

# ISAF Annual Conference Sanya China

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Notes from the meeting

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# International Judges Sub-Committee

Sunday 8 November 2015

## 3. IJ Renewal Test

Working Group, Stephen Wrigley

- First 4 years, number of people who don't want to take the renewal
  - Objective to test rules knowledge
  - 99 judges should have taken the test only 66 judges took the test
  - Why?
    - Judges are afraid of taking the test
    - Judges think that they shouldn't be tested
    - Judges think that they have done enough by becoming a judge
  - Failure rate of the test is extremely low
  - On-line test
    - 3-5 judges had difficulties getting in on-line
    - The reason, they had changed the password themselves which made it difficult
  - The test has been developed both in May and August 2015
    - 2 questions with wrong answers which were corrected
    - Candidates gets automatically the most recent test
    - Tests are randomly generated => diagnostics of questions to develop them further
    - If something is wrong => solved in 24 hours
  - Test for 2017 rules will be made available at 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2016
  - Re-application rate is -15%
- When the US began with testing decrease -25% lost of judges
- ISAF Office
  - Less concern this year => judges are worried or angry
- Important how readable the questions are.
  - Short readable questions
- Platform server in the States at the moment => move to virtual platform which is cheaper
  - Bigger platform.
  - Can have more than 25 people on at the same time

#### 4. IJ Report system Lars Nyqvist & Costas Tsantalos

- Summary of statistics
  - Increase of regattas, competitors, arbitration
  - Location of regattas => motivate all to put in reports
- Scoring issues
- U-Flag
- TSS oceanic and offshore committee, more guidance how to write instructions => safety issues
- 69 hearings, number going up
- Arbitration gaining popularity
- Foiling boats => faster speeds
  - Press boat and MOT collide
  - Keep motorboats out form the racing course
- Special comments
- Nelson: Report and actions don't meet at the moment? Lars?
- IJ report: Integrate to race official report, IU, IM, IJ data concentrated
  - Make ISAF Calender => grading of event => push organizer to use calendar => trusted system of ISAF
  - System to follow race official "career" follow up on renewal criteria and the journey to become a race official
  - Start now!
  - Lars: Starting point is to get IJ report system into ISAF
    - Objective to be able to trust the database
      - Only if data is strange or some trouble then the issue gets to the committee
  - Pre-loaded data
  - Compulsory for chairman, but is not chased to fulfill
  - Andrus: We are behind on everything concerning IT
    - Should be done already in weeks/ months
  - More second pages put in than first pages => the system requires you to fill first page before you can get to page two => forced journey (why not already?)
  - Now papers are sent to ISAF, not everything is in the system => force to put into system (database) => count only on this for re-appointment
  - Grading 200, 100, 50
    - ISAF has no way to grade events
    - First all events on the system, then start grading
  - IF this goes through, we will have more info than ever
    - Example rule 69
    - Feedback from working party => what are the top priorities?
    - Depends of the judge working on the report
      - Instruction to judges how and what to report => same level report => statistical info from that
      - Not just numbers, but priorities what this committee should be working on.

## **5. IJ Manual Lynn**

- Oceanic racing
  - Section P in IJ manual for direct judging on the water
  - Like to have more feedback (sailor, judges, organizers)
- Submissions 1-98 and 2-96 WP wants support
- Experimental rules for offshore racing. Experimental super yacht rules.
  - Common section has been removed, one cover for all disciplines => updated data
  - Two weeks ago new manual posted.
- IJ seminars, IJ Manual, WP

## **6. IJ Retention**

- 2015
  - Renewal nr 131
  - Ret/ deceased/ late 7
  - No response 36
  - No response 27.5%
    - Non responses 36
    - Test taken 5
    - Retirement 5
    - Unknown 21
    - Unknown 16%

## **7. Rule 42 working party, Andrus Poksi, Jacob Mossin Andersen**

- Rule 42 videos, realistic, judges, sailors, coaches
- Clinics/ working and sessions with sailors, coaches, judges

## **8. Education and development**

- Seminars and clinics
  - 4 seminars
  - 2 clinics
- Seminar Greece, Uruguay, Japan and UK wants to run a seminar
  - If seminar overbooked the instructors will have a look at the candidates and choose which ones can participate to keep the quality of the seminar high
  - Supporting paper from ISAF is under construction

## 9. Use of new technology

- Of site juries (Skype), internet hearings, virtual juries
  - Financial reasons
  - Appendix N => IJ juries and Appendix M => hearings these does not require the whole jury to be present
  - Panel/ videoconference
  - Steve => working paper how to do this concretely => must be video = picture recommendation plus all the steps how to get it underway. Integration into the manual.
- Use of personal cameras on the water
  - Some IJ are using a headcam. Ownership of that video?
    - Competitors want copies => earlier voice recording = personal. Video should also be personal.
  - Juries use cameras and video => but are always personal and up to the race official.
  - IJ Manual???
  - Film is personal can be mentioned already in SI and NOR
- Use of drones
  - Nightmare test event in Rio
  - More and more popular => coaches
  - IJ manual, tracking and drones => where they are, lenses are not correct and positioning is not perfect all the time.
  - The NOR can state that OA and Class drones are ok. No other.
- Tracking system

## 10. Medal Racing

- Incidents change peoples lives
- Ashore much more time
- Instant judging on the water
- Important race => equipment for the juries are not always correct => knowledge and skills can not be used if the jury does not have correct equipment
- Depending of speed of boats to be followed
  - Slow 3 boats required
  - Fast 4 boats required
- Take medal racing and use it to fleet racing Addendum Q
  - Redress taken out
  - Special rules commission to amend Addendum Q
  - Versions with choices of Addendum Q

## **11. Event Appointment Working Party**

- Qualified Race Officials 798
  - IJ 363
  - IRO 211
  - IM 110
  - IU 114
- ROC and EAWP chairmen choose together with ISAF
- Difficulties to get umpires and event organizers
- One appointment of member of EAWP
  - This only after OA demanded
- Performance feedback needed

# Race Management Sub-Committee

Sunday 8 November 2015

## 4. Chairman's report and working parties

- Manual working group HP
  - Team Racing manual is good, needs still improvement
- Regatta Documents and Forms Working Group
  - Develop more papers, forms that are used, but not formalized
  - On website
  - Ask all classes
  - ISAF classes, one set of document find a way how to promote this, standardized documents
- Applications and renewals
  - More strict with dates and regulation
  - Supply all documents in time (fair warning)
  - Over half of the renewals did not have all documents.
    - First applicants are good
    - IRO renewal experienced is difficult
- Corinne Olympic classes sub-committee
  - Proposal to clarify
  - PRO responsible for overall on water management where there are multiple courses
  - CR Course Representative appointed by ISAF and MNA or a Class Association oversees the work of the Race Management
  - Deputy Race Officer DRO working on the main committee boat with the course race officer
  - ISAF International Technical Official ITO at the Olympic, Paralympic, or Youth Olympic Games
  - Assistant Race Officer ARO pin end, finish
  - PRO who has been in charge of a bunch of people => identify potential IROs
  - Clear, simple and consistent, guidelines needed
- Regatta Reports Ricardo
  - Conclusions more U-flags, less black flags
  - India only for boards, no Zulu
  - Recommendation
    - Digital report system needed Sailor ID => recommendation to ROC
    - IUs are trying a digital renewal system
- Newsletter, every input is important, interesting case, current items drop it to Tom



- Coaches
  - U Flag has settled down
  - P flag used with medal races
  - If U Flag => umpires pull out any OCS boats immediately
  - Videos can we give that to sailors and coaches
  - Need to trust our race officers
  - We do not have a video referee
  - Communication with coaches on the water, helps coaches => newsletter item, interview coaches
  - Discretionary penalties should be allowed
  - Three items address
    - Registration system for coaches
    - Space for coaches and for the sailors => opportunity to see their races
    - Videos, not anonymous => want to have for training purposes (not to check overlap)
    - Better accessibility to public information
    - Appreciate that RC has separate radio channel
    - Build better link to coaches and sailors
  - Innovation and technology
    - Start thinking about what opportunities gives
  - Seminars and clinics
    - 3 seminars
    - 5 race management clinics
    - Hope to make clinics in Africa next year
    - Attach clinics to “important” events
    - Basic clinics shall be run by the MNAs
    - ISAF shall be very selective in running them and shall put them in regions that need clinics

## 5. Race Management Procedures and Activities

- Standard Race Management equipment list as supplement to contract
- Interaction between PRO and Technical Delegate has been proved to be better
- Rio Test Event
- ISAF Starting procedure
  - Sailing World Cup – numerical system
  - If lowering and displaying then the displaying is the strong, flag = time is taken from this
  - A lot of effort for a little reward => means need extra person
  - Doesn't say which class is starting
  - If use of white => SI tells who has what
  - World cup start 1 ... 2 .... Have no class flag
  - Why want to change => because of media
    - The sailors don't need a signal every minute
    - Will require an extra person on board
    - Prep signal is proper to have it at 5 min or at 4 min

# Match Racing Committee

Monday 9 November 2015

## 3. Women 2015

- Very well run event
- Full team
- Heavy weather
- Media report, key element
- How to run this thing.
  - Tight presentation how to successfully run the event Sören Laugesen

## 4. Youth

- Tom 28 split venue, river and bay used depending on conditions
- Polish Match Tour
- Recommendations
  - Bid venue
  - More challenges 2016

## 5. 2016 Women Sheboygen

- No site visit
- Paralleled to blind match racing
- Paraolympics
- Even if clash, technical delegate appointed
- Sailing international
- Sheboygen committees Para world sailing committee synergy
  - Blind and women
- Working together to work together blind and women improvement on parasite
- Report last year inspirational event

## 6. 2016 Youth New Caledonia Noumea

- Site visit
- 10 elliot 6 => 8 +2 spare
- women's only umpired fleet race
- spectators
- cost boarding school
- small island
- end January 2016, flight cost, request for MNA cheaper flights 1000€
- 16 teams (2 x host)

## 7. 2017 bidding process

- Executive September meeting bid process change
- Not our bid process problem => youth worlds wanted to make more transparent
- Bids received women, youth 2017
- Panel put together, Russel Green, Miguel Allen, Adrienne Greenwood, Jon Napier, Liz Baylis => 4-5 members + athlete included
  - Evaluate
  - Recommendation to executive meeting 2017 events
  - Putting together panel and the criteria
  - Bids will be distributed to committee => make comments + ask questions
  - Different process
  - People are already on the working parties
  - Standardize the process, fair & transparent => Adrienne G
  - Working parties youth and women will be involved with getting more bids and wp has a big part in helping the bids
  - February 2016 decision => for 2017, try to push 2018 earlier also November 2016 meeting talking about 2018
  - Bidders
    - 2 for youth
    - 3 for women

## 9. WMRT

- James and Craig
- 2016 season
- 5 points between top 3, Ian Williams, Björn Hansen, Taylor Canfield
- Ian Williams 5<sup>th</sup> time match race world champions
- 15.1.2015 Alpari bankrupt, challenging few month, new sponsors and investors July 1<sup>st</sup>
- One year ago private Aston Harald Håkan Svensson
  - ISV => ISAF => Aston Harald
  - Tour multihull racing
- Careful consideration AC multihull sailing
- Rapid grow, new area
- Transition world champion to M32
- Format WMRT advisory committee Miguel Allen, Russel Green
- Plan
  - Final July Sweden Stena match cup 50.000 spectators, flag ship event
  - Forces extended current season or a short season
    - Short: February to July
  - Not all confirmed
  - Perth Australia march, final Sweden
  - July to July normal season 12 WC, 3 qualifiers/ tour events
  - Teams 20, 10 tour car holders
  - Price purse 200.000 + tour bonus 1.000.000
- Format
  - 5 to 6 days format
  - 1-2 days fleet racing 20 teams => 16 goes through to next step

- Security
  - Match race license
  - Faster boats
  - Rule changes
- WMRT questions
  - I am very eager to understand the WC (11-1) and Tour/ Qualifier (36) expected or wanted grading's, so we can discuss the possibilities further. We can be looking at a possible points booster that is unbeatable even if you are doing well in monohull match racing.
  - The Congressional Cup will use Catalina 37 for their event. Is this a one time opportunity for spring 2016 or are there more event organizers that will be allowed to use their own boats for either WC or Tour/ Qualifier?
  - There will be 3 fleets (8+8+8) at the trainings centers. Since the WMRT will be using M32 for all events July 2016 and further, how do teams get the opportunity to train with the M32?
    - Do they have to buy their own boat?
    - Can the boats be leased to their club?
    - Do you have to be at a training center to get the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the boat?
  - The other question is concerning rules. Except for the test rules (that probably will be included in the RRS), what other rules does the WMRT see the need to tweak and explore further to make more fun/ safe sailing?
  - There is 12 WC events and 36 qualifier events, but during the meeting there was a clarification that the winner will be defined on the last 12th event and all the previous 11 events are only to be a sort of qualifier – top 20 from the leaderboard after 11 events are to be entered to the 12th events and the standing (points) after 11 events are not being counted. Does it mean that the only 12th events should be a grade WC events and the other 11 are to be Grade 1 events? Also the question is will there be a qualifiers for last 12th event from the 36 qualifying events or there 20 skippers are coming from the leaderboard after 11 events?
  - Is it possible to start the WC event with match racing? This is MATCH RACING world championship and to start it with 2 days of fleet racing means that at least 4 teams that lost this stage are not to match race at all. I do not think it is good for MR world championship. Probably it would be possible to do round robins in groups or start with some knock-out series?
  - For Top 16 stage what is the format? Only best of one race, or possible to do knock-out series best of three or best of five?
  - For the qualifier events – will there be a monohull events or M32 events only?
  - One thing i forgot to mention was that when having a look at the method of calculation you get better multiplier if the event is classified as a wc. Accordingly you get much more points than from a g1. I don't know if this is a big problem, but if you as a

sailor participate in 11 wc and the 12 is the "real" wc then it seems to me that we are very generous with points. Whats your opinion?

- Wind range for M32: Mathias Dahlström
  - Three seasons run. Wind scale from very light to 25 knots

## **8. ISAF Nations cup**

- Future
- Recommendations
- 2015 4 events + regional final grand final Vladivostok
- Visas, travel
- 14 teams in grand final
- Locations, interesting, ex Olympic, done match racing before and do fleet racing
- Emerging countries Algeria, Tunisia,
- Development tools, 20 MNA participating in the nations cup,
- Where does it go from here
- Value of the brand 25 years old, media appeal
- Vladivostok first big event, feedback from teams, girls, mixed, men
- Slow down intensity, less
- From two year cycle to 3 year cycle, to engage more people
- To get more people engaged
- How build brand
- Help with organizing and race management
- Input with arrangement
- Regional final feeder system, each country have own events, every country has right to
- Any thoughts about helping develop more Africa allowed to go in on other
- Work shops,
- Grow regional finals
- Race management and organization how to do it on concrete terms
- Longer periods and use ambassador network
- Asia, south America, Africa
- Anchoring training, and giving support,

## **10. MRRSC**

- Report, Yana, Jon
- 10 b amend grading guidelines
- Take out grading's from regulation => procedural paper, editorial changes
  - Ok as long as they are binding
  - Looking into this and make submissions
  - Concern, less weight or document who change to often.
  - Now it is very transparent system
- G3 national championship, France (big) Andorra (small)

- Submission 127-15 min 4 host nation G3 => MRRSC will discuss this further, off line, how about bigger nations
  - Recommendation
    - There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing.
    - If the event is a principal national championship (27.2.3(c)(i)&(ii)):
      - there shall be a minimum of 4 skippers from the host nation, and
      - the minimum number of skippers is four.

### **13. Match Racing Rules**

- rrs submissions

### **13. Sailor Development**

- blind sailing mr

### **13. Race Management and Organization**

- One new section has been added to the manual
  - Section 6 – a description of how to run a match racing event on daily basis
- New ppt presentation which visualizes the process of running a match racing event is included in the material
- Help to South Africa Philip Baum and Hylton Hale – conference call
  - Objective to rejuvenate the sport of sailing through iconic events (VOR, IRC, Extreme Series, MR)
  - Plan to have Nations Cup 2017 or 2018
  - Assistance with boat selection, budget, process, steps

### **13. Test rules**

- Tested during 2015, needs some tuning, overall feeling that they lead to more consistent calls from umpires and easier to understand by competitors, spectators and commentators
- Deals with complexity at windward mark => same idea that has been at down wind mark is now also at upwind mark
- Test rules has increased the dialog between organizers, umpires and sailors
  - Pre-briefings and de-briefings with sailors
  - Easier when arrive in zone
  - Rule 18 more clear and consistent
  - Rule 17 deleted to increase consistency

# International Umpire Sub-Committee

Monday 9 November 2015

## 5. IU Grouping

- Don't want to have everybody grouped approx 100 IUs
- Want to identify who is good
- New grouping system
- Only for a small group of IUs
- Don't want to publish a list
- Old system no direct link to
- Chief umpire link
- Start with baby steps
- Olympic classes
- Grade 1s
- The Tour want to stay with G1

## 6. Mentoring

- ISAF appointment comes with conditions and you shall accept the conditions
  - You do a report
  - You mentor
- If you don't report and provide feedback, then we don't know
  - Grouping system was a feedback system
- People don't like to fill in documents
  - If it is a ISAF appointment, then you are required
- Mentoring
  - Giving help in a constructive way
  - Feedback to ISAF
  - How do we do it so that it works?
  - Help fellow umpires + develop umpire
  - IU report, who shall fill in this
  - Many MNAs don't have a structured umpire program
  - When you become an IU you don't get more training
  - Self-Assessment form for IUs? Coaching and Events
  - Sponsor Umpires
  - MNA IU mentor, identify and self assessment gather info develop national and international level
- IU reports
  - IU in ISAF 109
  - IUs with reports 43
  - Reports received 72

## **7. IU Manual**

- Match Racing Manual
  - Common section taken out?
- Team Racing Manual
- Umpired Fleet Racing/ Medal Racing Manual

## **8. Medal Racing**

- No changes this year, discussed briefly
- Addendum Q changeable => if you change you have to ask ISAF
- You can not give redress
- Unless the SI says otherwise then you can do changes
- Or do a separate version?
- Fixed text
- Addendum Q shall look unchanged to the Olympic classes, but has to meet the needs of others using it

## **9. Calls & Rules**

- Rapid Response Calls
  - Not lot
  - Change of course
- Rules development
  - Match Racing and Team Racing working party
    - Test package if approved

## **10. Development**

- IU seminar Thailand march 2015
- Clinics Volvo ocean race and nations cup
  
- Normally 1-3 seminars
- Develop chief umpires
- Develop instructors



# Race Officials Committee

Tuesday 10 November 2015

## 4. Strategy and development

Sally Umpire

- Umpiring Fleet and Medal Racing
- IU qualification,
- Reducing number of match racing events
- Team racing manual
- Age of umpire community is getting older, not growing
- Match racing side no new young officials

Dimitris Measure

- Identify classes that don't have IMs
- Developed areas south America, Asia, Africa
- 20 people are working to get appointment
- Training needs, Olympic classes, in terms of numbers ok,

Nino Race Management

- 210 RO stable
- Test, levels getting higher
- Olympic classes, develop through these, working well together
- Seminars and clinics
- Focus Africa
- First clinic for 2020 Olympics
- 2018 no program yet ISAF worlds
- Clinic materials on the shelf => all MNAs can run their own clinic with these material => where can we find
- Difficult to know which are good ones => go through others
- Tokyo 2020 what are the need of the Japanese => develop RO for Japan
  - Alastair will come up with suggested numbers

Mentoring systems?

- Help junior IMs and assign senior IM
- Much more intensive process than
- Appointed someone to monitor and oversea
- Much more personal thing
- Give a contact name for help
- Needed to want => where can you get a mentor?
- One off hit at an event => not enough
- Needs some sort of document

Cost of officials at ISAF/ high class events

- Overview the sources of cost, before of the midyear meeting

## Jan Stage

### Coaches Commission

- Pleased with the quality of events
- Rule 69 package => clearly support the idea “the bad behaving coaches” deal with them

### Olympic Classes and classes

- Expenses reduce small world championships the size of juries

## John Doerr

- Day 0 concept
- Documents ISAF
- Inspection => penalty if does not comply with measurements
  - Competitors shall themselves be confident that class rules are met
  - Broken class rule at an event => discretionally penalty
  - Class rules solid.
- Laser class hull number and sail number match
- Class rules more than measures
- Can not only have DSQ => therefore discretionally penalties, because otherwise un-proportionate

## Two proposals

1. to remove the Class Rules listed on the discretionary penalty list - against
2. to appoint a wp in the equipment committee – wp in ROC

joint wp equipment committee and roc and Olympic classes DPI

## 5. Education and Development

- Judges 4 seminars, 2 clinics
- Measures 2 seminars, 5 clinics
- RO 3 seminars 1 clinic
- IU 1 seminar, 2 clinics
- Plan 2016
  - RO Asia and Africa, Angola, Algeria,
  - IM Europe, Asia, south America, Australia, Africa, Denmark,
  - UMP 2 seminars, 2 fleet racing clinics, conference fleet racing and IU
  - Judge Finland, Greece, Japan,
  - The need is for a program => workshop, seminar, => fix umpire clinic till Finland => established IUs and Nus => Nordic???
- Match Racing Committee
- Pre-Test before a seminar in case of overbooking. The instructors will go through
  - Ask to provide info at time of application
  - Pre-test
  - Instructor go through before

- Training in assessment John Doerr
  - Deferred
- Travel grants
  - 5 grants, 2 applied this year

#### **4. Clothing Malcom**

- Image
- Partner Zhik
- Manage distribution
- 3 months lee time, spring

#### **6. Race Official Administration**

- Criteria for appointment IFDS
- Ricardo technical delegate, exam
- Code of conduct requests for information, investigations and inquiries from ISAF
- Reference forms
- MNA endorse application before having read the document. Shall be sent via MNA
- Events for application
- 3 new disciplines => need guidelines for principal events

#### **7. Event appointments**

- ISAF shall work together with Classes to secure a good communication
- Payment
  - Umpire – if there is price money the umpires are paid
  - Andres – payment to all
  - WP present idea next year

#### **8. Race Officials Performance and Feedback**

- Grouping – don't have feedback system, KPIs in place, now boys club
  - Sub-committees: put together KPIs and criteria
  - Chris: Trial with judges sub-committee
  - Group and criteria or Criteria and group?
  - Grouping C = Chief, L = Lead, others
  - Who is going to do this?
    - Judges – yes
    - Umpires – too soon for next year
    - RM – yes
    - IM – already have a grouping = 2 levels
- Race Official Reports
  - Filling out reports
- Race Official Performance
  - 2015 test event, Santander, delegated person who assisted the jury chairman observed judging and race management
  - Feedback to sub-committee chairs
  - Expected feedback from chairs
  - Next step Olympics o World Cup

- Special person as assessor
- Grouping Olympic level/ above Olympic level/ below Olympic level => those who where above Olympic level asked for feedback
- Feedback jury room now => also do same on the water
- Jury chairman has always the last say on assessment

## 9. Reports

- Q&A panel Anna
  - New in Q&A booklet 16
  - Answered privately 4 (bending the rules)
  - Rejected 3
  - Ready to publish 2
  - Under discussion 2
  - Waiting to be discussed 0
- Rule 42 Andrus
  - Sofia resigned, Jacob took over
  - Clinics + briefing before events
  - Educational material video
  - Finn class, 15h of video, high quality, to select clips, will be available for ISAF
  - Training of existing race official
  - Race official website
    - Platform don't allow much
    - Reorganized the website for easier access
    - New platform when ISAF decides (new website org is changing, the com does not)
- Olympic Classes Corinne
  - Wp footage for on board camera
  - Some judges wanted to ask permission to use video as evidence => guidance
- Judges Sub-Committee
  - Recommends umpiring medal racing at least two umpires in each boat, three boats for slow course and four boats on fast courses

## 69

- Will be approved, not as urgent. Lot of preparation to do before this package can be reviewed
- Will include misconduct and gross misconduct

## Social media Alfredo

- RO having blogs no very clear what can report or not

Match Race Management Policies for Organizing Authorities Thomas from DEN work together with him

# Racing Rules Committee

Wednesday 11 November 2015

Submission 159-15

The submission that was strongly rejected by the Race Officials Committee and passed by the Racing Rules Committee **by 1 single vote.**

There is a strong support to the Race Officials point of view, who voted no since passing this submission will mean that we will get a **new definition in the racing rules that excludes crabbing to windward as changing course.** Same goes for changing the direction in which the boat is travelling (forward and backwards).

The key issue here is **crabbing to windward as the leeward right of the way boat and changing from travelling forward to backwards.** If the submission passes the boat to leeward does not have to give room as the right of the way boat, **since the new definition says it does not change course as the bow is pointing in the same direction all the time.** Same goes for the boat that changes direction in which she is travelling.

Rule 16.1 says that when a **right of the way boat changes course** they have to give the keep clear boat **room to keep clear** and the keep clear boat has to do everything in their power to keep clear. If you go back to submission 203-14, where this issue was raised originally for the first time. Here crabbing to windward **was considered changing course, as travelling forward to backwards.**

## **Reporting Committee – Racing Rules Committee Other Committee – Race Officials Committee Racing Rules of Sailing**

Submission: **159-15**

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**New Definition: Change Course**A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee  
**Purpose or Objective**To clarify when a boat changes course for the purpose of the Part 2 rules.

**Proposal**

- Add new definition as follows:***Change Course*** A boat *changes course* when the direction in which her bow is pointing

changes.

- Italicize 'changes course' in rule 16.1, 'changing course' in the definition *Obstruction*, and 'change course' in the definition *Keep Clear*, in two places in rule 16.2, in rule 20.1 and where appropriate in Appendices B, C, D, E and F.

Current Position None.

Reason

In November 2014 Submission 203-14 was withdrawn and Q&A M002 (2013-11), on which it was based, was retained pending new submissions to clarify the rules about boats crabbing to windward. This proposal and one to amend rule 22.3 are the result.

These submissions are related and involve a new definition for "change course" and the act of "crabbing" to windward by backing both sails and using the rudder (while not changing your bearing).

#### **159-15**

If I walk into a room, then I simply start to walk backwards and go back out of the door, am I still walking into the room?

159-15 introduces a new definition for "change course": "A boat *changes course* when the direction in which her bow is pointing changes"  
This definition is flawed. The definition ignores the accepted and natural navigational concepts that separate "course" and "direction of travel". I believe the concept is that if the generally understood meaning of a term / word is well known, then there is no need to add a definition. A "course" and a "change of course" has been well understood for a long time and this understanding is different to submission 159-15.

One consequence of this definition is that a boat can go from a forward direction of travel to a reverse direction of travel without changing course. Rule 22.3 makes a boat going backwards by backing a sail a keep clear boat. However, what if a boat starts to go backwards after a luff without backing a sail?

The Umpire Sub Committee voted to reject 159-15 with a clear majority (if not unanimous) vote.

The Race Officials Committee voted to reject 159-15 (I do not know the result but have been told that it was not a contentious vote)

The Racing Rules Committee voted to approve 159-15 with 8 voting in favour, 7 voting against, and 2 abstain.

The result is that the committees of officials who have to apply this definition have rejected the submission while the RRC are split on approving it.

## 177-15

177-15 amends RRS 22.3: “A boat moving astern, or to windward, through the water by backing a sail shall *keep clear* of one that is not.”

This new rule is required because a boat does not “change course” if she backs her sails, travels to windward but does not change her bearing and “crabs” to windward.

So this rule would not be needed if the definition of “change course” found in 159-15 was rejected. A boat that starts to travel to windward (be it by backing a sail or not) has therefore changed course and rule 16.1 requires her to give a keep clear boat room to keep clear.

This addition to 22.3 now adds another instance where the rights and obligations between boats change due to a historical action. In a “rack up” at the start line, a boat now has to decide if they must keep clear of the boat to leeward under about 4 different rules. 22.3 is a rule that has a history. If the full actions of a boat are not observed, a boat does not know the status of the backing or crabbing boat (right of way or keep clear).

The Racing Rules Committee must try to limit Part 2 rules that have a history. Rules with history are the ones that result in a difference between sailors as to their status as well as a difference between sailors and officials (e.g. umpire might think the boat backed a sail but the boat does not)

The Umpire Sub Committee voted to reject 177-15 with a clear majority (if not unanimous) vote.

The Race Officials Committee voted to reject 177-15

The Racing Rules Committee voted to approve 177-15 with 8 voting in favor, 6 voting against, and 1 abstain (and 2 out of the meeting!)

This submission only has a reason to exist due to submission 159-15.

## Case Study

Match Racing used to apply the rule “...A boat moving astern through the water by backing a sail shall keep clear of one that is not...”

This rule was hard to Umpire consistently. Policies ranged from requiring the sail to be backed AND the boat moving astern to have the boat as keep clear, then to making the boat a keep clear boat if a sail was backed and some time after the boat started to move astern.

For the 2013-2016 RRS, Appendix C was amended to remove the requirement to back a sail “...A boat moving astern through the water shall keep clear of one that is not...” This improved the consistency of umpire calls and rule application but there were still issues around boats going astern, to being stopped, to going forward.

So by way of urgent submission, Appendix C was amended within this rule

cycle to simply delete rule 22.3 (effective January 2015). Now a boat retains the basic rights and obligations be it sailing forward or backward. The difference is that when a boat goes from moving forward, to moving backward, rule 16 applies as there is a change of course of up to 180 degrees.

This case study shows that there is a move in the rules to reduce these “historical rules”. The changes described in this case study were vetted AND approved by the RRC.

#### **Other unintended consequences**

+ Match Racing and Teams Racing will now have to amend their appendices to effectively remove the change in 159-15 and 177-15 back to the status quo.

+ The lessons learnt with 22.3 in Match Racing is being ignored.

+ We are introducing a new definition on (potentially) the strength of one vote in the RRC.

+ I still hear reference to “mast abeam” years after the rule was changed. Introducing a definition and having to change it later will result in confusion.

+ This definition is probably in conflict with the understanding of “course” in the IRPCAS.



# Events Committee

Thursday 12 November 2015

## 4. Executive Committee Update

- Sailing World Cup reviewed Alastair Fox ISAF Head of Events
- Test Event
- Team Racing World Championship #MNAs taking part
- Kite Boarding IOC

## 5. Olympic Games 2016

- Rio Sailing Manager Walter
- Test Events 2015
- Medical Commission has been at the TE, pollution
  - Published preliminary report to all MNAs
- Schedule of racing and course area assignments provisional paper published
- Start of racing 12/ 13
- Two live television areas, local airport will suspend air traffic
- Starting systems Antonio & Nino ISAF Sailing World Cup Starting Procedure => better for spectators and television. Numerical starting system.
  - Colors should not be too complicated, traffic light instead of too many colors
- Renovation program
- Pollution report, biggest concern, water quality
  - Trash in the water,
  - Inside and outside of the bay
  - Helicopter to spot the areas and supply that to race officer
- Construction of water cleaner is on the way
- City no sewage will come out when the facility is ready
- Marina a Gloria sewage pipe
- ISAF Medical Commission will publish clear advice to MNAs, Sailors, coaches and race officials
- Security 21<sup>st</sup> training day official
- Info to sailors what to consider even if the water quality is getting better
- "All" electronics are allowed for coaches
- Restricted zone or not, same procedure, coaches,
- 4 course areas inside, no what can coach boats carry
- Sim cards removed from phones – still discussing
- RS X any other needs to be outside
- RR support persons
- Policy electronics and communication
- Gas solution inside the marina

## 7. ISAF Events strategy

- Document, updated after every annual meeting
  - How will this document work, somebody makes a suggestion/change => who decides what goes in and what comes out?

## 8. IOC Agenda 2020

- Check recommendations ...
- Sport based program to Events based program => beach volleyball
  - Spectators, sponsors, television, not just the sport
  - Productify the sport to events to make it more accessible
- Get into the regulation how we are building our sport => sport presentation => like to see how it looks like => check with Sari

## 9. 2020 Olympic Games

- 2020 Tokyo, original thought site too close to airport => 3 new locations, test events 2018 September and 2019 same time as the actual Olympic game
- Aarhus 2018 World Championship

## 13. Paralympic Games

- Para Worlds to get into Olympics again in 2024, excluded for 2020.
- Meeting expectations of IPC
- Para Olympic development clinics MNAs can get help
- Para Olympic costs much more than Olympic sailing => focus on this
  
- Submission 291-15
  - Add Para Olympic to Olympic
  - Add to regular
  - Include in an open event
  - Need a laser type boat?
    - More countries to participate
    - Think more affordable
    - Argentina built a boat very similar to 2.4
      - Good price
    - 2.4
      - Very broad spectrum of disabilities can

## 10. 2020 Qualification System

- 102-15 withdrawn

## 11. 2020 Format

- How to improve spectator and broadcasting experience
- New spectators want fast and furious
- How to attract
- Cross country skiing
- Change first they will be against
- Format working party

## 12. Event Evolution

- Next November make recommendation to council about events and equipment
- Any person who makes suggestions take into consideration the event strategy document
- New private sponsor, foiling multihulls for youngsters Nacra 17 to a foiling configuration for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition
  - Event Committee wants more input and are not willing to do a decision
- Spectators = interesting, provide show
- Foiling boats can not be brought close to shore
  
- Sending out message to all classes Kim dk
  - Based on feedback a lot of things changing
    - What does IOC expecting = show
    - Everybody is foiling
    - What happens if 2020 Olympic is not foiling
    - Evolution in a class is to go foiling
    - Nacra 17 wants to evolve into a foiling class
    - If you watch were junior sailors are going
    - Not asking for acceptance, asking for support

## 14. ISAF Sailing World Cup

- First time started new elite contract proposal
- Qingdao acting as qualifier
- Qualification events to get to real event
- Kite boarding at some of the events
- ISAF registration system used
  
- Future development
  - Paper created
  - Comments over the
  - Have contracts, ISAF respects
  - Cancel Abu Dhabi no such decision is taken
  - Executive discussion
    - IOC relations want Olympics to reflect how the international federation has taken the sport forward
    - ISAFs responsibility to promote sport, sailors between the Olympics and deliver media and sponsor value
    - Provide regattas that are valued to sailors
    - Year one success = it happened, included the qualification
      - Minus work in progress
      - Final disappointment
      - Clashes with other events
    - Fours points
      - All rounds and finals must be compelling
      - Cost of attendance and logistics must be reasonable

- Must avoid clashes with classes
- Must be affordable
- Statements and questions
  - Analysis of attendance of previous years
    - Qingdao success Melbourne is struggling
  - Ranking must be further worked on
  - Schedule not possible to create without classes
    - Date
    - Shipping
      - Just in time shipping (Melbourne, Miami, Palma)
    - Teams want to go and practice and compete
  - Problems has been presented
    - When we put everything down, this is a starting point
    - Think about MNA and sailors
    - Get funding from championships
    - Sailing world cup does not give funding
    - Money, choice national
    - Financial point the cup does not bring value from a financial point of view
    - Qindao and Melburne a nice place is not enough
    - If one world cup event is at the same spot that the Olympics
    - Japan, quite far, you travel there for training
    - Final, all other successful sport have final, not true ie golf, tennis, cross country skiing, alpine skiing, formula 1 => successful that don't have a final
    - Need a good elite sailing series
  - Compelling to the whole world if want to be part of Olympics
    - Price money
    - Rankings
    - Paying part of travel
    - Logistic
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## 15. ISAF Sailing World Championship

- Test events 2017
- Aarhus Nacra 17 worlds good experience
- Engaged to deliver a good event in 2018
- Qualification system

## **16. ISAF Youth World Championship**

- New 29er boys and girls
- Bid process formalized
  - October year 1 interest November 1 completed bid ...
- Nacra 15 (youth multihull) will be used 2016, 2017, 2018
- Standard age U23, been up many times and support the idea, but it is too difficult to understand to total impact.
  - Junior, youth => start talking in a language that everybody can understand Ux
  - More info

## **22. Team Racing**

- More than alive around the world
- Struggle to get people to team racing worlds
- One in Asia and one in South America
- Only discipline