

The Race Management Sub-Committee met from 10:30 – 17:00 hours at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday 4th November 2024.

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| 1. Closed Meeting (Closed to Observers) | 6. Event Appointment |
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CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only

SP = Supporting Paper

Presenters: **C- Chair (Ewa Jodlowska)**
CM – Con Murphy

FK(WS) – Fiona Kidd
FB – Fabian Bach

Attendees: Ewa Jodlowska (EJ) Chair David Brookes (DB) Vice Chair
Andreas Kuchler (AK) Francisco Jauregui (FJ) Peter Van Muyden (PVM)
Hakan Anderson (HA) Fabian Bach (FB) Pinar Coskuner Genc (PCG) (TUR)

1. Closed Meeting (Closed to Observers)

Welcome by the Chair

Performance Investigations

- (a) To receive a report on performance investigations
Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors
- (b) To note the current list and outline and future changes
- (c) To outline any recommendations for new instructors.
- (d) To review the RMSC criteria for instructor appointments

Race Official Appointments

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

2. Opening of the Meeting (Open Session)

Welcome by the Chairman

Attendees and Apologies

Apologies received from Peter Van den Bossche (PVB), Maria Torrijo (MT) and Con Murphy (CM) who were unable to attend the meeting.

Obituaries

Shared obituaries to remember Race Officials who have shared many contributions to race officiating and sadly passed in 2024.

Minutes

RMSC noted the minutes of the previous Race Management Sub-Committee meeting held on 13th November 2023, and to consider and matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.

3. Application Procedures and Requirements

RMSC considered changes to the format and content of the IRO section of the Race Officials Roles, Qualification and Competencies document and outlined the following changes to take to the Race Officials Committee:

Request to amend 6.3 (c) removing eight from the number of event reports and including the link to the report. Regional Games to be added to the list of L1 events, with the note at 6.4 "The number of entries at events is only given for guidance, and may be smaller depending the context of those events, especially in emerging regions." Asked to re-design 6.3 for clearer understanding of the requirements by relisting all requirements for a renewing applicant.

RMSC discussed the inclusion Appendix A and agreed to recommend to remove the section from 2025 RQC onwards.

4. Education, Training and Development

Seminars and Clinic

- (a) Fabian Bach reported on the education held in 2024, highlighting a focus on regions outside of Europe. An IRO seminar was held in Oceania for the first time since pre-covid, and a seminar is due to be held in Puerto Rico in November. A European seminar was held in Norway, whilst priority is to focus on development in other regions, Europe has the most events and there is continuing demand to develop race officers in this region.
- (b) Fabian confirmed two seminar application had been received, Czech Republic and India. RMSC approved both for 2025.
- (c) RMSC discussed the continuation of updating the education program, including material updates and additional topic inclusions and highlighted a need to focus some content on soft skills with a slide on expectations of behaviour as a WS race officials. Fabian confirmed instructors shall work on including this in the material update.

Continuous Development

- (d) RMSC discussed education to maintain and further develop the skills of International Race Officers after receiving international status and highlighted as advancements in technology are made at WS events it is critical all international officials are given the education to upskill and be suitable for event appointment.

National Race Officer Development

- (e) To receive an update on the progress of the National Race Management Training Program

RMSC confirmed full support of the concept of the program but would like to ensure stronger connection within the Race Management Sub-Committee to finalise the program.

5. Event Appointment

Megan Griggs shared a report on behalf of the Event Appointment Working Party. Figures from the report show progression has been made in the past quadrennial to work towards World Sailing gender objectives, but further work is required to explore suitable development pathways to increase geographical representation, noting varying factors impact event appointment figures, including event calendars and event locations. The report reinforced the lack of knowledge of official's capabilities, due to limited feedback from events and little or no performance review procedure for appointed officials. The report highlighted the critical importance of an evaluation process moving into the next quad to utilise learning opportunities and help officials develop and reach their full potential.

6. Race Management Procedures

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

David Brookes gave a report on his experience at the Games confirming a need to increase communication between the race committee and the athletes, with a need to outline a clear policy for this process and opportunity to put the process into practice ahead of major events in the next quadrennial. RMSC highlighted Race Committee communicate their intention to the broadcast/audience for the America's Cup, this should be replicated for the Olympics.

RMSC discussed the need to focus on outsourcing the best technology and investing in it, giving opportunity to build trust of the competitors with the technology early in the quad to offer a smoother transition into the Olympics.

7. Administration

To discuss working group reports

- i) Regatta Report update was given by Peter Van Muyden, reporting on the progression to the new google spreadsheet used to analysis the report information. RMSC confirmed it had been beneficial for the review process and thanked Peter for his work.
- ii) A written report on behalf of Con Murphy was given to update of the changes to the Race Management Manual, notably adding bookmark sections to make the manual more user-friendly.
- iii) Race Management Policies
RMSC confirmed policies shall be updated when further information is received form the Events Committee on what format updates maybe considered for the 2028 Olympic Games.

8. Race Officials Committee

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

9. Submissions

Please refer to the 2024 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/governance/conferences/2024-world-sailing-annual-conference/>

- (a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the reporting committee:
 - (i) 032-24 – Constitution – Technical Delegates Sub-Committee

- (b) To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 001-24 through to 027-24.
 - (i) 005-24 - Rules 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4
 - (ii) 007-24 - Rule 60.3 (b)
 - (iii) 008-24 - Rule 60.5(C)(4)
 - (iv) 009-24 - Rule B5, 60.3,63.4, 63.6

- (c) To consider any additional submissions RMSC would like to share opinion on.
 - (i) 024-24 TR Call L6 Get Well Clear