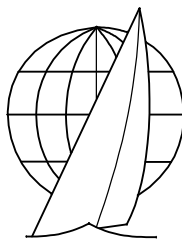


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Minutes of a meeting of the **Offshore Classes & Events Committee** of the Offshore Racing Congress held on 3rd November 2012 in Dublin, Ireland

Present: Don Genitempo (Chairman)
Emilio Feliu Serra
Bruno Finzi
Jose Frers
Zoran Grubisa
Eva Holmsten
Paolo Massarini
Wolfgang Schaefer
Fabrizio Pirina in substitution of Edoardo Recchi
Ecky Von der Mosel

Apologies for absence: Vadim Mekhanikov

Observers: Per Boymo
Gabor Csernussi
Dobbs Davis
Sten Edholm
Bruno Frank
Giovanni Iannucci
Robert Jacobsen
Patrick Lindqvist
Enrique Molinelli
Panayotis Papapostolou
Ab Pasman
Fabrizio Pirina
Hans Zuiderbaan

1 - Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 09.30 hrs. He welcomed the Committee and Observers and thanked them for attending.

2 - Approval of Minutes of 5th November 2011

After a short review, Mr. Finzi moved the minutes be approved seconded by Mr. Frers. Motion carried.

3 - Report of Championships

a) ORC Int. World Championship

Mr. Genitempo, the ORC representative for the ORC Audi World Championship in Helsinki reported a new record of attendance was set with 135 entries from 12 nations with 124 yachts at the starting line.

The event was organized by the Sailing Club Marenkavijat housed in a centuries old fort on Sarkka island in Helsinki harbour.

The fleet was split into two Classes putting 47 yachts with GPH 614.9 or less in Class A. 77 boats with GPH 615 or more formed Class B. Class B was further divided into two heats for the first five races. Beginning with the 6th race the top half of each heat formed Class B Gold while the bottom halves formed Class B Silver. Points carried forward into the final races. This proved to be a very successful way to manage such a large fleet. There were Corinthians entries in each Class.

Eight of the nine scheduled races were completed including both offshore races, allowing a discard.

The Weather served up a variety of wind velocities and directions giving a good test for all conditions.

In Class A Alberto Rossi in his modified Farr 40 “Enfant Terrible” became the first repeat winner of the Offshore World Championship, having won in Cres in 2011; followed by Patrick Lindqvist in the TP 52 “Blixt Prosailing”. The top amateur team was Juss Ojala’s Estonian “Amserv”.

Class B winner was “Scugnizza”, another Italian entry owned by Vincenzo de Blasio. Going into the final race, 6 yachts were in position to win the prize. It was determined on the final run, with “Scugnizza” tying “Lenco” Erik Van Vuuren’s SALONA 37 on points with the victory coming on the second tie breaker. Team “Arken Zoo” won the Corinthian Prize.

Many thanks to Pekka Lopmeri, Event’s Chairman, Lars Nykvist Jury Chairman, PRO Lena Musalo for their hard work in managing the unexpected large fleet. It was a most enjoyable event.

b) ORC Int. European Championship

Mr. Finzi reported on the ORC European Championship held in Punta Ala.

24 different boat types made up the 31 boat fleet representing 6 countries.

Nine races were completed for the two Class fleets, including one long distance race scored as two. The predominate shore breeze was light to moderate.

Class A winner was TP 52 owner “Aniene 1st Class” owned by George Martin. Second was Valerio Battista’s Grand Soleil 42R “Cronos 2”.

Class B with close racing went to “Low Noise” a M37 owned by Giuseppe Guiffre’. “Scugnizza” in a warm up before her World Championship win was third.

4 - Submissions

- **ITA 1 – CLASSES IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

This submission requested an additional Class for World Championship events.

The submission was not supported as it would not comply with ISAF Regulations. It was noted that ORC may in the future petition ISAF to review this issue.

- **NOR 1 – CHAMPIONSHIP RECOMENDATIONS**

This submission requests that ORC require Event Organizers to provide more information to competitors for World Championship events.

The Committee supports this submission.

- **MANCOM 1 – ORC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

This submission asked that rules for eligibility for World Championships be reviewed.

Lengthy discussion that covered controlling entry numbers and quality of entries resulted in passing a motion requiring Organizing Authorities when apply for World Championships must declare:

1. The number of entries expected
2. The maximum number of boats that can be accommodated
3. No entries exceeding that maximum may be accepted without approval of the ORC

Further: the Green Book will be modified to allow a negotiated number of national entries permitted for the host country.

5 - Review of Championship Criteria and Event Check List

This very useful form was fully discussed during the submission discussions & the check list will continue to be expanded and refined and be a required document in applying for a championship.

6 - 2013 Calendar of Events

Eva Holmsten reported on the European Championship to be held in Sandhamn August 3rd – 10th. Preparations are well underway. Pre Notice of Race soon to be published.

Paolo Massarini’s presented a slide presentation on the preparations for Ancona’ World Championship June 21st – 29th. Entries are expected to be in the 120 boat range. Some housing will be aboard luxury cruise ships. Professional Race & Regatta Staff has been secured. This will be a well organized event.

Dobbs Davis reported on the Royal Cup a new Danish Team Racing Event that will be organized under the ORC umbrella. It will be patterned after the Admiral's Cup with three boat teams, to be held on Bornholm island in September.

A very nice presentation to host the 2014 World Championship was made by Ecky von der Mosel on behalf of the Kieler Yacht Club.

Kieler Yacht Club has a long history and an outstanding reputation for excellence in organizing major events. The Committee was most please to accept their offer to host the 2014 event.

The Chairman reported that there is interest from Kalev Yacht Club and Parnu Yacht Club in Estonia to host ORC events. He is communicating with them as to the best way to make this happens. Their interest is most welcome.

7 - Organization of the Committee

The Chairman reported that Vadim Mekhanikov will temporarily step out from the Committee.

8 - Any other business

Bruno Finzi commented on the need to investigate formation of new Classes or rating bands as we had with the IMS 600 and IMS 50s.

The large number of new yachts in the 40 feet range could be candidates for this type of investigation.

Gianfranco Alberini spoke to the possibility of becoming involved with the evolving J Class who seems to be in need of a reliable handicap system.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m..