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**Minutes of the meeting of the Offshore Classes & Events Committee**  
held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Puerto Vallarta, Spain

**Members presents:**

Paolo Massarini (ITA, Chairman,  
via Skype)  
Steve Benjamin (USA)  
Wolfgang Schäfer (GER)  
Patrick Lindqvist (FIN)

Bruno Finzi (ITA)  
Edoardo Recchi (ITA)  
Zoran Grubisa (CRO)  
José Frers (ARG)  
Thomas Nilsson (NOR)

Eva Holmsten (SWE)  
Ecky von der Mosel (GER)  
Thomas Blixt (SWE)  
Don Genitempo (USA)

**Apologies:**

Javier Sans (ESP)

Josè Martinez (ESP)

Vassilii Alekseev (RUS)

**Observers:**

Roy van Aller (NED)  
Fabrizio Pirina (ITA)  
Alessandro Nazareth (ITA)  
Peter Tjalma (NED)

Per Boymo (NOR)  
Ab Passman (NED)  
Hans Drakenberg (SWE)  
Dobbs Davis (USA)

Joakim Majander (FIN)  
Michael Quist (DEN)  
Stelios Charalambous (CYP)

**1. Approval of Committee's Minutes of November 2016**

The Minutes of November 2016 have been approved.

**2. Reports of 2017 Championships**

Report from the ORC World Championship held in Trieste, Italy was given by Bruno Finzi and from the ORC European Championship held in Gdansk, Poland was given by Zoran Grubisa. Both championships were very successful in terms of participation with 116 boats from 19 countries at the Worlds and 82 from 11 countries at the Europeans. Full reports available in separate documents.

ORC Sportboat European Championship planned to be held in Riga, Latvia had to be cancelled due to low number of entries.

**3. Report of Superyacht 2017 events**

The 2017 season has been another great success yet with a lot of tasks still present in the list for the future. Nine events have been attended by the ORCs team with a lot of satisfaction and positive responses by the Event Organizers, the Competitors and the Super Yacht Racing Association managers.

The number of certificates issued in 2017 has been slightly lower than 2016 and this is probably due to the calendar of events being very crowded and the clashes between some events in the Mediterranean area with some other new events. The exact number today is: 109 of which 68 active and 41 re-runs.

During the season a letter inviting the "declared" yachts to go through the full measurement process has been sent and this should help in the goal of having an even more transparent rule as welcomed by all final users.

#### **4. Submissions**

##### **4.1 GER 2 – Certificate deadline for the championship**

Submission is supported by amending Standard Notice of Race to require latest valid certificate to be presented at the moment of registration with final one to be used at the championship to be presented by the entry close deadline.

##### **4.2 GER 3 – Switch between classes**

The Committee notes that Standard Notice of Race already include entry close deadline that is also the deadline in which boats shall be entered to the Championship in Class A, B or C. That deadline is fulfilling what submission is requesting.

##### **4.3 GER 6 – Positions of crew on rail**

The Committee notes that VPP is correctly taking in account position of the crew while sitting on the sheerline and recommends the update of the Standard Sailing Instructions by amending RRS 49.2 and clarifying the term “sitting on the deck”.

##### **4.4 SUI 1 – Determination of weight of Sportboats**

Submission is not supported as check of the displacement by weighing of the Sportboat is already prescribed for the ORC Sportboat Championship events in the ORC Sportboat Class Rules, while this may not be imposed for any other Sportboat that may have ORC Club or ORC International certificate issued according to the usual procedures.

#### **5. Green Book update**

Green Book has been updated by the working party with the mandate of the Committee and published together with other 2017 rules. It has been used in championship events in 2017 and it is already taken for the Notices of Races and Sailing Instructions for the 2018. Standard Notice of Race and Standard Sailing Instructions may be updated for 2018 but only as “housekeeping” from the experiences from 2017 events without substantial changes in established principles.

#### **6. Report form WP ORC/RORC on 2018 The Hague Worlds**

ORC Representatives in the Working party reported about progress in organization of the 2018 Offshore Worlds as follows:

- Notice of Race was published on 19<sup>th</sup> September and already 104 boats are entered with more expected by the entry deadline that was agreed to be anticipated from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018
- Boats need to have ORC International and IRC Endorsed certificate. Any discrepancies in measurements between ORC International and IRC Endorsed certificate shall be reviewed by the Technical Review Board composed of four members (2 from ORC and 2 from RORC) and any certificate may be adjusted to keep the same measurement data on both certificates.
- Double scoring method is accepted as supported also by the ITC (complete explanation is available in the ITC minutes)
- Technical working party between ORC and RORC will meet in November in UK to start with ORC measurement of boats that have only IRC certificate.

## **7. Calendar of future events**

### **7.1 Offshore Worlds 2018**

See Item 6 above

### **7.2 ORC European Championship 2018**

This event has been awarded last year to Limassol, Cyprus. Preparations are going well and Notice of Race has been agreed. The event will take place from 8 – 15 September 2018

### **7.3 ORC Sportboat European Championship 2018**

A bid to host this championship was received from Portopiccolo, Sistiana, Italy to be held from 29.05 – 03.06. As ORC Sportboat European Championship was not held in 2017 due to low number of entries, the committee express its hope that this event will be having success particularly as 2016 Sportboat European Championship was held in this region with significant number of active Sportboats. Therefore, committee is supporting this bid and recommends to the Congress to award ORC Sportboat European Championship 2018 to Portopiccolo, Sistiana, Italy.

### **7.4 ORC World Championship 2019**

Bids for this championship were received from: Mahon (ESP), Porto Carras (GRE), Palermo (ITA) and Šibenik (CRO). Due to a lack of details for some of the bids that must be clarified up with the bidders and not knowing the status of possible combined ORC/IRC World Championship in 2019, the committee deferred final decision to 1<sup>st</sup> December by an e-mail vote. A preliminary poll was made among committee members with majority of votes given to Mahon (ESP) and Šibenik (CRO). ORC Chairman will try to clarify situation with possible combined championship in 2019 and its effect to the selection of the venue. Further details will be presented to the committee by e-mail before final vote is made.

### **7.5 ORC European Championship 2019**

A bid to host ORC European Championship 2019 is received from Oxelosund, Sweden. The committee is thankful for the nice presentation and unanimously recommends to the Congress to award ORC European Championship to Oxelosund, Sweden to be held from 11 – 17. 08. 2019.

### **7.6 ORC World Championship 2020**

New York Yacht Club presented a bid to host combined ORC/IRC championship in 2020 in Newport, Rhode Islands. Even though decision of venues for the 2020 championships will be made on 2018 AGM, the committee thanks to NYYC for a very well-prepared bid.

## **8. Organization of the committee**

It was noted that members of the committee that are not active for more than 2 years will be asked again to confirm their wish to continue to serve in this committee. In case of negative answer or no answer they will be removed from the committee.

## **9. Any other business**

ORC Chairman informed the Committee that as a result of the protest hearing under RRS 69 based on allegations of the gross misconduct presented by boat “Katariina II” and the ORC, boat “Scugnizza” was disqualified in all races of the ORC European Championship 2016 and title was awarded to “Katariina II” (EST) with “Sugar” (EST) on 2<sup>nd</sup> place and “Baximus” (GRE) on 3<sup>rd</sup> place.