

International Measurers Sub Committee Agenda



**The International Measurers Sub-Committee will meet at
9:30 – 17:30 hours at the W Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab
Emirates on Sunday 23 October 2022.**

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

Present:

Aileen Loo (SIN) – Chair	Alistair Deaves (NZL)	Dimitris Dimou (GRE)
Jurgen Cluytmans (BEL)	Haluk Suntay (TUR)	

Presenters:

C – Chair, Aileen Loo **ROE = Race Officials Executive** **KE – Koray Ezer (WS)**

1. Opening of the Meeting

Chair Aileen Loo opened the meeting.

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Attendees and Apologies

Five sub-committee members present, apologies received from Alex Finsterbusch (ARG) and Agnes Lill (EST)

Obituaries

Shared obituaries for all Race Officials who have passed in 2022

2. Minutes and Agenda

Minutes

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- (a) The minutes of the previous International Measurers Sub Committee meeting held on 24th October 2021 were approved with no further matters arising.

3. Application Procedures and Requirements

To consider any changes to the format and content of the IM section of the Roles, Qualifications and Competencies Document

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The IMSC notes its concerns on the new format which is considered less clear, and would like to request to ROC to go back to a table overview. It was noted the error in the 2022 version listing Youth Worlds as a L1 event for IMs, noted this to be amended in 2023 and should be listed as L2.

ACTION – Youth Worlds in IM Principal list to become L1 event

ORC to be contacted whether they want their Sportsboat Europeans listed as principal event.

IMSC highlighted a need to check all paragraph numbering as there was a shift between draft and published version.

IMSC outlined the following changes for 2023 RQC section:

RQC 5.7 IM event reports to be reworded:

Each International Measurer shall submit a report, using the template made available through the World Sailing website, for every principal event in which he/she acted as Chair of the Technical Committee. These IM event reports shall be sent to the WS Executive Office within one month of the event's closing date.

The IM event reports shall be used by the IMSC as proof of participation when considering applications for renewal or additional class appointment as an International Measurer.

As from 1 January 2023, events for which no IM event report has been provided shall not be taken into account as principal event for the application for renewal or additional class appointment.

ACTION – Executive Office to send out reminder email with link to IM report to all IMs

IMSC discussed the examination requirements and Appendix A of the RQC. Noted RQC 1.4 (b) & RQC 1.4 (c) do not apply to IMs as they do not have a renewal test

ACTION - Text to be clarified in this regard – for example by adding between brackets the applicable disciplines.

The IMSC proposes to the ROC to consider a mandatory clinic prior to seminar participation, i.e. WS clinic or equivalent organised by the MNA. This should be discussed in a wider context such as participation eligibility for WS seminars (e.g. specific requirements if more candidates than the maximum number of participants, additional priority criterion for underserved areas)

4. Education and Development

Seminars and Clinics

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(a) To review the 2022 program

IM clinic – HUN

IM clinic – NED

IM seminar – SUI – 18 participants, of which 2 female

IM seminar – USA – 22 participants, of which 8 female

(b) To discuss the 2023 program

IM clinic (spring) & seminar (autumn) – FRA – venues still to be confirmed

IM clinic, SAm., prior to the PanAm Games

IM seminar, outside of Europe, maybe Asia / centrally? >> clinic may be more useful

The challenge for Asia is the classes they could affiliate to as the number of popular classes is limited and apart from the Optimist which may soon see some succession plans taking account the age of the current team, most of the other classes in the region have already more than enough IMs to cover the current need.

Regional associations to get involved to ensure participation goes further than just the members of the host club (e.g. 1 participant for each MNA in the region).

International Development

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- (c) To receive a report from WS Head of International Development- not completed.
- (d) 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 discussed for the IMs the issue is not only about the MNAs but also the Classes as an affiliation needs to be created. MNAs seen as the first actor in bringing in women in the basic level ensuring you create a proper basis to recruit from later on. For the Classes it is mostly linked to the amount of women sailing that particular class and possibly evolving to officiating in a subsequent phase.

At all times the balance between experience and gender needs to be looked at. Today you depend largely on the initiative of the individuals to volunteer.

Priorities between “new talent”, “gender equity” and “geographical spread”: “new talent” and “gender equity” seen as top priority. “Geographical spread” needs to link to the amount of activity in certain regions.

Challenges brought forward by the observers: role of mentorship to recruit female measurers, accompany and convince to make the step up to higher levels; also class affiliation is seen as a hurdle as some good persons seem to have difficulties to find a class; ‘work – family – officiating balance’ results in a certain drop-out in the age category 30 – 50 years; ...

At medium or long term you may create a requirement that classes who have a women’s fleet shall have at least one female IM. However that requirement can be effective once the basic requirement of having one IM for each class is properly applied as a criterion.

In terms of “marketing & communication” emphasis shall remain on the fact IMs are involved ensuring fair competition.

5. Event Appointment

MG provided a verbal report based on the written report shared by the Event Appointments Working Party to the sub-committee ahead of the meeting. The report provided an overview of the work done by the WP since appointment in January 2022, noting core work on reviewing the process for appointment and developing a new system with key importance on the process being transparent, technical and not political. The report shared classification based on IMSC and Olympic Classes feedback as proven or potential Chair/Vice Chair; proven or potential Core Member, highlighting the importance of IMSC grouping as a principal input to those lists.

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6. World Sailing Classes & IMSC

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IMSC discussed the importance of continuing to improve communication to WS Classes, including communicating lists of people who passed the IM exam to the classes, suggesting existing IMs to classes that are similar and communicate dates

of IM clinics and seminars to both MNAs and Classes, in addition to the website publication.

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7. EQRSC & IMSC

Encourage classes to use their IMs more in the rules management of the class.

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8. IM Grouping

The IM grouping is created as an objective system that allows to prejudice every application in a clear if asked for. It is clear what it takes to be upgraded, independent of age.

9. IM Report System

Discussed the current report and identified changes required for 2023:

To include the following features, if the report is being completed by a Chair

- World Sailing ID for other TC members, if they have it.

- tick box or other indication if the TC member mentioned is an IM

- list all other TC members that could be considered later on and show potential.

In terms of later use for applications, the form shall be updated to simplify the data presentation.

Alexander Finsterbusch, Dimitris Dimou and Alistair Deaves to come up with a proposal.

For the 2022 events, exceptionally the IMSC will allow IM reports to be sent before 31st of December 2022. As from 1 January 2023, the 1 month reporting deadline will be applied strictly.

10. Race Officials Committee

To make any recommendation to the Race Officials Committee on and areas of it's agenda not already considered by the Sub-Committee.

It would be appropriate to have a preferential rate for Race Officials to buy a selection of uniform items (just like back in the days with Atlantis and Helly Hansen). This avoids part of the discussions if only a small number of officials going to specific events get it.

The IMSC would like to know to what extent the ROC is looking into the creation of mentoring systems and what the criteria would be for mentors

11. Submissions

Please refer to the 2022 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at <https://www.sailing.org/document/2022-annual-conference-submissions-zip/>

(a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:

i) Submission 043-22 – World Sailing Regulations – Agree with principal, The IMSC questions whether it is appropriate to make changes that go beyond a friendly amendment

- ii) Submission 044-22 – Development Rules – No opinion
- iii) Submission 059-20 – Administering World Sailing Classes - Approve
To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 001-22 through to 042-22

12. Closed Meeting

Performance Investigations

- (a) MG provided a report on performance investigations received in 2022, highlighting the requirement for a clearer process moving forward for publishing investigation decisions.

To consider any commendations.

- (b) No recommendations for commendation were made by IMSC.

Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

- (c) To note the current list.

current list of instructors & administrators

seminar instructors:	Alexander Finsterbusch, Dimitris Dimou, David Sprague, Jurgen Cluytmans
assistant/clinic instructors:	Ajit Diaz, Aileen Loo
administrators:	Alexander Finsterbusch & Dimitris Dimou

- (d) No changes to be noted for 2023.

Race Official Appointments

- (e) 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.