

Equipment Control Sub-committee Minutes



The Equipment Control Sub-committee met at 14:30 – 17:00 hours on Tuesday 12 November 2013 at the Al Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Please refer to the ISAF website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions in these minutes.

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Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 8- 10 November 2012 for the Final Council decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes

<i>Present:</i>	
Dimitris Dimou (Vice Chairman)	
Haluk Suntay	Jurgen Cluytmans (ISAF Classes Rep)
Ken Kershaw (Oceanic & Offshore Rep)	Agnes Lill (Class Rules Rep)
Dick Rose (Racing Rules Rep)	Bas Edmonds (Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Rep)
Guy-Rolland Perrin	Paolo Luciani
<i>Apologies:</i>	<i>Not Present:</i>
Jan Dejmo (Chairman)	Li Quanhai (ISAF Vice President)
Jacob Jan Korpershoek	
<i>Also Present:</i>	
Rob Taylor (Technical Co-ordinator)	

1. Opening of the Meeting

Dimitris Dimou opened the meeting by welcoming all committee members and giving apologies for Chairman Jan Dejmo's absence.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Equipment Control Sub-committee meeting of 5 November 2012 were noted and approved. There were no matters arising that were not already covered in the agenda.

3. Submissions

ISAF Regulations

- (a) Equipment Control Sub-committee Terms of Reference - Regulation 6.4.6.5(d)(i)
Submission 005-13 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding the Equipment Control Sub-committee Terms of Reference - Regulation 6.4.6.5(d)(i) was discussed by the Sub-committee.

On a proposal from Bas Edmonds, seconded by Ken Kershaw it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the submission.

Opinion: Approve

- (b) International Measurers Sub-committee Terms of Reference - Regulation 6.9.8.3
Submission 007-13 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee regarding the International Measurers Sub-committee Terms of Reference - Regulation 6.9.8.3 was discussed by the Sub-committee.

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On a proposal from Ken Kershaw, seconded by Jurgen Cluytmans and a vote of 8 in favour and 1 abstention, it was recommended the submission be approved.

Opinion: Approve

Equipment Rules of Sailing

The Sub-committee considered submissions 053-13 – 060-13 (submission 053-13 regarding C.6.3(e)(iv) – Variable ballast, submission 054-13 regarding G.1.1 Sail, submission 055-13 regarding G.1.4(b) Definition of Ply, submission 056-13 regarding G.1.4(n) – Stiffening, submission 057-13 regarding G.5.4– Seven-Eighths Leech Point, submission 058-13 regarding G.5.9– Seven-Eighths Luff Point, submission 059-13 regarding G.7.7– Seven-Eighths Width and submission 060-13 regarding H.5.4 – Sail Measurement extended as necessary) from the Royal Yachting Association en-bloc as they all relate to the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Dimitris Dimou reminded the committee of the timescales for updates to the Equipment Rules of Sailing and that no amendments would appear before January 2017 and that submissions on the ERS at this stage would be better going through the ERS Working Party first.

Bas Edmonds expressed some disappointment that the ERS Working Party had not yet considered these submissions and that they would likely be deferred in order they could be reviewed. Dimitris Dimou informed the Sub-committee that the ERS Working Party had only been formed a month before the Conference and had not had the opportunity to discuss these submissions in full at the ERS Working Party meeting held on Monday 11 November. These will be the first items to be considered, with revised submissions to be brought to the November Conference 2014.

Submission 060-13 was discussed in some further detail, noting there was some potential disparity in measurement techniques between some classes and that proposed in the submission. Rob Taylor highlighted that this was the method currently used by the ISAF In-House Certification training material and that changing to any alternative method would be costly and take some time to implement. It was also noted that whilst the measurement technique proposed in the submission was not perfect, it had been used for a number of years and there was no other alternative that could be used in its place at this time. Mike Urwin from RORC advised the Sub-committee that IRC also used this method for sail measurement and it was working successfully. Dimitris Dimou suggested that the first thing to be clarified in the ERS should be “when it is necessary to extend sail edges” and that the method and tools to use be defined thereafter. It was also noted that the proposed method in 060-13 did not always produce accurate and repeatable results, especially for some smaller sails and has created problems with certain dinghy classes. Bas Edmonds asked that the Sub-committee recognises that submission 060-13 highlights a problem which will be resolved by the ERS Working Party as a priority. It was agreed that this problem had existed for many years and it would be a priority for the Working Party to resolve.

The RYA were thanked for their work in this area and for putting the submissions forward, but it was considered a more appropriate action for the ERS Working party to review these submissions immediately and bring any resulting submissions back to the table in November 2014.

On a proposal from Dimitris Dimou which was seconded by Bas Edmonds and a vote of 6 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention, it was recommended these submissions be deferred to the ERS Working Party for immediate consideration.

Opinion: Defer

Refer submission to the Equipment Rules of Sailing Working Party for immediate consideration

Equipment Control Sub-Committee Agenda (cont.)

Rating Systems

(c) Universal Measurement System

The Sub-committee received a short presentation from Mike Urwin of RORC and Dan Nowlan of US Sailing regarding the development of a universal measurement system for yachts and how progress is being made in the area of common definitions between the different rating systems and how these may be brought forward for inclusion in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

The Sub-committee was unanimous in its support for this work.

Opinion: Approve

4. **Equipment Rules of Sailing**

In the absence of the Chairman of the Equipment Rules of Sailing Working Party, Dimitris Dimou was asked to lead the ERS Working Party meeting of 11 November and reported to the Sub-committee that a timeline of work to be undertaken had been agreed and that there were a number of submissions that required urgent attention. There were also a number of items left over from the previous edition that required further consideration before submissions could be produced for the 2017-2020 edition of the ERS.

5. **Guide to Equipment Control**

The Chairman of the Guide to Equipment Control Working Party, Dimitris Dimou updated the Sub-committee on developments. It was noted the Working Party had informally met prior to this meeting and agreed plans for four guides on Equipment control, Equipment Inspection at Events, In-House Certification and a Guide for Certification Authorities have been started with a first draft to be ready for the November conference in 2014.

For the Guide to Equipment Inspection at Events and Guide to Equipment Control, most of the material already exists in the IM Manual, which is a comprehensive full reference document from which parts can be extracted to form the guides. The material for the In-House Certification Guide already exists and will be brought up to date and compiled into a more comprehensive document. Material for the Guide for Certification Authorities will be translated from the material provided by Paolo Luciani which is currently used by the Italian Sailing Federation.

6. **Standard Class Rules**

Bas Edmonds reported on progress of the Standard Class Rules Working Party. A schedule of work has been identified with the urgent matters being considered in year 1 being a review of 'manufacturers controlled class' rules, including builders declarations. The Modification, Maintenance and Repair section of the SCR was also in need of review. Any communication with classes should be done through the Class Rules Sub-committee when discussing the SCR format. Also, investigating the deletion of Open Class Rules format as it was believed that this definition may now be surplus to requirements as equivalent class rules can be written successfully in the Closed Class rule format.

Less urgent items of work identified scheduled for years 2-3 include updating the Guide to the Standard Class Rules, looking at the introduction of discretionary penalties in class rules as guidelines for Juries. In addition possible development of a guide as to the level of class rules and how rules that work fine for World Championship events may be adapted for use at club racing level.

Equipment Control Sub-Committee Agenda (cont.)

7. Committees with Cross-representation – Reports & Opinions

(a) International Measurers Sub-committee

Dimitris Dimou gave a verbal report from the International Measurers Sub-committee meeting held on Sunday 10 November.

It was noted that the ISAF Technical & Offshore Department Staff had been present at the IMSC and further Technical Staff support for the IMSC was welcomed for future meetings.

There had been a relatively low number of applications for International Measurer status this year with several existing IMs adding classes. It was noted that there are about 25 persons that had attended the IM Seminars and passed the test since 2010, but they have not gone on to apply for IM status. The IMSC believes this was due to a lack of class association support and will advise the ICC on that.

The Sub-committee were informed of the 2013 Seminar/clinic schedule and whilst this hadn't gone entirely as hoped with difficulties securing venues and MNA support, plans for 2014 were well underway. It was hoped to get more clubs involved in hosting seminars/clinics with the MNA approval rather than solely relying on the host MNA.

(b) Class Rules Sub-committee

Agnes Lill gave a brief report from the Class Rules Sub-committee meeting held on Sunday 10 November.

It was noted that the CRSC had recommended to reject submissions 053-13 to 060-13 and that the content be considered by the ERS Working Party.

The class rules of classes applying for ISAF Class status were generally in an acceptable format. The Classic Classes applying for full ISAF Class status had also been reviewed and it was noted that the Shark Class had a good first draft of rules in the SCR format and the GP14 was working with the ISAF Staff in producing such a draft and that these classes should be given 2 years to complete the move to the SCR format.

(c) ISAF Classes Committee

Jurgen Cluytmans gave a report from the ISAF Classes Committee meeting held on Monday 11 November. It was noted that the ICC had no opinion on submissions 053-13 to 060-13 but recommended referring them to the ERS Working Party for consideration. There were no opinions from the ISAF Classes committee that had not already been covered in discussion on other submissions and topics.

(d) Oceanic & Offshore Committee

Ken Kershaw, the Oceanic and Offshore Representative gave a brief report on proceedings in this area, noting that the Oceanic and Offshore Committee had not met yet and that this meeting was due to occur on Thursday 14 November.

The Sub-committee were updated on the progress made by the Universal Measurement System Working Party and that a number of common sail definitions had been identified and the group were working on a number of submissions relating to additions to the Equipment Rules of Sailing for 2014, with potentially more to come from other areas of the boat in 2015.

Equipment Control Sub-Committee Agenda (cont.)

8. Working Group Reports

- (a) Equipment Inspection – development of forms for the ISAF Sailing World Cup Events.

Rob Taylor gave a brief update on the on-going work to develop the equipment inspection forms for use at the ISAF Sailing World Cup, noting that wherever possible the recording of serial numbers was used as a means of tracking the equipment used at these events and that it was desirable for all classes to be able to use this system.

Also discussed was the application of event limitation stickers, and that how these forms also contained instructions for the sailors to apply their own event limitation stickers for those events that have more limited equipment inspection facilities. Guy Rolland Perrin asked if there was a standard specification for the event limitation stickers that have been used so far. Bas Edmonds detailed the specification used by the RYA which has been successful, noting that buying stickers in bulk was a much more cost effective way of obtaining stickers. It was suggested that ISAF purchase all event limitation stickers for the Sailing World Cup in the future.

9. Annual Report

Dimitris Dimou gave a verbal report on behalf of the Committee Chairman covering the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013. It was noted that whilst it had been a quiet start to the quadrennial, there were now three working parties formed and active. Dick Rose noted the importance of working parties meeting at the annual conference wherever possible and this should be maintained in the scheduling.

The Sub-committee acknowledged the absence of Chairman Jan Dejmo due to health reasons and passed on their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

10. Any other Business

Dimitris Dimou showed the Sub-committee details of the number and the geographic spread of International Measurer seminars and clinics held from 2009 to 2013.

There being no further business, Dimitris Dimou thanked the Sub-committee for their on-going work and the meeting closed at 1655.