

The Race Management Sub-Committee met at 09:30 – 17:30 hours at the W Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on Sunday 23 October 2022.

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Presenters:

C – Chair ROE - Race Officials Executive FB - Fabian Bach DB - David Brookes.
KE – Koray Ezer (WS) CM – Con Murphy

1. Closed Meeting

David Brookes acting Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.

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Race Official Appointments

- (a) The sub-committee considered the applications for International Race Officer to be able to make recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.

Performance Investigations

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

Commendations

- (c) No recommendations for commendation were made by RMSC.

Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

- (d) The current list of instructors was reviewed, with RMSC highlighting a need for change to be able to move forward and develop the RM education programme. The sub-committee highlighted the need for female representation and wider geographical spread, with no current female instructors or from North America. All current instructor names were reviewed, discussing the length of service as an instructor, current use at seminars and clinics, contribution to additional tasks and geographical representation. The decision was made to retire 4 current instructors.

ACTION – Executive office to contact instructors confirming their retirement and thanking them for their service and sending them a certificate .

- (e) RMSC discussed possible instructors for new appointments, deciding on 5 suitable recommendations to take forward to ROC, consisting of 3 females and 2 from North America.

2. Opening of the Meeting

David Brookes acting Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.

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Attendees and Apologies

ROE

Eight sub-committee members present, apologies received from Ewa Jodlowska (EJ) Chair (POL), Anne Malledant (AM) (FRA), Hakan Anderson (HA) (SWE), Maria Torrijo Moll (MT) (ESP), Qidong (Tony) Lu (CHN).

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Obituaries

Obituaries and acknowledgement of retiring IRO's. Shared obituaries for all Race Officials who have passed in 2022.

3. Minutes and Agenda

Minutes

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The minutes of the previous Race Management Sub Committee meeting held on 22 October 2021 were approved with no additional matters arising.

4. Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competencies

RMSC evaluated the current RMSC section of the 2022 RQC document, with two items in the following text of 6.2 (f) to take forward to discussion with ROC.

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obtained at least three completed International Race Officer Reference Forms (on the water assessment) from three different WS-ROs at three different events who observed the candidate's performance on the water as Race Officer with two of the three most recent assessments confirmed as IRO standard.

Recommendation to add words 'Course' before 'Race Officer' and add 'or Deputy Race Officer at a Grade 1 event' to ensure the candidate was assessed while being responsible for management of racing on the water.

Recommendation that all 3 most recent assessments to confirm candidate as IRO standard

5. Education and Training

Race Management Seminars and Clinics

FB

Fabian Bach gave a report on the education activities held in Race Management in 2022.

Clinics x 2 – Algeria (July), Korea (December)

Seminars x 2 – Dublin, Ireland (Sept), Long Beach, US (Oct)

(a) 2023 programme

FB confirmed that a seminar is planned in Kiel in early 2023, details to be announced shortly on the WS website. No other applications for clinics or seminars have been received to date.

Discussions in place for seminar to be organised for The Hague (Sailing World Championships) China (Asian Games) and Chile (PanAm Games)

Race Management Education Materials

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- (b) Re-writing of materials/ use of technology.

FB reported that work is ongoing on updating the training materials in particular the video content.

There was a discussion on the experience of candidates attending seminars and a suggestion to give more guidance to MNAs on candidate endorsement.

It is recommended that seminars be restricted to a maximum of 16 candidates.

- (c) Training the trainers. Following the closed session and decisions made on change of instructors, RMSC noted a structure shall need to be created to teach the new instructors so they are ready to run seminars.
- (d) Mentoring. RMSC highlighted the importance of mentoring for developing officials, discussing the connection of instructors to assist post clinic/ seminar.

Continuous Development

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- (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, but highlighted the priority for this year is developing the clinic and seminars so they are suitable in attracting and up-skilling new people.

International Development

KE

- (f) WS Head of International Development Mr. Koray Ezer outlined WS strategy to increase local sailing/racing in areas of the world that don't have sailing as a sport, highlighting the requirement to connect with the RMSC 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.
- (g) DH highlighted the need for clinic level material to be as accessible as possible to be able to assist developing regions. When updates are made to clinic material shall explore the opportunity to make modules of topics which can be tailored to the needs of the region.

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6. 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 highlighted the goal to bring additional officials into appointments for a pathway for officials to develop, reinforcing the importance of sub-committees/ ROC providing consistently updating their lists of officials with updated information.

ROE

Noted progress made from last year, with all 2022 event appointments placed online ahead of events taking place.

7. Tasks and Responsibilities

To discuss working group reports.

- i) IRO Grouping

DB

IRO Grouping – DB reported that 133 IROs had responded to the request to apply to be allocated to one of the four World Sailing Groups:

- Standard – all International Race Officers are considered eligible for appointment as an ITO at a World Sailing event.
- Developing Lead - has the attributes to be Course Representative at a World Sailing event (e.g., Multi-class regattas, Regional Games, Youth Games etc).
- Lead – has the experience and attributes to be Course Representative at any World Sailing event including Olympics and Olympic qualifiers.
- Chief – experienced Course Representative who can lead a team and act as the PRO at a World Sailing event.

Of the applicants, 59% had been previously appointed by WS to events. The sub-committee reviewed the applications and drawn up a grouping list. This has been forwarded to the ROC and EAWP for review before publication on the WS website.

ii) Regatta Reports

CM

Con Murphy gave an update on Regatta Reports. RMSC highlighted that the processing of the PDF IRO Regatta reports currently sent to the WS race officials email address is very time consuming for WS office staff and that a revised reported system probably based on Google Reports will be set up.

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ACTION – RMSC to work with executive office to set up google form version for 2023.

iii) Race Management Manual

CM reported that the manual was published in May 2022 with a new Para Sailing Event Management Section.

ACTION - 2023 version to include updated race policies and format corrections.

iv) Race Management Policies

CM reported that the Fleet Racing Policies was published in April 2022 following a comprehensive review that considerably reduced the size of the manual.

ACTION – 2023 edition to include adding recommended wind strengths for the various IQ Foil courses.

8. Race Management Procedures

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To discuss the idea of electronics to assist Race Management

To discuss high speed boats starting procedure

To discuss Event Committee's Format Working Party report regarding Race Management Policies at World Sailing competitions.

There was a discussion on the use of electronics to assist race management, starting procedures of high speed boats and the Event Committee's Format Working Party report regarding Race Management Policies at World Sailing competitions.

Michael Downing WS Olympic Manager requested consideration of the use of currently available and affordable trackers with an accuracy of 0.5m to decide start line penalties such as OCSs and finish order of high-speed boats (kites, iQFOiL, Nacras). Higher accuracy units are available but are still very costly. To use trackers for decision making

at Paris 2024 Olympic Games, they will need to be used at the 2023 Sailing World Championships in The Hague. Boat equipment (trackers) would be supplied for the Sailing World Championships and Olympic Games rather than sailor's personal phones with an app being used.

Issues discussed included who calls the OCS, who defends redress requests, the definition of the start/finish line (material available from Sail GP).

Richard Slater (Observer – AC Chief Umpire) outlined the availability of timing devices whose countdown went green or red at 0:00/the start and the race officer received a list of the reds on a tablet within two seconds of the start.

Michael Downing also outlined the Events Committee's request for the ROC & RMSC to develop a procedure to decrease the time lost for a general recall to no more than 2 minutes (i.e., 50% of a slalom race target time) to minimise the impact on schedules, particularly broadcast schedules. Michael also answered questions from the members of the sub-committee on the report including updating policies regarding wind conditions for the different formats of iQFOiL racing.

Michael also outlined study on the question of movement of self-propelled marks. The outcome was that while they can move 1.5M - 3M in rough conditions at all depths, while anchored boats and marks have a wider range of movement in such conditions that increases with water depth.

DB confirmed that the RMSC fully supports the use of technology to facilitate race management.

9. Race Officials Committee

No additional recommendations suggested by RMSC to take to the Race Officials Committee.

10. 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 - Approve
 - ii) Submission 044-22 – Development Rules - Approve
 - iii) Submission 059-20 – Administering World Sailing Classes – No opinion

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

Submission 037-22 – Appendix MR – Approve

Submission 038-22 – Appendix LG – Reject

Submission 039 – 22 – Appendix LG – Reject

Submission 058-22 - Proposed Single Rules Book Covering The Racing Rules and Equipment Rules - Reject

AOB

11. Any Other Business

No other business discussed by the Sub-Committee.