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ORC LEVEL RULE

The Offshore Racing Congress, after only eight months of intensive work, is now unveiling the **"ORC Level Rule"**.

This is a BOX RULE expressly studied and designed for three different size boats: 26, 33 and 42 foot.

Targets, strongly maintained during the whole research period, have been to promote the conception and construction of boats fun to sail, seaworthy and with considerable longevity.

In the development procedure many contributions have come from more than 50 design offices including the most famous ones in the world.

The ORC is grateful to all of them and is glad to present the Level Rule on the market conscious that it will change again the way to race and to sail at the highest level.

Briefly the rule is designed to create one offs in the frame of a very tight shape and construction controls.

Owners are happy to maintain some design freedom and the Rule opens up the opportunity for them to select their own designers and builders.

Good benefits of course have come from the presence and evolution of other Box Rules worldwide.

The ORC Level Rule principle characteristics are a light displacement, simple fractional rig with non-overlapping jibs, no runners and a large sail area boats with great performances and relative affordable costs.

It means that this rule will allow owners and sailors to compete in elapsed time at the same manner of the "old" Ton Level Classes.

Owners, boat-yards and design offices are studying since several months and they will be ready soon to present their products to the sailing community.

Interested Owners are asked to communicate their intentions to the ORC, in order to prepare at the soonest the constitution of an International Class Association intended to work with the ORC for the preparation of the International calendar.

The ORC is in fact now negotiating with different companies to be able to launch a Regatta Circuit for 2006 shortly.

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