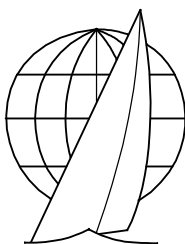


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MINUTES of the **Rating Officers Committee** (held on November 4th, 2012 in DUBLIN)

Present:	Jean Louis CONTI (Chairman)	FRA
	Boris HEPP (Deputy Chairman)	GER
	Per BOYMO	NOR
	Michiel WOORT (acting for Peter de JONG)	NED
	Bruno FRANK	SUI
	Boran GALE	SLO
	Zoran GRUBISA	CRO
	Joakim MAJANDER	FIN
	Enrique MOLINELLI	ORC
	Panayotis PAPAPOSTOLOU	GRE
	Veiko ROSME	EST
	Nicola SIRONI	ORC + CM

Observers:	Bruno FINZI	ITA (MC)
	Don GENITEMPO	USA (MC)
	Wolfgang SCHAEFER	GER (MC)
	Gabor CSERNUSSI	HUN
	Dobbs DAVIS	USA
	Hans DRAKENBERG	SWE
	Pablo FERRER	ESP
	Eva HOLMSTEN	SWE
	Robert JACOBSEN	GER
	Ecky Von de MOSEL	GER
	Ab PASMAN	NED
	Hans ZUIDEBAN	NED

1. The Chairman welcomed the members.
2. **Minutes** of the joint meetings of 6th November 2011 were approved.
3. Allocated submissions:

Submission ESP 2: Propeller installation on ORC-Club certificates.

After lengthy discussion the submission was adopted by a large majority.

Submission GER 2: Simple scoring options description.

The committee decided not to support this submission; however it was unanimously decided to update instead the VPP documentation as soon as is feasible.

Submission GER 6: Selected course on ORC International certificate.

The submission was withdrawn at the last minute.

Submission GRE 4: Jib/Genoa limitations on certificate.

The Committee acknowledged the possibility of this eventuality arising and therefore agreed to modify the ORC Manager's routine aimed at detecting the presence of a genoa in the boat's sail inventory.

Submission GRE 5: Freeboard values in the ORC Club certificate.

It was generally accepted that there was no reliable way to differentiate actual measured freeboards from arbitrarily values manually entered by rating officers. Consequently the Committee members had no other option but reject the submission.

Submission ITA 2: Website services.

The committee recommends the need to keep the actual format of the test certificate in order to maintain its resemblance with the normal ORC certificate. Nonetheless the existing mention "INVALID FOR RACING" could be made more obvious if felt necessary.

Submission ITA 3: Poles position at inclining test.

Refer to Measurement Committee minutes.

Submission ITA 4: Flotation points.

Refer to Measurement Committee minutes.

Submission NED 1: Offshore triple number.

The Committee unanimously decided to support this submission.

4. Fleet Statistics:

Zoran Grubiša presented new fleet statistics tools which will allow:

- number of issued certificates to be monitored during the year in real time
- quarterly invoicing scheme for the National Authorities based on the actual number of declared and already paid certificates by yacht owners.

Panayotis Papapostolou will be responsible for drawing up a document at the attention of rating offices explaining the new procedure to be followed.

5. ORC Manager and Worldwide Database:

Panayotis continued by presenting the Committee members with the new features to be incorporated in the ORC Manager 2013 and the new procedure for updating the worldwide ORC database. The principle modifications will be the inclusion of "no charge" and "withdrawn" tick boxes;

- No charge: The rating officer will be able to signal to the ORC that this particular already issued certificate will not necessitate a levy for whatever good reason.
- Withdrawn: The rating officer will be able to definitively remove an erroneous certificate from the *.rms file and Sailor Service.

Then Panayotis continued showing Committee members other features developed for use in 2013. The Chairman then presented a powerpoint document illustrating further possible changes to the ORC Manager, and in the use of the worldwide ORC database. Some proposals had already been incorporated or discussed during the meeting, and some will not be able to be implemented.

6. Other business:

Submission FRA 1: Twin keels:

It was noted that apart from France no others were particularly concerned. Nonetheless Nicola Sironi told the Committee that this function will normally be added to the forthcoming ORC Manager.

Naming of Offset files:

No real progress to the way of harmonising the name of these files was made. It was noted that it was already possible to allocate file names with more than the eight existing characters; thus enabling the rating officer to describe each boat with better precision.

7. Other matters arising:

No other matters arose.

8. Presentation of the French database:

Finally Jean Louis CONTI presented the Committee with a Powerpoint document showing briefly the way in which the French Federation has for the last 15 years developed its own database incorporating systematic studies of well known production boats (to date 333 boats).

The meeting officially closed at 18:40h.