CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

5 October 2020

Oceanic and Offshore Committee Report, October 2020 World Sailing Annual Meeting, online.
Stan Honey, Chair
Matt Allen, Vice Chair
Will Apold, OSR Chair

The Oceanic and Offshore Committee, and its critical safety-related OSR Subcommittee, had a relatively quiet 2020 given the impact of the coronavirus. Nevertheless, we made progress in the important areas of enhancing safety, supporting the new Offshore Mixed Doubles Olympic event, increasing cooperation among rating systems, and improving keel attachment scantlings/inspections. We have worked with the Racing Rules Committee on a variety of topics that affect offshore racing. Details are below:

- **UMS Working Party, Jason Smithwick, Director of RORC Rating Office, Chair:** The UMS Working Party comprises representatives of the major rating offices and rating rules around the world including IRC, ORC, and the US Sailing Offshore Office. The working party made progress in coordinating measurements used by ORC and IRC with the aim of creating increasingly common definitions and measurement methods. The working party also has had input coordinating changes with the ERS. The UMS work was critical to the scoring system proposed for use in the 2020 ORC/IRC World Championships, which unfortunately fell victim to the coronavirus. The technical staffs of the rating systems set a good example with their productive cooperation.

- **Keel Improvements Working Party, Jason Smithwick, Director of RORC Rating Office, Chair:** The Keel Improvements Working Party reviewed information from naval architects and marine engineers from the Notified Bodies and wrote a letter to IMO recommending that ISO12215 Part 9 be opened for revision to investigate the validity of the keel fatigue requirement and the option of making certain recommendations a requirement under the standard.

- **OOC members supported Alan Green in a World Sailing response to the IMO regarding polar sailing.**

- **Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Subcommittee, Will Apold Chair.** The Subcommittee work this year has been focused on:
  - Review and analysis of losses or deaths of sailors during racing. These reviews are the laboratory for the OSRs which allow improvements in the regulations. OOC and OSR members continue to support independent safety related incident reports.
  - Addressing keel and rudder structural integrity through improving requirements for periodic inspections.
  - The OSR Subcommittee has had a long-running project to update the Guide to Offshore Personal Safety book and training material. Due to lack of staff resources no progress has been made over the last several years.

- **Offshore Mixed Doubles Olympic Event:**
  - The OOC worked with the EC on Submission 30-20, 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition, Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore – Olympic Equipment. As part of that project OOC
members joined EC members in online meetings with 10 manufacturers and drafting the submission.

- Ten OOC members are serving on Working Parties:
  - Equipment, led by Dina Kowalyshyn, and
  - Event, led by Sarah Kenny.

- A new organization has been founded to represent the emerging discipline of doublehanded offshore racing, called Offshore Doubles Association. The website is www.offshoredoubles.org Matt, Stan, and Dina (chair of Equipment Committee), and staff of WS, have supported the emergence of this organization in the hopes that it will be able to represent the discipline of offshore doublehanded racing, much the way that a class organization does for other classes. This addresses the fact that there is no one class used for offshore doublehanded racing. Larry Rosenfeld is the President.

- Oceanic Concordat. The Oceanic Concordat provides a forum for Oceanic event organizers to present their projects, share calendars and share problems with respect to entries and media coverage, and to share new ideas. The Major Oceanic Event Organizers met on 12 December 2019.