International Umpires Sub-committee Agenda

The International Umpires Sub-committee met online. A Closed Meeting took place from 10:00 – 12:00 hours UTC +1 on Monday 19 October 2020.

An Open Meeting will take place from 10:00 – 13:00 hours UTC +1 on Wednesday 21 October 2020

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda

1. Closed Meeting (Mon 19 Oct 10:00-12:00 hrs)  8. IU Manuals
2. Open Meeting (Wed 21 Oct 10:00-12:00 hrs)  9. Calls & Rules
3. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda  10. IU Tests
4. Race Officials Roles, Qualifications & Competences  11. Education and Development
5. Online Applications & IT  12. Race Officials Committee
7. Conflict of Interest  14. Any Other Business

Present (Closed):

Sally Burnett (Chair) (GBR)
Sungchul Jeong (KOR)
Richard Slater (AUS)

Present (Open):

Sally Burnett (Chair) (GBR)
Sungchul Jeong (KOR)
Flavio Naveira (ARG)
Sofia Truchanowicz (POL)

Bill O’Hara (IRL)
Jacob Mossin Andersen (DEN)
Richard Slater (AUS)

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1. Closed Meeting (Mon 19 Oct 10:00 - 1200hrs)
   (a) All welcomed by IUSC chair Sally Burnett.
   (b) Attendees and Apologies – Apologies received from Bill O’Hara (IRL) and Flavio Naveira (ARG)
   (c) Race Official Appointments: Applications for IU international status were considered with recommendations made to pass forward to the Race Officials Committee.
   (d) Performance Investigations: No performance investigations to discuss.
   (e) Commendations: No recommendations put forward by IUSC, but agreed to support IJSC if they proceed to recommend Zvi Ziblat.
   (f) Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors
      The current list of instructors was discussed with confirmation from Sally that further representation is needed from USA and Asia. IUSC recommended Kathy
2. **Open Session (Wednesday 21 Oct 10:00 – 13:00 hrs)**
   (a) All welcomed by IUSC chair Sally Burnett.
   (b) Obituaries- Obituary for Zvi Ziblat.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda**
   (a) 2019 Minutes – minutes for the International Umpire Sub Committee meeting held on Monday 28th October 2019 were noted and approved with no further matters arising.

4. **Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competences**
   (a) IUSC discussed the current RQC document and the positive feedback received from applicants understanding of event requirements following the 2019 changes. IUSC considered the format and content of the IU section.
   (b) To consider a recommendation to ROC – Recommendation for no changes to be made within the IU section for 2021 document.

5. **Online Applications & IT provision for Race Officials**
   WS Megan Griggs provided a report on the application platform and the use of Survey Monkey, noting changes made for the 2020 application process.
   Richard Slater- highlighted a positive development would be to register events along the quad and not just at the time of application. Once logged these events could be categorised at L1 or L2 giving applicants a clearer understanding of whether or not they had sufficient events for a successful application.

6. **Conflict of Interest**
   To discuss conflict of interest and associated professionalism.
   Bill O’Hara- noted the lack of opportunities for MNAs and sailors to give opinions. Perhaps events announce the official list of officials and any potential COI, giving the opportunity for competitors to note any concerns ahead of an event.
   Richard Slater- Noted this in reference to ‘grey’ areas of perceived conflict only.
   Sally Burnett confirmed discussion shall be taken forward to ROC meeting.
   **ACTION- To take forward to new committee**

7. **IU Manuals**
   (a) Match Racing Manual
   Sally Burnett reported on updated Match Racing Manual completed by Gary Manual in 2019 and published on WS website. He was now working on a further update ready for the rule changes in 2021. IUSC would like to thank Gary for his considerable time and effort in maintaining the MR Manual.

Lindgren (USA- based in South Carolina) and Sungchul Jeong (KOR) to be approached to be test administrators, and if they agree, be appointed as test administrators. Sungchul Jeong agreed to this request at the meeting.

IUSC Chair Sally Burnett updated on the status of the trainee instructors Sofia Truchanowicz and Flavio Naviera and the need to offer the opportunity to develop.
(b) Team Racing Manual

Sally Burnett reported of update made by Chris Atkins and draft submitted. Bill O’Hara advised of uncertainty of language needing to remain consistent across all manuals. Suggestion of new draft with section to ensure understanding of wording. IUSC thanked Chris Atkins, Cxema Pico, Jon Napier, Richard Thompson and Rob Overton for their work on the TR Manual.

**ACTION**- to ensure this document is completed by current committee.

(c) Umpired Fleet Racing/Medal Racing Manual

Chris Lindsay reported of minimal changes since the draft was sent to IUSC including 2021 rule changes but would review regarding the concerns over the language. The committee thanks Chris for his work on the FR Manual.

8. Calls & Rules

(a) Rapid Response Calls

Report received from Richard Slater as chair of RR MR and on behalf of Richard Thompson of RR TR. (MR + TR) Clean up and updates to the Call Books are close to being finalised. 2 Rapid response calls for MR in July, pending publication. Next year propose to do away with supplements and will keep updating the book and publish it each year

(b) FR Rapid Response and Rules Working Party

Jan Stage reported that a draft was pending and that there was discussion in RRC on how to handle FR rapid response calls

(c) Rules Development

Richard Slater reported on high speed rules to be updated for the 2021 cycle in the coming months.

9. IU Tests

(a) To receive a report on the status of the IU tests in all disciplines

Sally Burnett advised of positive role of Mats Bjorkland in all test related queries. The committee thanked him for taking over this important role from Marianne Middelthon. Current active IU tests as follows:

- Team Racing D* and E
- Match Racing 7 and 8
- Fleet Racing A, B and C

All tests shall need checking for the new rules, with imminent need for a new MR due to many renewals having taken MR 7 and 8.

**ACTION**- Current committee to instigate the update of all tests prior to January 1st 2021. New committee to work with Mats to develop new MR test.

10. Education and Development

(a) Budget for 2021 – Request to ROC of £12,000, ensuring provision is allocated for mentoring opportunities.
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(b) Seminars and Clinics

To note the 2020 program – both cancelled seminars POL and NZL would like to proceed in future when international travel is possible.

Bill O’Hara highlighted the confusion of the cancellation process for seminars, who has the final say.

**ACTION – WS executive office to agree wording with new committee for inclusion in seminar application.**

To discuss the 2021 program.

(c) Seminar and Clinic content- Chris Lindsay and Chris Atkins reported on IRL and the RYA use of zoom for virtual seminars, outlining the positives and limitations of this and what has been learnt for future. Low cost and removal of geographical boundaries noted as positives alongside limitation of less confident delegates being able to ‘hide’ in the seminar. Jan Stage noted the potential time distance between attending an online seminar and then an event which would need further consideration.

**ACTION – new committee to explore how this could be used both for IU seminars and clinics and also IU CPD.**

11. Race Officials Committee

IUSC made no further recommendations to the Race Officials Committee on any areas of its agenda not already considered by the Sub-committee.

12. Submissions

*Please refer to the 2020 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings)*

(a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the an Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:

Submission 009-20 – Regulation 25.8 - Reject
Submission 031-20 – Regulation 10.5(f)(iii) - No opinion
Submission 038-20 – World Sailing Race Officials Administration – Approve however we need a way to evaluate peoples’ physical ability
Submission 039-20 – World Sailing Race Officials Administration – Approve but need to be able to extend validity of tests (Reg 31.12)

To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 040-20 through to 046-20

IUSC approved submissions 040-20 to 045-20. However 043-20 consider introducing generally in FR and MR).

Submission 046-20 No opinion.

**ACTION- New committee to consider practical test or additional testing for race officials regarding physical capabilities**

13. Next Quadrennial Term

As noted in the above actions, IUSC recommend the following items to the incoming IUSC.
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- Continued discussion on Conflict of Interest
- Requirement of a new MR Test
- Explore how Zoom this could be used both for IU seminars and clinics and also IU CPD
- Consideration of practical test for monitoring umpires physical capabilities on the water.
- Make it possible/easier to attend the annual IUSC meeting remotely

14. Any Other Business

No additional business to consider.