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Minutes of the **Rating Officers Committee** meeting held on November 7th, 2010 in Athens, Hotel Grande Bretagne.

Present:

Jean-Louis Conti FRA (Chairman)
Boris Hepp GER (Vice-chairman)
Panayotis Papapostolou GRE
Enrique Mollinelli ESP
Dan Nowlan USA
Zoran Grubiša CRO
Joakim Majander FIN
Veiko Rosme EST

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Nuno Goncalves Henriques POR
Kostandina Sfakianaki CYP
Michiel Woort NED
Godwin Zammit MLT
Per Boeymo NOR
Abraham Rosemberg BRA
Yuri Vlasenko UKR

Observers:

Yannis Afendras GRE
Christos Theodossis GRE
Pekka Lopmeri FIN
Dobbs Davis USA
Ab Pasman NED
Alessandro Nazareth ITA

Bruno Finzi ITA
Robert Jacobsen GER
Peter Reichelsdorfer USA
Yannis Kalatzis GRE
Wolfgang Schaefer GER
Maria Spirideli GRE

1 New offset editor

Panayotis Papapostolou presented the new Offset file editor which includes a complete set of new features such as: movement of complete offset file in any x, y, z direction, trimming the boat by changing heel or pitch, clipping appendages, station interpolation, overlay one offset file over another existing offset file and merging both offset files. Offset files can be viewed in perspective 3D view with stations, water lines and buttocks. It was noted that a scaling function was missing. Panayotis agreed to add it into the editor. Once this will be done, the Rating Officers will have in their possession the most power tool they ever had to create or modify offsets files.

2 ORC Web Services

Panayotis Papapostolou presented following ORC Web services:

- a) DXT files database
- b) OFF files finder and database
- c) RMS files on the web
- d) Certificates copies on the web
- e) Trial VPP runs on the web

The committee supports all ORC web services. During the discussion many valuable proposals were made. Panayotis Papapostolou will take all suggestions and will continue to work together with other ORC Tech Staff in an attempt to have the first beta version of ORC Sailors Services ready soon after the release of the VPP 2011 and ORC Manager 2011

All along in the discussions during these presentations it has been stressed by committee members on the absolute necessity to supply the Rating Offices with some sort of a comprehensive User Guide. Panayotis has acknowledged this strong request from the floor and will start working on this important project (and not so easy) as a matter of prime importance.

All members thanked Panayotis for his excellent work.

3 Allocated submissions:

3.1 FRA 8 – BOAT GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

The Committee supports this submission. When both symmetric and asymmetric spinnakers are present, the one with the largest area will be represented on the drawing and both areas will continue to be printed.

3.2 GER 4 – ORC CLUB TEST CERTIFICATE

The Committee supports this submission to allow the test certificate format to be an option selected by the Rating office according to their preferences.

3.3 GER 6 – DIRECT INPUT OF PIPA

The Committee supports this submission, finding that current inputs of propeller measurements may be misleading. Therefore it is proposed that basic propeller measurements - PRD, Propeller type and Propeller installation - are always active while additional propeller measurements are the activated by the user and PIPA will also then be calculated by the ORC Manager.

4 Confidentiality declaration form and contracts with MNA'S

Confidentiality declaration forms have be sent to all rating officers and shall be signed by the National Rating Officer, National Chief Measurer, all measurers appointed by the MNA and any other person having access to any data, such as hull lines or any protected construction or design feature, which may be protected by the intellectual property rights of the designer(s).

A draft of a standard contract between the ORC and the MNA's will be sent to all RO's. Comments and opinions will then be considered before writing the final draft.

5 Any other business

NED proposed to have a discount on the ORC levy for all certificates issued at least 3 months prior to the validity date printed on the certificate. The Committee supports such proposal.

The Committee also agreed on the importance to organise new seminars for both Rating Officers and Measurers.