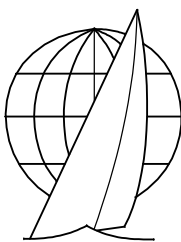


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MINUTES of the **Rating Officers Committee** (held on November 11th 2013, in MUSCAT)

Present:	Jean Louis CONTI	(Chairman)	FRA
	Per BOYMO		NOR
	Zoran GRUBISA		CRO
	Robert JACOBSEN	(acting for Bruno FRANK)	GER
	Dan NOWLAND		USA
	Ab PASMAN	(acting for Peter de JONG)	NED
	Alessandro NAZARETH		ITC
	Nicola SIRONI		ORC + CM
Observers:	Chris THEODOSIS		GRE
Excused:	Panayotis PAPAPOSTOLOU		GRE

1. The Chairman welcomed the members.
2. Minutes of the joint meetings of 4th November 2012 were approved.
3. 2014 ORC Manager

In the absence of Panayotis, Zoran informed the Committee of the forthcoming innovations of the 2014 ORC Manager, essentially the added export functions. From the manager it will be possible to extract in one click all the necessary data for rating systems such as IRC, HPR and Dansk Handicap. It will also be possible in the manager to import HPR data stored on a separate excel file. No major improvement to the manager appears to be necessary at the present.

4. Fleet Statistics:

Zoran GRUBISA felt that the uploading and billing procedures have not been fully understood by all Rating Officers, and it was decided that a short document should be circulated to remind them how to use the system to its full extent.

5. Allocated submissions:

Submission ESP 2: *Obsolete measurements.*

Refer to Measurement Committee minutes.

Submission ESP 3: *Identification of estimated Data.*

The committee unanimously decided not to support this submission on the basis it would add unwanted complications.

Submission GER 2: *Drawing for Ketch and Mizzen.*

The Committee supports this submission.

Submission GRE 3: *Text boxes format.*

The Committee does not object to this submission as long it is easily feasible.

Submission GER 5: *Printing HIN number on certificats.*

The Committee supports this submission. Hull Identification Number could be printed on both Club and International Certificates.

Submission GER 11: *One Design *.dxt files.*

The committee agreed that One Design Files should not in principle not be modified by Rating Officers. Nevertheless it was pointed out that it would be very time consuming for the ORC staff to keep updating files each year. It has been decided to concentrate this attention only to ISAF International Classes (Keelboat & Yacht) as felt necessary.

Submission GER 12: *Output file for Dansk Handicap.*

The Committee supports this submission.

Submission MANCOM 3: *Rule updates to modern practise.*

Refer to Measurement Committee minutes.

Submission NED 1: *Clipping routine.*

The Committee acknowledged there was room for improvement. Work is being carried on this matter, and in the mean time the Rating Officer has always the option within the offsets file to effectuate this clipping manually by using the code 16 point.

It was agreed that Zoran will prepare a short document to remind the Rating Officers that they should use the facilities already present on the web site to upload pictures and/or text to support any change they would have made to existing offsets files.

Submission NED 2: *LPS review.*

The Committee supports ITC decision on this submission.

Submission NED 3: *Additional Short Handed Certificate.*

It was reaffirmed that a boat may not hold 2 valid certificates at the same time.

It is recommended that Rating Offices wishing to offer such a service to their constituency should issue a separate certificate identified with the letters SH preceding the Sail Number. Such certificate will be subjected to an ORC levy.

Submission NOR 1: *Physical limits for Code 0.*

Refer to Measurement Committee minutes.

It was further requested that the word Code Zero ought to disappear from the manager and certificates, and be replaced by Headsails Set Flying.

6. Other matters arising:

No other matters arose.

The meeting officially closed at 17:00h.