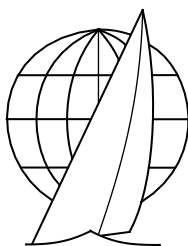


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Minutes of the meeting of the Offshore Classes & Events Committee held on Sunday 8th November 2015 in Sanya, Hainan, China.

Members presents:

Paolo Massarini (ITA, Chairman)	Wolfgang Schäfer (GER)	Patrick Lindqvist (FIN)
Bruno Finzi (ITA)	Edoardo Recchi (ITA)	Zoran Grubisa (CRO)
José Frers (ARG)	Thomas Nilsson (NOR)	Ecky von der Mosel (GER)
Don Genitempo (USA)	Sten Edholm (SWE)	

Apologies:

Eva Holmsten (SWE), Steve Benjamin (USA), Javier Sans (ESP), Josè Martinez (ESP)

Observers:

Michal Korneszczyk (POL)	Per Boymo (NOR)	Akis Tsalikis (GRE)
Robert Jacobsen (GER)	Vassilii Alekseev (RUS)	Michael Quist (DEN)
Panayotis Papapostolous (GRE)	Dobbs Davis (USA)	Moja Lesny (POL)
Fabrizio Pirina (ITA)	Ab Pasman (NED)	Egon Elstein (EST)

1. In accordance with the plan the meeting started in time with a short introduction including thanks to Emilio Feliu Serra (ESP) for his many years of service to this Committee.

2. The Minutes of 10th November 2014 have been approved.

3. Reports of 2015 Championships:

European and World Championships reports have been read mentioning the most significant subjects and the winners (reports available in separate documents). Special mention has been made about the perfect organization of the European Championship in Parnu (EST). Zoran Grubisa reported on the ORC Sportboat European Championship held on Lake Balaton (HUN).

4. CDL has been successfully used in the two most important ORC Championships during the 2015 season as well as in some countries where the CDL has been embraced by their MNA's. The suggested CLD class breaks have been used to form three classes at the Worlds in Barcelona, while at the Europeans, Class A & B have been grouped together in accordance with the Green Book, and the lower limit for Class C (8.5 m) was lowered to 8.0 m to accommodate the local Baltic fleet characteristics.

5. Submissions:

ITA 4: the submission is supported with the aim of including OSR Category 4 in the definition of Sportboat. Boats reflecting only Category 5 will be treated separately and the two groups will race in different divisions in accordance with the desires of the Organizing Authorities.

RUS 7: submission approved.

RUS 8: the intention of the submission is agreed by this Committee and it is deferred to the Measurement Committee

MANCOM 1: the submission is supported and approved.

6. Review of Green Book: no review except some “house keeping” work to be completed by the Staff.

7. Report on SuperYacht - ORC cooperation

Items 3d and 7 of the Agenda have been treated together with a brief summary of the ORCsy Committee (reported below), with work performed and involving the important contributions of the YCCS Sport Director, Edoardo Recchi, as one of the most important SuperYacht event organizers. Recchi also announced that Nautor Swan has decided to adopt ORC (Club and International) at their future events starting in September 2016 at the Rolex Swan Cup held in Porto Cervo and managed by the YCCS.

ORC, in cooperation and under the indications and guidance of SYRA, developed between 2014 and 2015 the project of the ORC SuperYacht Rule. This project includes the collection of all the data available through different designers, sailmakers, builders and manufacturers, of all the information related to all yachts intending to participate and entering effectively the 2015 SuperYacht racing season (stability booklets, offset files, drawings and sailplans, etc.).

The ORC selected a dedicated "working team" with the target of analyzing this data, creating a dedicated VPP, and preparing the relevant certificates. The ORCsy team also created a specific scoring software to manage the staggered or pursuit starting procedures and the different wind and sea state conditions.

The SuperYacht fleet in the ORCsy database has more than 100 yachts that competed during the 2015 season in 7 events from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean areas, and the ORCsy rule has been successfully utilized in all. During the season the ORCsy VPP has been steadily developed and improved, reaching 48 versions to accommodate the different needs emerging through the different races, yachts variations and natural development. This year there were 107 ORCsy certificates issued, all controlled and issued by the ORC Central Office.

A dedicated ORC SuperYacht section has been organized in the ORC web site to give access to the Sailor Service to SuperYacht owners and captains/team managers. The ORCsy team is now fully committed in the 2016 season preparation starting at the end of January in Antigua.

8. Calendar of future Events:

Michael Quist, representing the 2016 Worlds organizing authority, and Panayotis Papapostolous together with Akis Tsalikis, representing the 2016 Europeans organizing authority have given presentations and updates of the status related to the organization of the two events (ppt and videos).

The Committee discussed and agreed about the change of Worlds venue from Tuborg Harbour to the Skovshoved Marina.

Dates are agreed, websites and links on the orc.org page will be soon on line. It has been mentioned that 40 boats are already entered at the Worlds. ORC representatives are working in close conjunction with both event organizers to provide as much support and help for the success of the event.

Future proposals: the OC&C is fully supporting the Trieste bid for the 2017 ORC Worlds in Porto San Rocco Marina, Trieste (Italy) and asks Congress to ratify. Further details to be agreed after the ratification of the Congress. Dates to be agreed but the feeling is to push for the first available proposed dates 25 June-1 July, 2-8 July.

Bids for the 2017 ORC Europeans have been received from Gdansk (Poland) and Marstrand (Sweden). After having read and heard both presentations, a Q&A session with the bidders, the Committee consulted in a closed meeting and, considering all the pros and cons of the two bids, decided to support the Gdansk bid. Dates and further details to be agreed after the ratification of the Congress.

The ORC Sportboat European Championship bid from Porto di Mare Chioggia (Italy) has been discussed and the Committee supports the proposal. The proposed dates, 24-29 May, are to be confirmed. It has been agreed that this Championship will use the OSR Cat. 4 requirements as a condition to accept entries.

An update on the proposal for the 2018 ORC Worlds in Le Hague/Schevingen (NED) has been given by Ab Pasman, with more details, such as the commitment made to the event by the city, layout of the harbor and racing areas, etc.

Other events: RFEV has requested to organize the Mediterranean Championship within the Trofeo de la Reina in 2016. The Committee did not support the request.

The Famagousa Nautical Club (Cyprus) requested the ORC to support an event there and to award a perpetual ORC Trophy deciding together on the new name for the existing “Andres Ioannides Trophy Race”.

9. Organization of the Committee

The Committee composition has been briefly mentioned and it has been agreed to defer any possible changes to 2016.

10. Any other business

It has been noted that the schedule of meetings should be reviewed for 2016 AGM.

No other business was proposed, so the meeting ended at 16:00, with thanks given to Dobbs Davis of the Promotion and Development Committee for donation of this additional time from his committee.

Sanya, 8th November 2015