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Summary of November meetings 2006 - Helsinki

ORC concluded its November meetings with some positive thinking for the future of the organization, after a lively week of discussions in Helsinki.

The IMS World Championship, whose divisions and ranges of eligibility are to be finalized, will take place in Hanko, Norway, under the auspices of the Royal Yacht Club of Norway, starting on 11th August 2007. It is a place where many sailing Offshore events have been held. No title sponsor has been announced yet.

The IMS 670 Worlds have been allocated again to Spain, given the increasing racing success of this class developing in Iberia. The Class Rules have been further enforced regarding a reduction of the maximum Hull Length, a Displacement/Sail Area ratio and the increase of the minimum number of units to 15.

The IMS Europeans as already planned will be in Cres, simultaneously with the Kieler Woche at Pentecoste (end of June).

The Sportboats Europeans have been allocated to Cagliari (Sardinia-Italy) at a date to be decided and the Mediterranean Championship to Punta Ala in June.

The IMS 600 did not receive (yet) any candidate for their World event.

Congress has reconfirmed in the ORC Chair Bruno Finzi, and has appointed Alessandro Nazareth as the new ITC Chairman, replacing Manolo Ruiz de Elvira, who ended his four years term this November. Deputy Chairmen were confirmed as Wolfgang Shaefer from Germany, and Don Genitempo from Texas. Vivian Rodriguez as ORC Secretary, and Nicola Sironi as Chief Measurer.

The GP Classes are preparing a racing circuit for 2007, and it has been agreed that all certificates will be centrally run by the ORC, with a number of measurers authorized to provide the forms and perform the necessary measurements. The fee per certificate has been established in €250, and an International circuit has been established for the 42 Class starting in Croatia in conjunction with the IMS Europeans, having its core in

Mediterranean Spain with the Valencia and Palma events, another event in Portugal and ending in Italy.

The IMS VPP has not been changed very much, the most important change affecting the whole fleet being the Age Allowance, which was changes with a motion from the Chairman at the final Congress meeting. Other changes are a more favourable treatment of the trim-tab, the canting keel and the centerboards.

Some important changes regard the measurement of the sails, and the way the VPP accounts for these measurements. A discount will be given also to sails below the IMS "defaults", and the maximum area of each sail type will be considered for the VPP calculations, instead of the area resulting from the maximum individual measurements.

The fees for ORC Club certificates have been increased for 2007 at 40 €, and 50 € for IMS.

The next premiere International race of 2007 will be the Rolex Circuito Atlantico in Uruguay, at Punta del Este, the first event of 2007 that will be followed by many races organized by the South American Association both on the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts.

A meeting with the IMS/ORC Club Rating Officers was held on Nov. 5th, with 20 people attending. The new web-based structure was presented, and its implementation details will be available soon. All worldwide acquired data merged in a single database will make several layers of information and services available on line at reasonable prices, not only IMS/ORC Club certificates which for next year will be dealt with by the respective Rating Offices the way they were used to.

A central ORC Rating Office service will be available for those sailors whose country does not have an operational office for IMS/ORC Club certificates, or whose country's Rating Office agrees to let this happen for their constituencies. In the countries where there is an established Rating Office, the requests will be redirected to them.

A quarterly update of the database will be required to Rating Offices to use the system, and a confidentiality agreement signed by all those exposed to creation or edition of hull Offsets files having Designer copyright.

It is targeted this year to have the operational 2007 software and the publications ready by the beginning of 2007.

The next AGM has been scheduled in Athens in November 2007, with 2 meetings of the ITC and Management Committees in the spring and the fall after the Submissions are received.

Measurement and training courses will be organized, the first one in Kiev (UKR) on Nov. 17th- 19th.

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