

The Special Regulations Sub-Committee met virtually at 1200 UTC on 4 April 2025.

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Members Present:

James Dadd - Chair	Haluk Suntay	Francesca Clapcich
Richard Hinterhoeller – Vice-Chair	Patrick Lindqvist	Christophe Gaumont
Andy Newell	Sachiko Sault	Matt Allen – OOC Chair
Josep M Pla -WS Vice-President	David Hughes - WS Vice-President	Jaime Navarro – Director of Technical and Offshore
Katrina Ham – Offshore and Safety Manager		

Apologies:

Glen Stanaway	Per Boymo	Ana Gamulin
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1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Chair's Opening Remarks

James Dadd welcomed members to the Sub-Committee and the meeting. Matt Allen outlined the unique position of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee and the importance of the Offshore Special Regulations.

b. Apologies for Absence

It was noted that apologies were received from Ana Gamulin, Glen Stanaway and Per Boymo.

c. [Minutes of the meeting on 6 November 2024](#)

d. Matters Arising

e. [Terms of Reference](#)

2. Executive Office Update

a. Governance Reforms / Proposal Portal

Katrina Ham provided an update on the ongoing changes following the governance reform. While reporting on the delay to the portal, Katrina Ham emphasised that people could submit proposals by contacting the Executive Office. She also welcomed members to contact her regarding anything related offshore sailing or safety. James Dadd highlighted some governance changes that will impact the sub-committee in particular the requirement for proposals to be reviewed ahead of the Annual Conference. He noted this as an opportunity to focus on other areas at the meeting.

3. Offshore Special Regulations

James Dadd outlined the importance of the sub-committee to the Offshore Special Regulations, noting the review process working with the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

a. [Urgent Changes](#)

While outlining the possibility of urgent changes as permitted in the regulations, James Dadd emphasised the need for thorough review of all proposal to minimise the need for further changes.

a. [Interpretation 25-01](#)

Referencing the process for interpretations set out in policy, James Dadd outlined the most recent interpretation issued. It was noted that interpretations are valid for 2 years and are available on the website.

4. AOB

a. Working Groups/Work Plan

It was noted that working groups will require formal approval. Richard Hinterhoeller outlined the proposed stability working party that while linked to the sub-committee will fall under the Oceanic and Offshore Committee. Josep M Pla noted that the sub-committee will also need to submit a work plan.

b. Keel Failures

James Dadd noted that this is an important area of interest going forward given the link to safety incidents.

a. IMOCA Report – MMSI/EPIRBS

Katrina Ham and Christophe Gaumont provided insight into the report provided by the IMOCA Class. It was agreed that it provided an opportunity for advocacy and education going forward.

Matt Allen noted that it would be raised at the upcoming Oceanic and Offshore meeting.

The meeting closed at 1250 UTC.