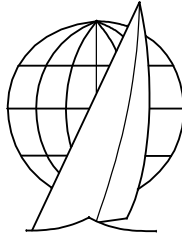


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Minutes of the meeting of the **Race Management Committee** held on November 5th, 2012 in Dublin, Ireland

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Apologies: Akis Tsalikis

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1. Submission RUS 3

A discussion was made among Committee members and observers on the proposal made in RUS3 to change the Offshore Single Number (OSN) simplified scoring system to either return to the previous circular random mixture or devise a new one based on recent data collected from Baltic coastal and offshore races.

The submission showed data that these races had no change in percentage of wind angle as a function of wind speed, unlike the current formulation of OSN adopted last year at the AGM (see tables below).

Table 1: Current OSN formulation

| TWS | 8 | 12 | 16 |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Beat VMG | 40% | 25% | 10% |
| 60 | 5% | 10% | 20% |
| 90 | 5% | 15% | 20% |
| 120 | 5% | 15% | 20% |
| 150 | 5% | 10% | 20% |
| Run VMG | 40% | 25% | 10% |

Table 2: from RUS 3

| Course length, % True Wind Speed, knots | | |
|--|------|-----------|
| 8 & less | 12 | 16 & more |
| 34,8 | 30,7 | 30,0 |
| 13,6 | 9,1 | 8,3 |
| 8,1 | 18,5 | 14,4 |
| 11,9 | 13,2 | 5,1 |
| 11,5 | 16,1 | 17,0 |
| 20,0 | 12,5 | 25,2 |
| 100,0 | 100 | 100 |

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee felt there was sufficient doubt about the OSN and the sources of its formulation that they wish a more detailed report from David Lyons of ITC on the reasons for this mixture of wind speeds and angles used in OSN before being able to make an informed opinion on this topic.

The Committee therefore does not see a reason to change the current OSN, and notes that there are numerous other scoring options available to race organizers to best suit their local races in their local conditions.

The Committee therefore recommends to not adopt this submission.

2. PCS Scoring

The mathematical methods used to calculate corrected times in PCS scoring was discussed, as it may affect the consistency of results using new scoring programs being introduced. The Committee agreed that this is an issue that should be studied by the ITC, with the suggestion that the calculation method be standardized for all scoring platforms.

The Committee would ask the Congress to endorse this study by ITC so that PCS scoring may be consistent across new and existing scoring programs.

3. Report on Development of Events

The Committee solicited its members and observers for their opinions on event formats. Reports were then given from the following countries: SUI, ITA, NED, FIN, EST, ESP, GRE, CRO, SWE, GER, and USA. While there was no consistent format accepted in all these countries, there were popular trends observed as follows:

- More coastal and offshore races
- More casual and club-based racing
- An increase in shorthanded racing due to problems attracting crew
- General economic conditions are not affecting popularity as much as other factors
- Organizers should cater to new generation sailors through tools such as web sites, social media, etc, and offer more promotional opportunities to attract new sailors

4. Future projects for the Committee

We propose to shift the focus of the Committee towards being a forum for sharing ideas on topics such as liability and insurance issues for race management, organization and training of the race management team, improving checklists, comparative strengths of scoring software, and any other experiences relevant to improving race management efficiency.