 4 - ORC 670 CLASS

The Committee supports the proposal to allow carbon fibre masts and limit internal balance to 6% of displacement.

ORC 670 CLASS RULES

The Committee approved a motion to reduce the minimum number of series production yachts from 15 to 5 for Class eligibility.

6. 2010 Calendar of events

The calendar of events as agreed by the Committee is attached.

7. Organization of Committee

The Chairman announced the retirement of Mr. Jesus Pintos and Mr. Christian Hadlund from the committee. The appointment of an additional member will be made in the near future.

8. Other business

The Chairman and Mr. Grubisa discussed changes to the standard NOR and SI of the Green Book to clarify some paragraphs. These were accepted by the Committee. A motion was passed to study and bring forth a more equitable penalty system for infringements during the first part of the two part long distance race. Mr. Grubisa will bring recommendations to the Man Com.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1.15 pm.

APPENDIX 2010 CALENDAR OF MAJOR ORC INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

16th - 24th January Circuito Atlantico Sur Rolex Cup Buenos Aires, Argentina 28th June ó 3rd July Offshore Team World Championship Sardinia Cup Porto Cervo Sardinia, Italy 11^{th} ó 13^{th} June 3^{rd} - 10^{th} July Faerder Race Oslo, Norway Sportsboats European Championship Sankt-Petersburg, Russia 5th ó 11th July ORC Int. European Championship Cagliari, Italy 4th - 12th September ORC Int.World Championship Flensburg, Germany

DATES TO BE DEFINED

Beginning of May Coppa Carlo Negri - Regate Pirelli S.ta Margherita, Italy End of May Rolex Capri Sailing Week Capri, Italy Middle of MayJune North Sea Regatta Scheveningen, The Netherlands Gdynia, Poland End of May Kommodores Cup Giraglia Rolex Cup St. Tropez, France June June Kiel Week Kiel, Germany July **Eurocard Gotland Runt** Sandhamn, Sweden Rolex Ilhabela Sailing Week Ilhabela, Brazil July July Trofeo de la Reina Valencia, Spain Baltic Offshore Week Hanko, Finland July Palma de Mallorca, Sain Beginning of August Copa del Rey October Rolex Middle Sea Race Malta

VENUE AND DATES TO BE DECIDED

670 World Championship GP 42 GLOBAL Championship

FUTURE EVENTS

2011	ORC Int. Worlds	Cres, Croatia	18 th ó 26 th June
2011	ORC Int. Europeans	Hanko, Norway	Dates to be confirmed
2012	ORC Int. Worlds	Finland	1 st ó 2 nd week of August