The Racing Rules Committee met between 19:00 – 22:00 hrs on Tuesday 27 October 2020 by videoconference.

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

Present:

John Doerr (GBR) – Chairman
Bernard Bonneau (FRA)
Helmut Czasny-Bonomo (AUT)
Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)
Bill O'Hara (IRL)
Andrus Poksi (EST)
Chun Qu (CHN)
Ion Echave (ESP)

Richard Slater (AUS) – Vice-Chairman
Jim Capron (USA)
Dick Rose (USA)
John Parrish (NZL) (non-voting)
Marina Psychogyiou (GRE)
Natalia Chubenko (RUS)
Richard Thompson (GBR)
Yann Rocherieux (FRA)

In attendance:

Jon Napier – Governance & Rules Consultant
Ana Sanchez del Campo Ferrer – Vice President

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked members for work over the year, particularly with the production of the new Racing Rules of Sailing.

The Chief Executive Officer addressed the meeting.

(b) Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

(c) Declaration of Conflicts of Interests

Richard Slater declared an interest in the 36th America’s Cup and the Australian Olympic Sailing Team.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of its meeting of 30 October 2019 (which have been circulated and approved after the meeting).

(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.
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3. Submissions for Council
   (a) Submission 044-20
      
      Recommendation to Council: Approve (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

4. Other Submissions
   (a) Submission 011-20
      
      Opinion: Did not discuss

5. Racing Rules of Sailing Submissions
   The Committee considered the following submissions concerning the Racing Rules of Sailing:
   (a) Urgent Submission 046-20
      
      Decision: Approve (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)
      The Committee approved by a 75% majority the rule change as an urgent rule change to take effect on 1 January 2021

6. The Case Book
   (a) Submission 040-20
      
      The Committee considered amendments to Submission 040-20
      
      Decision
      The amendments to Proposal 1 were approved
      (13 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)
      As a consequence of the approval of Proposal 1, the Chairman withdrew Proposal 2.
      
      Decision
      The amendments to Proposal 3 were approved
      (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)
      
      Decision
      The amendments to Proposal 4 were approved
      (11 in favour, 3 against, 0 abstain)
      
      The overall submission as then debated
      
      Decision: Approve with the following amendments (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain):

      Answer
      Two boats on opposite tacks are on a beat to windward when, after their starting signal, when, after their starting signal,
      (1) when the proper course for the course each of them would choose in order to sail the course and finish as soon as possible, in the absence of all other boats, is close-hauled or above, or
      
      (2) when one or both of them are overstanding a close-hauled layline to their next mark. A boat on the windward side of a close-hauled layline to a leeward mark is not 'overstanding' that layline, she is 'above' that layline.

      Examples
In each of the situations 1 to 6 situation diagrams that follow, the boats shown are on opposite tacks on a beat to windward approaching and are either below, on or overstanding a close-hauled layline to the next mark of their course. This mark may be a rounding mark, a passing or limit mark, a gate mark or a finishing mark.

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In situation 7 each pair of boats in the diagram below is on a beat to windward and the starboard-tack boats are each subject to rule 16.2.

7. **The Call Books**

(a) Submission 041-20

*Decision: Approve (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)*

(b) Submission 042-20

*Decision: Approve (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)*

(c) Submission 043-20

*Decision: Approve (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)*

*The Committee requested that a submission be made for the Call be converted to a Case next year.*

(d) Submission 045-20

*Decision: Approve (14 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)*

8. **Reports**

The Committee received reports of the Working Parties and Groups of the Committee:

(a) Racing Rules Committee Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.

Dick Rose noted that the Changes and Correction document would be issued following this meeting.

(b) Case Book Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. It was noted that the new Case Book would be issued this year.

(c) Q&A Panel

The Committee noted the report of the Panel. It was noted that an updated Q&A Booklet was being handed over with suggested Q&As to retain.

The Chairman thanked the Panel Chair for all her work over the term.

(d) Team Racing Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.

(e) Match Racing Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.

(f) High Speed Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.
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(g) Boards Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. Andrus Poksi noted that the test rules were now official ruled and that a number of consequential edits to Appendix B had been identified due to changes in Appendix G.

(h) Appendices JKLS Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. The Chairman informed the Committee that they should expect electronic votes in November on the remaining Appendices.

(i) RRS – ERS Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. The Committee noted that the Equipment Committee and Equipment Rules Sub-committee had requested that the joint working party continue in the next term.

(j) Special Rules Panel
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party

(k) Fleet Race Umpiring Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party and the forthcoming request for the approval of Appendix UF.
It was noted that Addendum Q will need to be reviewed.
Following the publication of Appendix UF, the Chairman expressed the view that Rapid Response Calls should be made via the same system as for Match and Team Racing.
Bill O’Hara expressed the view that a common call book should be developed.

(l) Rule 69 & Judicial Matters Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. It was noted the Misconduct Guidance would need to be updated.

(m) Radio Sailing Rules Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. Richard Thompson noted that a Call Book should be ready for publication next year.

(n) Appendix CBS Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. Marina Psichogiou informed the Committee that a new version had been approved by the Working Party and would shortly be submitted for the Committee’s approval.

(o) Missing Marks Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party

(p) Definition Finish & Rule 28 Working Party
The Chairman reported that the Working Party had concluded its work.

**Decision**

The Working Party is dissolved.

(q) Waypoint App Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party

(r) Appendix SY Working Party
The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. Jim Capron commented that Appendix SY will need to be updated, along with Appendix RV. It was noted that the new rule 28 makes it difficult to use a time penalty for OCS.

9. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees
   The Committee received and noted the reports from the Committee’s representatives on Other Committees.

10. Recommendations Not Based on Submission
    There were no other recommendations to Council.

11. Annual Report
    The Committee noted the Chairman’s report to Council.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting.