Submission: **NED 3**

Reporting committee: **RATIG OFFICERS COMMITTEE**

BOAT TYPE, DATA AND OFFSET FILE

PROPOSAL

Develop a standard (eg, a set of instructions) for the naming of boat type, data and offset files. Some thoughts and suggestions include Type: for production yachts use the exact type name as given by the manufacturer. Do not use a possible OD (One Design) addition - OD identification is in the data file name.

For standard keel options _DK (deeper keel) or _SK (shallow keel) shall be added. Extensively modified production yachts can be identified by adding _mod in the Data file so that the standard format is (sailnumber.dxt) except that with One Designs the format shall be (Type_OD. dxt).

Offset files should have a General rule: production boats (type.off), and any other (sailnumber.off). Once in the ORC database offset files cannot be changed. If a change is required a version number (v1, v2 etc) need to be added e.g. (typev2.off) Any file which does not have ORCi quality shall have added a suffix _C example (type_C.off) or e.g. (type_Cv2.off). In addition offset header data (part of the file) could use some (new) instructions.

RATIONALE

90% (?) of measurements for new certificates use (partly) existing data from the central database. No Club certificate should be issued without the reuse of sistership hull data, this means to find a sistership is only through type and the offset file name.

The number of Rating Offices is growing so there is a need for standardization. This process would be simplified when all local Rating Offices would use the same convention for identification. It is understood that existing file names cannot be changed but you have to start somewhere, sometime.