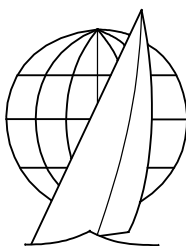


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Minutes of a meeting of the **Offshore Classes & Events Committee** of the Offshore Racing Congress held on 5th November 2011 in Ritz Carlton Hotel, san Juan, Puerto Rico.

Present: Don Genitempo (Chairman)
Bruno Finzi
Jose Frers
Zoran Grubisa
Wolfgang Schaefer
Paolo Massarini
Edoardo Recchi
Ecky Von der Mosel
Eva Holmsten

Apologies Emilio Feliu Serra
Vadim Mekhanikov
Thomas Nilsson

Observers: Per Boymo
Dobbs Davis
Sten Edholm
Robert Jacobsen
Luiz Kahl
Patrick Lindqvist
Enrique Molinelli
Ab Pasma
Fabrizio Pirina
Hans Zuiderbaan

1. Call to order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:35. He welcomed the committee and observers and thanked them for coming.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

After a few minutes to review, Mr. Finzi moved the minutes of 2010 be approved. Mr. Von der Mosel seconded. Motion carried.

3. Report of Championships

- 3.1 Mr. Finzi, the ORC Representative, for the ORCi World Championship in Cres, Croatia reported that a record number of entries of 119 yachts from 16 countries participated. The event was organized by the sailing Club of Rijeka and the Sailing Club Reful. The fleet was split into 2 Classes with separate starts and separate results. There were 66 diverse types of yachts, from 6 new 2011 designs to IOR and ILC type. America's Cup, Olympic and Continental Champions were in crew lists. The event was definitely of elite status.

Light winds prevailed, allowing only 5 inshore races to be completed. Class A was able to complete both segments of the long distance race, while Class B could only score the first portion of the distance race.

Class A Champion was the Italian Farr 40 "Enfant Terrible" owned by Alberto Rossi. The modified M39 "Low Noise" owned by Giuseppe Giuffrè was Class B Champion. The Corinthian Champion in Class A was "Quebramar" a J/U 42 owned by Fye Slovikia. "Escandalo" and M37 owned by Inna Vaclavova was the Class B Corinthian Champion.

- 3.2 ORC Representative Zoran Grubisa reported on the ORCi European Championship, hosted by the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club and sailed in Hanko, Norway. 25 entries were divided into 2 Classes. 6 inshore and 2 offshore races were completed in varying breezes. The winner in Class A was "Silva Hispaniola" an Eventa 42 owned by Peter Schmidt of Germany. In the closely contested Division B, Martin Nilsson's Swedish Team on the Salona 37 "Feel Good" was the Champion.

4. Report from the Classes

Paolo Massarini reported the last active ORC Class, the GP42 had not held any events during the season. The boats were competing well in various handicap events however.

A discussion of prospective Classes for the future centered on some owners of boats in the 50 foot size range who have express interest in forming a rating band or Level Classes, much as ORC has done with the IMS rating band Classes. Paolo Massarini will further investigate this interest and coordinate with Chairman Genitempo.

Chairman Finzi reported on the new contract agreed with the Maxi Class for measurement systems and dual scoring.

5. Submissions

- FIN 1 – LIFERAFT IN ORC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Committee supports this submission as the selection of the appropriate Offshore Regulation category for the sailing area will make the determination.

- ITA 1 – CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The Committee supports the submission and will include it in the Green Book.

- ITA 2 – PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE

The Committee supports the submission.

- ITA 3 – CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

This submission dealt with several issues therefore each separate issue was singled out and addressed individually as follows:

1. Length of Offshore Race with two scores – The Committee supports extending the length to provide duration of 30/36 hours for the slowest boat.
2. The first finish line of the long race should be approximately mid course. Committee supports the submission.
3. Committee agreed to delete the third option for offshore races. Paragraph 8.1 (c) of standard NoR.
4. Committee supports extending the duration of the two separate offshore races to 12/14 hours for the slowest boat.
5. The Committee does not support changing the coefficients for scoring.
6. Committee supports modifying the scoring of offshore races for boats that can not finish within their time limit. They should be scored “Time Limit Expired”. Last place plus one point.
7. The Committee supports a modification to allow competitors to discard one short offshore race if two offshore races are completed. The long offshore race is not discardable.
8. The Committee agrees to make more prominent the requirement that inshore races shall be of 1½ - 2 hours in duration. Both in the Championship Rules and the Sailing Instructions.

- ITA 4 – EVENT MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 1) The Committee supports the submission calling for pre event measurement availability and measurement checks during the regatta, including freeboards with emphasis placed on leading boats.
- 2) The Committee does not support the provision making boats ineligible for prizes unless measured twice

6. Discussion on paragraphs 3 & 4 of Green Book

Application for hosting events and obligations of hosting organizing Club.

The Committee discussed the desire to continually upgrade and improve the overall quality of its championships. To that end, the guidance of the Green Book given to prospective hosts will be reviewed and enhanced, with more, stringent details as to facilities and personnel requirements and conduct of the event. The Chairman and Zoran Grubisa will use the recommendations expressed during the meeting to add content to the Green Book.

7. 2012 Calendar of Events

- The ORCi World Championship in Helsinki was confirmed.
- The European Championship had previously been approved to be in Punta Ala in June.
- Two invitations to host the 2013 ORCi World Championship were received from Circolo del Remo and della Vela Italia of Naples and from Marina Doria Organizing Committee of Ancona, Italy. The organizing Committee is comprised in 4 area Clubs.
Both candidates provided beautifully constructed presentations offering excellent facilities, amenities and expert personnel.
In the end, the Committee voted to accept the bid of Ancona.
- The Committee was made aware of a forthcoming invitation to host the 2013 Europeans by Sweden.

8. Organization of Committee

No changes to the Committee are anticipated.

9. Any other Business

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.