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MINUTES of the **Rating Officers Committee** (held on November 3rd 2014, in PALMA DE MALLORCA)

Present:	Jean Louis Conti	FRA	Observers:	Paolo Freire	BRA
	Zoran Grubiša	CRO		Maria Spiridelli	GRE
	Panayotis Papapostolou	GRE		Alessandro Nazareth	ITA
	Joakim Majander	FIN		Christos Theodossis	GRE
	Veiko Rosme	EST		Yannis Kalatzis	GRE
	Bruno Frank	SUI		Tacha Montaner	ESP
	Gennaro Aveta	ITA		Bruce Birgam	USA
	Boris Hepp	GER		Chcuk Hawley	USA
	Peter de Jong	NED		Michiel Woort	NED
	Per Boeymo	NOR		Robert Jacobsen	GER
	Rafael Bonilla	ESP			
	Michael Quist	DEN			
	Kostandina Sfakianaki	CYP			
	Dan Nowlan	USA			
	Nicola Sironi	ORC CM			

1. Call to order

The Chairman welcomed the members and agreed to chair the meeting together with Zoran Grubisa who will be proposed to the Congress as new committee chairman starting from the next year. The committee thanked to Jean-Louis Conti for his work in this committee and ORC in general with hope for future co-operation regardless of his retirement.

2. Submissions

ESP 4 – Freeboard marks in offset file

The committee agrees with the Measurement Committee decision on this submission.

GRE 1 – Freeboard values on ORC Club certificates

The submission is asking for easy way of providing measurement data to the measurer during the measurement check of boats with ORC Club certificate. It was agreed that as also previous years discussed ORC Club certificate shall be kept simple without adding too many measurements. Instead, the solution is to make complete measurement data of ORC Club available through the Sailor services for Rating offices that select to do so.

NED 3 – ORC Club certificate copy

The committee agrees with the principle of ORC Club being simple and easy to understand. Second optional page is available for the rating office that can provide that information to the owner. Sailor services user can also obtain speed guide and target speed for a fee and ORC Club certificate copy shall be kept as simple one page.

NED 4 - ORC Club Certificate Drawing

See submission GRE 1.

NED 5 – ORC Club Certificate special scoring box

After the experience with some fleets (NOR, NED) handling double handed certificates with additional DXT file for double handed boat configuration that in addition to 180kg crew weight can include different rig and sail measurement configuration following improvements are suggested:

- Print of double handed scoring coefficient on the certificate will be option for Rating office to select for each particular boat
- Therefore, boats that never use double handed certificates will not have these scoring options printed and VPP run time will be two times faster
- Boats that wants double handed ratings with same rig and sail configuration with only change of 180 kg crew weight can have usual certificate as up to now with double handed scoring options printed
- For boats having different rig and sail configuration for the double handed racing, rating office will create additional DXT file managed through different profile in the Manager, with additional country identification that will allow two version of RMS files available for some country: one with fully crew certificates and another one for short handed certificates

3. Promotional certificates

The Committee was informed about the initiative from the Management Committee supported by the Promotion and Development Committee of introducing promotional certificate free of ORC levy for the boats that have other rating certificate or no ORC certificate in last 5 years. Panayotis presented the way how this will be handled in the Rating officers database

4. ORC software development

Panayotis presented the latest work on the ORC software for rating offices including Sail Editor and new features of the ORC Offset Toolbox. The project is still underway and constructive comments are received from committee members.