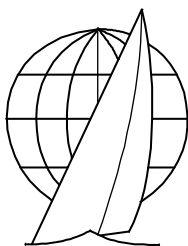


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MINUTES of the meeting of the **Race Management Committee** held on 8th November, 2004 in Copenhagen, Denmark

Members present : Eva Holmsten
Timo Sarainmaa
Miguel Rosa
Akis Tsalikis
Nicola Sironi
Ecky von der Mosel Chairman

Observers present : Fietje Judel Boris Hepp
Theo Tsaltas Gianfranco Alberini
John Winder Bengt-Olof Holmberg
Patrick Lindquist Edoardo Recchi
Zoran Grubiza Peter de Ridder
Bruno Frank John Maragoudakis
Roula Galani Panayotis Papapostolou
Maria Spyrideli Gerd Kall
Pasquale Landolfi

Guests: Markus Wegmann and Harald Schnitzler

Submissions

- KNWV 3 6 Handicap for GPH
Triple number handicaps for gph and up-down to be added to rms files
- KNWV 4 6 ORC Club and IMS certificates
Triple numbers on certificates for ORC Club and IMS

Following the good experience acquired in the Netherlands with the use of the triple number scoring in IMS races and similar desires expressed by other constituencies the committee recommends the inclusion of the triple number handicaps in the IMS and ORC Club certificates for next year. The committee proposes to display the triple numbers in the ðTime Allowances for Selected Coursesö Section of the IMS-certificate in place of the lines currently used for W/L and Circular Random handicaps.

In the frame of the discussion about the layout of the IMS-certificate it was suggested to rearrange it in a two pages format, (one with measurement data and one with the handicaps) that would be more user-friendly and understandable. This will certainly take some more time and until the new design will be available it is recommended to update and distribute the certificate-explanation distributed in 2000.

- SWE 3 6 Update and Coordinate ORC Race Guide with ALTURA Manual

The ORC Race Guide is now available in an updated form. Another new version (better English and more drawings and pictures) is prepared by Ken Weller and will be presented to the committee in near future. These publications are however intended to be independent from any particular software being used. The software manuals should refer to these requirements and it is recommendable to their programmers to coordinate with the Guide.

- SWE 6 - Official Recognition of Commercial Scoring Software

Nicola Sironi explained that there is no official approval procedure in place by the ORC and not considered to be necessary. The specifications of IMS scoring are included in an existing document which should -after completion of all details and updating for the last options (performance line and triple number)- be published as an attachment to the IMS rule. This would then be used as a reference in case of dispute about scoring.

After working on the submissions the new VelumNG scoring software was presented to the committee by Markus Wegmann and Dr. Harald Schnitzler. VelumNG is the result of the mutual work of two specialists having programmed scoring software since 1991. The auditorium was very glad to see a well working, user-friendly, windows-based program, that can score all kinds of offshore regattas under different rating systems.

Sten Edholm showed a presentation intended to explain and illustrate the IMS System and its implementation to yacht clubs and sailors. His power-point presentation consisting out of 55 slides is available in Swedish and English.

8th November 2004

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