Race Management Sub-Committee Minutes

The Race Management Sub-committee met online.

A Closed Meeting took place from 09:00 – 13:00 hours UTC +1 on Tuesday 20 October 2020.

An Open Meeting took place from 09:00 – 13:00 hours UTC +1 on Saturday 24 October 2020.

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

1. Closed Session (Tues 20 Oct 09:00-13:00 hrs) 7. Race Management Procedures and Activities
2. Open Session (Sat 24 Oct 09:00-13:00 hrs) 8. Race Officials Committee
3. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda 9. Submissions
4. Application Procedures and Requirements 10. AOB
5. Strategy, Development, Tasks & Responsibilities

Present: Closed

Tom Duggan (TD) Chair (USA) John Parrish (JP) (NZL) Qu Chun (QC) (CHN)
Adrian Stogall (AS) (GBR) Con Murphy (CM) (IRL) Hakan Anderssen (HA) (SWE)
Marina Psychogyiou (MP) (GRE) Tatiana Ermakovaa (TE) (RUS)

Present: Open

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Marina Psychogyiou (MP) (GRE) Bojan Gale (SLO)

CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only  SP = Supporting Paper

1. Closed Meeting (Tues 20 Oct 09:00 - 1300hrs)
   (a) All welcomed by RMSC chair Tom Duggan
   (b) Attendees and Apologies - Apologies received from Bojan Gale (SLO)
   (c) Race Official Appointments: Applications for RMSC status were considered with recommendations made to pass forward to the Race Officials Committee.

   ACTION- TD to write a letter for the WS executive office to pass forward to all 2021 applicants, reinforcing the requirements for completing event listings.

   (d) Performance Investigations
   Madeleine Dunn gave a report of 2020 performance investigation
   (e) Commendations
   RMSC did not list any commendations.
   (f) Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors
i) The current instructor, administrator and assessor list was reviewed with Tomasz Chamera (Seminar), Helmet Jakobowitz (Clinic) and Qu Chun (CHN) instructors removed due to no longer being IRO’s.

ii) To note the appointment of new instructors/administrators/assessors - No additional instructors to be considered, shall be left for new quad to proceed with

2. Open Meeting (Saturday 24 October 09:00 – 13:00 hrs)
   (a) All welcomed by RMSC chair Tom Duggan
   (b) Apologies received from Tatiana Ermakovaa.
   (c) Obituaries- Noted obituaries for all Race Officials who have passed in 2020, including IRO Bill Bell.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda
   (a) Minutes - The minutes of the previous Race Management Sub-Committee meeting held on Sunday 28 October 2019 were approved with no further comments or matters arising not already considered in this agenda.

4. Application Procedures and Requirements
   (a) To discuss the RQC document and any updates for implementation – following the 60 day ruling requirement brought into the 2020 version and with the COVID-19 policy regarding IRO certifications, no changes outlined for 2021 version.
   (b) RMSC noted the COVID document worked well in helping offer a solution for RO applications following the impacted year of events.
   (c) WS Megan Griggs provided a report on the online application platform and the use of Survey Monkey, noting changes made for the 2020 application process.

**RMSC noted the difficulty in remembering events and would like to further investigation into what may be possible to support applicants in remembering/listing events.**

**ACTION – WS office to send communication reinforcing use of PDF document to collect events throughout 4 year terms.**

5. Education and Training
   (a) 2020 programme review – JP noted the pause on race management education due to covid and travel restrictions, postponed seminars in Lisbon, POR and California, USA alongside clinic in Algeria.

2020 (and beyond) programme proposals and recommendations – JP highlighted all future planning currently a loose agenda as uncertainty remains on travel restrictions. Received interest from BEL and NED.

**ACTION- WS Executive Office to follow up with NED Remco de Goerderen-development being made for hosting Sailing World Championships.**

(b) Race Management Education Materials – highlighted the development of online learning. Use of online programme to organise a seminar for existing IROs to provide continuous learning.
6. **Strategy, Development, Tasks and Responsibilities**

To discuss activity reports:

- a) Chairman’s Report
  Report received from TD.
- b) Working Group Reports
  To receive reports from the following working groups:
  i) IRO Grouping – TD noted the use of the grouping process for event appointments and developing officials and as a bi-annual process believe it can continue to develop next year.
  ii) Regatta reports – CM reported on the 2020 regatta reports received.
  iii) Race Management Manual – Following the 2019 re-write of the manual, CM noted that small revisions shall be required to cover 2021 rule changes and to the organisation and management of the kiteboard events section due to foiling development. QC noted the need to include an appendix for parasailing or help them develop their own version.
  iv) NOTED - WS to follow up with Parasailing Manager, Massimo on this development. AS volunteered to assist this.
  v) Coaches, Athletes and Other Committees – MD highlighted discussion from Coaches Commission regarding starting position and over use of uniform flag.
  vi) NOTED- WS to open conversation with Coaches Commission and AS on this.
  vii) Race Management Policies JP stated that there were two additions to the Fleet Racing policy currently with ROC. These are about Heat mitigation and wording for AP/H and N/H to ensure sailors return to shore immediately when these flags are displayed.
  viii) Appointments - WS Maddie Dunn reported on behalf of the Event Appointments Working Party, reporting on the limited status of appointments in 2020, and the development of communication between EAWP, executive office and sub-committee in the last quad. SB noted this process as a positive development for umpiring.
  ix) ROC Working parties
  x) Manuals – As noted above, CM also provided updated on the website working party.
  xi) Conflict of Interest - Noted minimal development on last year. Highlighted the requirement for a set of guidelines for RO to understand what a conflict is/is not to help allow officials to understand any roles they can accept that shall not jeopardise potential appointments. MP noted a need to gather sailors opinion on this, appreciating with loss of WC’s they’re less events and therefore more difficult to train officials.
  xii) Race Officials cost/payment
  xiii) Principal Event Guidelines – the loss of World Cup’s shall make it harder to train officials. JP noted the difficulty to get a large number of principal events, however considered easier to run and therefore more experience at smaller events may reflect better officials.
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xiv) Match Racing – Tatiana chairs WP, MD reported – new updated document with further appendices.

xv) Fast Boats – No discussion

7. Race Management Procedures and Activities

To discuss and review changes to the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing regarding Race Management

MP provided a report of the rule changes that affect Race Management.

8. Race Officials Committee

(a) To discuss the proposal of any future submissions

To make any recommendations to the Race Officials Committee on any areas of its agenda not already considered by the Sub-committee.

John Parrish highlighted the need for a submission about AP/H and N/H saying boats must immediately go ashore. JP does not recall a situation of using these flags without wanting sailors to immediately return to shore. Supported by Adrian Stoggall who highlighting the control and authority needed by race management for safety reasons.

Tom Duggan agreed tweaking of the wording is needed to reflect the meaning to go ashore immediately.

Adrian Stoggall also noted a need for rule to enable a race to continue when one gate mark goes missing and cannot be replaced in time. Unsure how this can be achieved in a rule. It is usually included in sailing instructions.

TD noted the importance of flagging things that have become common practice in sailing instructions and the need to transfer into rules.

9. Submissions

Please refer to the 2020 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings

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

xvi) Submission 009-20 – Regulation 25.8 - REJECT

xvii) Submission 031-20 – Regulation 10.5(f)(iii) – NO OPINION

xviii) Submission 038-20 – World Sailing Race Officials Administration - APPROVE

xix) Submission 039-20 – World Sailing Race Officials Administration - APPROVE

To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 045-20 through to 045-20

10. AOB

Any other business for discussion by the Sub Committee

WS Michael Downing reported on Digital Officiating, with the suggestion on RMSC providing a distinct set of standards within the next 12 months with the aim to developing a technical system in place in 2 years time.
NOTED - WS executive office to work with RMSC to begin initial outline of digital requirements continuing with the development begun for T2020.