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Minutes of the meeting of the **Race Management Committee** held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Estoril

Members present: Ecky von der Mosel (Chairman)

Eva Holmsten Ab Pasman Akis Tsalikis Nicola Sironi

Observers: Panayotis Papapostolou

Zoran Grubisa Hans Zuiderbaan Bengt Olof Holmberg

Bruno Frank
George Sykaris
Christos Theodosis
Tea Ekengren
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Wolfgang Schäfer
Emilio Feliu Serra

### 1. New Design of Measurement Certificates

Panayotis Papapostolou and Zoran Grubisa presented the new layout of the IMS and ORC certificates. The members of the Committee expressed positive comments on the new layout of the certificates.

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### 2. Recommendations about Submissions

DSV 4 - Double Handed Handicaps

There was no need to discuss this as the new certificates contain the double handed handicaps already. However, this seems to respond to the need of the increased number of double-handed races that are organised today.

- FIV 4 - Time Limit in the Green Book

The committee underlines the fact that a change in the standard sailing instructions is necessary. We discussed different models including the proposal of the Classes and Events Committee. Additionally a similar idea was presented: To replace the term GPH with Circular Random (6 kn) and replace the factor 2.0 with 1.2, because this reflects better the weather situation when time limit of a race is to apply.

There was no clear vote about which system the Committee should recommend to the Congress.

- RFEV 2 - Penalty System

There was a similar discussion as in the Classes and Events Committee which expresses not to open the Jury for all kinds of compensation of mistakes. RMC recommends to be very careful with soft penalties.

At the end we agreed to the opinion that this matter can not be ruled by the Congress as it is matter of changing the racing rules of ISAF. Therefore we recommend not to vote on this submission. The Management Committee should decide if this matter should be transferred to the Racing Rules Committee of ISAF.

- RFEV 3 - Tracking Systems in Protest Hearings

After extensively discussion about the problems using tracking systems for Jury decisions arising on the World Championship in Norway we recommend all Race Managers to check out if they should put a clause in the sailing instructions saying that the tracking system cannot be used for protest and redress hearings.

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We do not see the necessity to add the proposed paragraph 18.3 as all Jury members have always to reconsider if they use/believe in an evidence. Therefore we recommend the congress to refuse the submission.

- RFEV 4 - Awards on the World Championships

The Race Management Committee does not support the submission. The variation of boat sizes, combination of Nations etc. can be very different and therefore we would like to leave this matter to the annual event organiser.

We recommend to refuse the submission.

#### 3. New edition of the IMS/ORC guide book for Race Managers

Nicola Sironi and Zoran Grubisa promised to rewrite the guide book under the expected new rules.

#### 4. Further business of RMC

In the closed part of the meeting the committee members decided to develop their meetings more and more to a forum for the exchange of experiences of Race Managers of all kind of offshore races. We were remembering to other meetings where we demonstrate scoring software and presented ranking list systems.

Also the committee members like to offer their support in helping Race Managers in other regions to use IMS/ORC as we are convinced that individual contacts are very important and base for a solid relation to ORC.

Estoril 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007 Ecky von der Mosel