

Race Management Sub Committee Agenda



The Race Management Sub-Committee was held from
09:30 – 17:00 hours at the Hotel NH Malaga, Spain on
Monday 13th November 2023.

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Presenters:

C – Chair	ROM - Race Officials Manager	FB - Fabian Bach	DB - David Brookes.
CM – Con Murphy		CD - Catherine Duncan (WS)	

Attendees:

Ewa Jodlowska (EJ) Chair (POL)	David Brookes (DB) Vice Chair (AUS)	
Andreas Kuchler (AK) (DEN)	Hakan Anderson (HA) (SWE)	Fabian Bach (FB) (GER)
Francisco Jauregui (FJ) (MEX)	Peter Van den Bossche (PVB) (BEL)	
Peter Van Muyden (PVM) (CAN)	Pinar Coskuner Genc (PCG) (TUR)	Con Murphy (CM) (IRL)

Closed Meeting

Welcome to the Committee by the Chairman

Attendees and Apologies

Race Official Appointments

- (a) To consider application for International Race Officer status and to make recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.

Performance Investigations

- (b) To receive a report on performance investigations

Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

- (c) To note the current list

- (d) To outline any criteria and recommendations for new instructors.

2. Opening of the Meeting

Welcome by the Chair

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

Tomasz Chamera (VP) welcomed all to Malaga and thanked for contribution to IUSC. Tomasz gave an overview on the past year, reflecting on many successful events including the Olympic Test Event, Sailing World Championships, Continental Championships and the start of the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualifiers. TC mentioned the development of the SWCs including Para events, highlighting the importance of this to showcase the inclusivity of the sport. TC confirmed many learnings had been taken from the Test Event by all stakeholders and identified the strong progress made in preparations for next year. Confirmed Paris 2024 Race Official appointments had been made and shall shortly be released.

TC highlighted awareness of the need for better information for Race Officials exploring future development pathways and confirmed the Executive Board see database requirements as a top priority to assist in knowledge and workload of the office. TC identified continuous development remains an outstanding priority and noted the importance of a collaborative approach within the Race Official community and wider stakeholders to offer learning opportunities, reinforcing the need to reach the aims and targets of the International Olympic Committee to reach gender equity and stronger geographic spread to protect the future of the sport.

Attendees and Apologies

Apologies received from Qidong (Tony) Lu (CHN), Anne Malledant (FRA) and Maria Torrijo (ESP)

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.

3. Minutes and Agenda

Minutes

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- (a) The sub-committee approved the minutes of the previous Race Management Sub-Committee meeting held on Sunday 23 October 2023, with no additional matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.

4. Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competencies

- (a) RMSC considered the changes proposed to the 2024 RQC document.

ACTION – RMSC to continue to review and offer and changes no later than mid-January 2024.

- (b) The sub-committee confirmed approval for the extension of Appendix A for a further year.

5. Education, Training and Development

Race Management Seminars and Clinics

- (a) Fabian Bach (FB) gave a verbal update on the Race Management seminars held in 2023 Kiel, Germany (Mar), Santiago, Chi (Oct).
- (b) Catherine Duncan (WS) reported on the Steering the Course initiative and work with Race Management clinics. 5 clinics were held, with 3 held simultaneously in the Caribbean (Bahamas, St Vincent and Grenada), One in Brazil and one in Japan. The most recent clinic in Japan had over 40 attendees, including 18 online attendees, and highlighted the possibility for online attendance to be possible, if the MNA had the suitable personal available to lead. CD confirmed further aims to progress the campaign next year and would like to understand how RMSC can work together to outline suitable locations.
- (c) To discuss the 2024 programme.

FB advised of the possibility of a seminar in Istanbul in 2024, details to be announced shortly on the WS website. No other applications for clinics or seminars have been received to date, WS office to contact MNAs to seek more applications.

DB advised of possibility to work with ASAF on a development pathway in Asia.

Race Management Education Materials

- (d) FB advised current work on reviewing seminar material is ongoing. Broken down into 18 sections with one or two instructors working on each sections. iQ FOiLs and Kites to be added and video material to be updated although it's a challenge to find suitable video material.

ACTION – Updated seminar material ready by Q2 of 2024

Continuous Development

- (e) RMSC discussed the development of education to maintain and further develop the skills of race officials, including the use of internet-based continuous training materials and mentorship schemes subject to resources being available.

ACTION - The WP will develop what is required to and report back to the RMSC by the end of Q1 2024. The RMSC will then move forward with the recommendations and work with the executive office to have a plan and start before Q3 2024.

International Development

WS strategy to increase local sailing/racing in areas of the world that don't have sailing as a sport. RMSC highlighted the requirement to assist with the development and training of local coaches (in particular women coaches) and race management personnel whilst also focusing on suitable training and guidance material available on the WS website.

6. Event Appointment

Megan Griggs (WS) 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. The RMSC notes that officials who have not been appointed to such events need to have opportunities.

7. Race Management Procedures

The Event Committee's Format Working Party report regarding Race Management Policies at World Sailing competitions was reported by Michael Downing (WS Olympic

Manager). The report highlighted the following updates, Changes to Windsurfing Finals, Kites to have country codes, Windsurfing Marathon Race to have a gate start, and outlined World Sailing events are to give precedence to WS policies over class policies.

To discuss Race Management policy for heat mitigation.

8. Tasks and Responsibilities

To discuss working group reports.

- i) IRO Grouping
- ii) Regatta Reports

Peter Van Muyden gave an update on the regatta reports and the work done to move the process to Google Forms, which is widely used by many organizations to collect data. Over the last eight months 523 entries were entered. PVM noted that Google Forms is not a custom designed database, but more of an off-the-shelf data collection tool that stores the captured data in a Google Worksheet. Currently IROs complete the event form and then are required to list the event in their renewal application. The next phase intends to remove the Survey Monkey events entry for the renewal applications and to replace it with the Google Form data.

ACTION – to work with executive office to have process ready for Q1.

- iii) Race Management Manual

CM outlined recent work on correcting format errors and typos in current manual and future work needed on a general update to the manual. Recommended publication now of the 2022 manual with the corrections and the working party to produce a revision by May 24. Option of using alternative platform to MS word to be looked at given the large size and complexity of the manual making the MS word master copy very unstable.

ACTION – to publish update by end of 2023.

- iv) Race Management Policies

Recent updates on the inclusion of heat mitigation section, alongside some iQFOiL wind limits updates. This version is to be approved at Race Officials Committee conference meeting.

ACTION – to publish update by end of 2023.

9. Grouping

- (a) To receive an update on the 2023 grouping procedure for RMSC.

DB reported nearly 120 IROS had been asked to be grouped After the grouping was released seven IROS that had not originally applied to be grouped requested to be grouped. Two IROs asked to be reviewed.

- (b) To discuss alternative new approaches/processes for grouping moving forward for race officiating

With submission 116-23 before Council to eliminate the grouping for a better system, the sub-committee decided to wait to see the result of the Council vote. DB highlighted the need to receive feedback from the EAWP to find if they required extra information to make appointments.

10. Race Officials Committee

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

11. 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/>

To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the reporting committee:

- (a) 115-23 - Regulation 31.15
- (b) 116-23 – Regulation 31.17 & 6.10.7.2(I)

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 215-23.

- (c) 022-23 – Part 5, Introduction, Definition Party, Definition Protest
- (d) 023-23 – Rule 60.4(A)
- (e) 025-22 – Rule A2
- (f) 026-23 – Rule 61.2 and 63.5 – Start of Hearing
- (g) 030-23 – Rule 66.1
- (h) 031-23 – Rule 66.2
- (i) 042-22 – RSS Gender Neutral Terminology
- (j) 083-23 – Rule N1.4(B)
- (k) 088-23 – Regulation 25.8.13, RRS J1.1(7) and RRS N1.10
- (l) 089-23 – RSS Gender Neutral Language

To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee – Submissions 001-23 through to 042-23.

To consider any additional Racing Rules of Sailing submissions Race Officials Committee would like to share opinion on. Submissions 001-23 through to 097-23 and 201-23 – 215-23.

12. AOB

Any other business for discussion by the Sub-Committee

RMSC discussed the presentation shared by Maria Torrijo Moll on her experience using robotic marks shown and resulted in a good discussion by the members on their individual experiences. General view was that robotic marks were a big improvement on laid marks, allowing for very accurate courses, etc. All agreed that ribs/mark layers afloat were still necessary to manage the marks and that the main challenge was the management ashore and their cost.