

**Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Oceanic
and Offshore Committee**

A submission from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee

Proposal:

That Regulation 15.16 be deleted and that Regulation 15.17 be amended as follows:

15.17 **OCEANIC AND** OFFSHORE COMMITTEE

Constituting the Committee

- 15.17.1 The **Oceanic and** Offshore Committee has been established by Council pursuant to Article 59
- 15.17.2. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, **the Chairmen of its sub-committees and not more than 14 other** ~~and the number of~~ members that shall be appointed by Council from time to time as provided by Article 59. **Members shall have expertise in Offshore or Oceanic racing, and shall have relevant experience and current involvement in such racing or its administration. The Chairmen of the International Regulations and Sailor Classification Commissions shall also be members of the committee.**
- ~~15.17.3 The Offshore Committee shall be comprised as follows:~~
- ~~(a) One member shall be an Offshore Classes Committee member;~~
 - ~~(b) One member representing Major Oceanic Events (shall be an Oceanic Committee member);~~
 - ~~(c) Two members representing international and Recognized Rating systems;~~
- ~~*[Note: Each of these groups of organisations will be entitled to appoint, substitute, and replace individuals to represent them at meetings of the Offshore Committee. Where there are two or more such organisations within a group then between them they shall select their representative to vote. If they are unable or unwilling to make such a selection then the Chairman of the Offshore Committee shall, taking account of any proposals made to him/her by the members of that group, make such selection as he/she deems appropriate.]*~~¹
- ~~(d) Chairman of Oceanic Sub-Committee;~~
 - ~~(e) Chairman of Offshore Classes Sub-Committee;~~
 - ~~(f) Chairman of Special Regulation Sub-Committee;~~

¹ The words in Italics formed part of the original submission that created the current Regulation but do not appear in the 2008 printed version, reflecting the intention to introduce new text from 2008.

- ~~(g) Chairman of International Regulation Commission;~~
- ~~(h) Ten members of the Offshore Committee shall be nominated by MNA's (those to be selected by the Executive Committee and approved by Council, having regard to the individual's experience and active participation in offshore racing, maintaining a geographical balance and representation of those countries with the largest offshore racing fleets);~~
- ~~(i) All representatives shall be currently active in Offshore Racing, or its administration, and at least half of the committee shall be representatives of the principle offshore racing areas in the world.~~

15.17.3 The Committee shall have the following Sub-Committees, namely Special Regulations and Empirical Handicap

15.17.4 The Chairman of the Committee shall appoint a group of the committee's members to work with the secretariat as the Oceanic Panel

15.17.5 The Chairman shall appoint the members of groups or working parties to liaise with Offshore Classes, rating systems and cruising groups and clubs.

~~15.17.4 to 15.17.5 — Reserved for future use.~~

15.17.6 The ~~Offshore~~ Committee shall:

- (a) Be responsible to Council for planning and policy recommendations on Oceanic and Offshore matters**
- (b) Promote Offshore and Oceanic racing and cruising throughout the world**
- (c) Monitor safety experience in Oceanic and Offshore racing and cruising**
- (d) On behalf of Council adopt and publish the ISAF Special Regulations.**
- ~~(b)~~ Set criteria for designation as International or Recognised Rating
- (e) Systems and Offshore Classes, review applications and make recommendations on them to Council. Promote dual-purpose cruiser/racer boats in competition.**
- (f) Promote and maintain a calendar of Oceanic and Offshore Events and races within the overall ISAF Calendar, and assist organisers to achieve an orderly schedule**
- (g) Monitor the activities of all elements of Oceanic and Offshore Racing, conducted in one design or level rating classes of boats, as well as under handicap or rating systems, and report to Council making any appropriate recommendations.**
- ~~(a)~~ Promote offshore racing by assisting and providing services to all organisations involved in offshore racing;

- ~~(c) Establish an organisation responsible for the review and the publication of Offshore Special Regulations to monitor the activities of such an organisation and, on behalf of Council, to approve Special Regulations;~~
- ~~(d) Monitor the activity of all elements of Offshore Racing, report to the Council and make any recommendations as may be appropriate from time to time.~~

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Current Position:

15.16 OCEANIC SUB-COMMITTEE

~~Constituting the Committee~~

- 15.16.1 ~~The Oceanic Sub Committee has been established as a Sub Committee of the Offshore Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 59.~~
- 15.16.2 ~~The Oceanic Sub Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 59.~~
- 15.16.3 ~~RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.~~
- 15.16.5

~~TERMS OF REFERENCE~~

- 15.16.6 ~~THE OCEANIC SUB COMMITTEE SHALL:~~
 - ~~(a) maintain close liaison with organisers of sailors in, and other interested parties connected with, long distance and trans oceanic yacht races;~~
 - ~~(b) promote the interests of the above organisers, sailors and parties;~~
 - ~~(c) maintain close liaison with the ISAF Offshore Committee and related sub-committees;~~
 - ~~(d) maintain a schedule of events and proposed events and endeavour to resolve any conflicts;~~
 - ~~(e) monitor the use of rating, handicapping and scoring systems used in the above events.~~

Reason:

1. Rationalisation of the existing structure to provide better governance.
2. Acknowledgement of the importance of Oceanic Racing and Cruising and that these elements of the sport should be represented by a committee, rather than sub-committees, and establish a better structure for managing that.
3. To set clearer criteria for the committee.
4. To incorporate those parts of the Strategic Plan relating to Offshore sailing