

International Measurers Sub Committee Agenda



The International Measurers Sub-Committee will meet at 09:30 – 17:00 hours at the Hotel NH Malaga, Spain on Monday 13th November 2023.

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes and Agenda
3. Application Procedure and Requirements
4. Education and Development
5. Event Appointment
6. World Sailing Classes and IMSC
7. EQRSC & IMSC
8. IM Report System
9. IM Grouping
10. Race Officials Committee
11. Submissions
12. Closed Session (closed to observers)

Presenters:

C – Chair, Aileen Loo ROE - Race Officials Manager DD - Dimitris Dimou

AF – Alex Finsterbusch

Attendees:

Chair, Aileen Loo (AL) Vice Chair, Alistair Deaves (AD) Dimitris Dimou (DD)

Agnes Lill (AL)

Opening of the Meeting

1.1 Welcome by the Chair

Aileen Loo, Chair welcomed all sub-committee members to the meeting, sharing thanks for the work they had put in during the last 12 months.

1.2 Attendees and Apologies

Aileen Loo – Chair, Alistair Deaves – Vice Chair, Dimitris Dimou (GRE) and Agnes Lill (EST) were present for the meeting.

Apologies received from Alex Finsterbusch (ARG), Jurgen Cluytmans (BEL) and Haluk Suntay (TUR)

1.3 Obituaries

Shared obituaries to remember Race Officials Ron Yaffe ISR (IJ/IRO), Ewa Andersson SWE (IJ/IU) and Ralph Roberts NZL (IJ/IU) who have shared many contributions to race officiating and sadly passed in 2023.

Minutes and Agenda

1.4 Minutes

The minutes of the previous International Measurers Sub-Committee meeting held on Sunday 23 October 2023 were considered with no matters arising outside those already covered in this agenda.

Application Procedures and Requirements

To consider any changes to the format and content of the IM section of the Roles, Qualifications and Competencies Document, including event lists for certain Classes.

To discuss the examination requirements and Appendix A.

IMSC reviewed the first draft for the 2023 RQC document, including content of the IM section and 'general' section changes and noted the following recommendations.

For IMSC section, the Sub-committee confirmed to update all items related to event reports to accept reports if completed by 1 person at the event.

IMSC would like to ask ROC for event listing to be returned to table form version, to provide clearer understanding to officials.

IMSC questioned the amendment to the designated period and shall raise in Race Officials Committee meeting for further understanding.

IMSC supported keeping Appendix A for a further year.

ACTION – The executive office to work with all MNAs to declare who is the nominated / authorised person for MNA endorsement for first time applicant.

Education, Training and Development

1.5 Seminars and Clinics

(a) To review the 2023 program.

DD gave a report on the education run in 2023, an IM clinic held in CHI ahead of the Pan-Am Games conducted by Alex Finsterbusch. A seminar was held in FRA ahead of the P2024 Olympic Games, conducted by Dimitris Dimou and Jurgen Cluytmans.

DD noted not enough education held in 2023 and a need for more in 2024, highlighting attempts made in 2023 for a clinic in Singapore but a response was not received.

DD reinforced the priority for clinics to teach the basic requirements for equipment inspection, with seminar focus for those who are interested in IM/ would like to connect to a class, with the IM education process not to create class experts and teach class rules, but to teach equipment rules of sailing, with knowledge on event requirements how to do a protest/ how to behave/ interact with jury etc.

IMSC noted a certificate of participation template from WS for clinic attendees could help encourage attendance to clinics.

Reinforced IMSC attempted to work with WS to ask those classes who needed seminar attendance to become IMs for the class in line with Regulation 10.5.

In order to improve communication with the classes, it was suggested a direct contact (email list) with the class TC Chair or the representative authorised by the class to talk to WS. These details should be available from the Class Report. **To be followed up with Office.**

Website - it was noted that navigating the website to find information, especially on seminars and education, was much harder than it needed to be.

(b) To discuss the 2024 program

IMSC discussed three applications received for seminars in 2024, Japan, China and India, noting there is not a requirement for 3 seminars in Asia next year.

Confirmed recommendation for 1 clinic and 2 seminar in Asia next year, alongside a clinic and seminar in Europe, with one seminar after 14th October to be utilised for the next application year.

For forward planning IMSC discussed potential of another seminar in North America for 2025, noting the seminar in 2022 had many attendees who failed the test. To support this plan, IMSC aim to host a clinic in North America in 2024 with progression for a seminar in 2025.

1.6 International Development

- (a) To discuss how educational plans align with aims for future race official development in terms of identification of new talent, gender equity and geographical spread.

IMSC to encourage IMs to identify promising new officials and share this information to IMSC, to share education pathway and where possible identify potential mentorship opportunities with existing IMs.

- (b) To discuss how the IMSC can assist Classes in complying with Reg. 10.5 (linked with item 6)

- (c) DD reported on the manual shall need to be updated in 2024 when the Equipment Rules and Racing Rules are updated for the next quad. Chair, AL identified the requirement for IQ Foil and Kites class to provide some guidelines for class process.

ACTION – Aileen to speak with classes to provide input for the manual.

Event Appointment

Megan Griggs gave an update on behalf of the EAWP, outlining the statistical representation of appointments made this calendar year. The report highlighted the 2023 priorities of gender equity, geographical representation and opportunity for development of race officials. This year, there were 290 appointments, with appointments based on World Championships and the Paris Test Event (in contrast with 130 appointments in most years). The EAWP are responsible for appointment to high level events, with no structure for bringing officials into other events and highlighted the need for stronger cohesion with Olympic classes to open opportunities for experience at other suitable events. The report identified the inclusion of travel grants for 2023 appointments to reduce the financial burden for offering event opportunities for further out regions, whilst also utilising the funds to create 'additional appointments, with focus on learning and development.

World Sailing Classes & IMSC

Alistair Deaves (AD) opened discussion on the possibility for IM event report to collect information on the measurers attending class events. If this is possible, is

there a requirement for an additional IM report to collect the same information. IMSC to open discussion with Pilar and Megan on class event reports.

IMSC propose to add section for class to submit name the Chief Measurer & Technical Representative in their Classes Report

EQRSC & IMSC

Dimitris Dimou (DD) Equipment Rules Sub-Committee management of class rules that IMS are not directly involved with, confirmed there had been a handful of requests for international measurers for interpretation of the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee. DD also confirmed any rule changes received are shared to all IMs to keep updated.

IM Report System

AL reported on the IM report process which begun in 2022, and the need for IMSC to collect information on what events IM's are attending. In 2023, the requirement became mandatory in the RQC document, AL identified a requirement to chase International Measurers in this years application process to submit their reports. Confirmed a requirement to reshare information out to all IMs to remind of the requirement for IM reports. The discussion re-enforced the need for a database based on SailorIDs to simplify the report process.

ACTION – Executive Office to highlight in communication on application the requirement to submit event reports.

Executive office to remind all IMs the process and timeline required for event reports.

IM Grouping

1.7 To receive an update on the 2023 grouping procedure for IMSC.

IMSC confirmed grouping process was completed in August 2023, with minimal queries on the grouping process. 5 candidates submitted information outside of the deadline, and IMSC confirmed these names shall be included in an update. AD opened discussion on including Olympic Chair and Vice Chair roles as principal events, as acknowledges these appointments reflect pinnacle role for an IM but negatively impacts grouping result as they cannot be included.

IMSC made decision to review the grouping in February 2024 for any IM who would like to be reviewed. Full process repeated in August 2024.

ACTION – IMSC grouping to be updated with those additional names in December 2023.

Race Officials Committee

No additional recommendation made by IMSC to the Race Officials Committee on and areas of it's agenda not already considered by the Sub-Committee.

Submissions

Please refer to the 2023 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/governance/conferences/2023-world-sailing-annual-conference/2023-world-sailing-annual-conference-submission-papers/>

- (a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the reporting committee:
 - (i) 108-23 - Appointment of Olympic Race Officials
 - (ii) 110-23 - Regulation 25.8.13 – RRS J1.1(7) – RRS N 1.10
 - (iii) 115-23 - Regulation 31.15 -
 - (iv) 116-23 – Regulation 31.17 & 6.10.7.2(I)
- (b) To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 001-23 through to 097-23 and 201-23 to 206-23.
 - (i) 022-23 – Part 5, Introduction, Definition Party, Definition Protest
 - (ii) 023-23 – Rule 60.4(A)
 - (iii) 025-22 – Rule A2
 - (iv) 026-23 – Rule 61.2 and 63.5 – Start of Hearing
 - (v) 030-23 – Rule 66.1
 - (vi) 031-23 – Rule 66.2
 - (vii) 042-22 – RSS Gender Neutral Terminology
 - (viii) 083-23 – Rule N1.4(B)
 - (ix) 088-23 – Regulation 25.8.13, RRS J1.1(7) and RRS N1.10
 - (x) 089-23 – RSS Gender Neutral Language

To consider any additional submissions IMSC would like to share opinion on. Submissions 001-23 through to 216-23.

- (a) 102-23
- (b) 103-23
- (c) 104-23
- (d) 105-23
- (e) 106-23

Closed Meeting

12.1 Performance Investigations

- (f) To receive a report on performance investigations

12.2 Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

- (g) To note the current list
- (h) To consider any changes to the current list and any recommendation of new instructors/ administrators and assessors
- (i) To outline SC criteria for appointing new instructors.

Race Official Appointments

- (j) The sub-committee considered the applications for International Measurer first-time and renewal status to be able to make recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.