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Minutes of the meeting of the Offshore Classes & Events Committee
held on Sunday 6th November 2016 in Barcelona, Spain

Members presents:

Paolo Massarini (ITA, Chairman)
Steve Benjamin (USA),
Wolfgang Schäfer (GER)
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Observers:

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Antonella Gregoris (FRA? ESP?)
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Joakim Majander (FIN)
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Stelios Charalambous (CYP)
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1 - In accordance with the plan the meeting started in time.

2 - The Minutes of 8th November 2015 have been approved.

3 - Reports of 2016 Championships:

Reports about the Europeans, held in Porto Carras, Greece, and Worlds, held in Skovshoved, Denmark, have been briefly read mentioning the most significant characteristics, their success and the winners. Full reports available in separate documents.

Zoran Grubisa reported about the ORC Sportboats European Championship held in Chioggia, Italy.
ORCs and Swan reports and description below in these minutes.

4 - **CDL** has been successfully used in the most important ORC Championships during the 2015 and 2016 seasons. Class breaks have been respected at the Worlds in Skovshoved while, at the Europeans, Class A & B have been grouped together in accordance with the Green Book prescriptions and the lower limit for class C (8,5) has been lowered to 8,0 to accommodate the Organizers requests.

5- Submissions

GER 3

The submission was not supported by the Committee.

GER 4

The submission was supported in principle and a draft rule will be presented in November to be adopted in the 2018 International ORC Championships.

MANCOM 1- MANCOM 2- MANCOM 3

The Committee has supported them all. The CDL will be the reference value for the number of sails on board.

A new publication, the ORC Race Management Guidebook, in electronic format will be created based on all the information already present on the ORC web site and adding few more instructions.

The Green Book is under review and will be divided into three main sections plus a dedicated one for the Sportboats:

- General requirements and bid form/agreement
- Standard Notice of Race
- Standard Sailing Instructions

RUS 8

The Committee support the submission with the friendly amendment of section b to be read:

“Exclusive of storm sails required by the Offshore Special Regulations, sails allowed on board while racing are limited

to:

- 1 Mainsail
- 2 Headsails set on a forestay
- 1 Headsail set flying
- 1 Asymmetric spinnaker
- or 2 asymmetric spinnakers (added sentence)

RUS 9

The Committee support the submission and the new draft rule prepared by the Working Party has been briefly read and approved.

NED 3

The Committee supports the principle of the submission and the creation of a dedicated DH rule.

6- Green Book new format

A review is in place and will be presented before the end of 2016.

7 - Report about Super Yachts 2016 experience and future plans

- Some numbers have been read to describe the amount of work done.
- 9 events attended: 3 in the Caribbean, 1 in USA, 5 in the Med.
- 37 races completed with an average yacht length 36 meters
- 166 super yachts in the ORC database in two seasons of life
- 115 new certificates in 2016
- 29 Super Yachts fully measured during the year

The ORC representatives before the event and on site are assisting the Organizing authority in the preparation of the official documents and the rating certificates, to interact with the competitors and the different designers for information purposes and to supply the scoring software and event results.

Report about the Swan Cup

First time ever the ORC is involved in the Rolex Swan Cup after Nautor has decided to move to ORC as official rating system in December 2015.

84 ORC entries (including SuperYachts) divided in 4 classes (not mentioning the one designs).

Maxi (ORCs), MiniMaxi, Grand Prix and S&S rated under ORC Club and International.

Of course the legacy from the previous system has not been easy. A huge amount of data cross checks have been done during the preparation time.

A great success has been achieved in the assistance and care of the single owners even if some of them were quite doubtful and critic at the beginning.

With the support of Nautor, the different designers and the rating offices, the ORC has been able of building a big database in few months.

For the future, the attention to the checks on site should be increased, both before and during the event.

8 - Calendar of future Events:

Presentations of the 2017 ORC have been run by Giancarlo Crevatin (representing the ORC Worlds, Trieste) and Michal Korneszczyk (representing the ORC Europeans, Gdansk), both championships already assigned during the 2015 ORC Conference in Sanya.

Conversations and agreements are in progress to find the best technical solutions for the success of the events.

The 2017 ORC Sport boat European Championship has been presented and assigned to the city of Riga in Latvia.

The Committee approved the 2018 Championships to be ratified by the Congress as follows:

ORC World Championship: The Hague (Holland/Netherland), preliminary date 12-20 July 2018

ORC European Championship: Lymassol (Cyprus), dates to be confirmed (end August-beginning September).

A long list of bids have been read for future ORC Championships until 2021, including letters of presentation from different locations in Spain, Norway, Sweden, Greece, Estonia and, extremely important, an official interest coming from USA to organize the ORC Worlds in 2019.

9 - Organization of the Committee

It has been agreed not to act on the Committee composition and defer any possible changes to 2017.

10 - Any other business

It has been noted that, possibly the schedule of meetings should be reviewed for 2017 AGM.

Not other business raised so the meeting ended at 16:00.