



## Championship Regulations Study Committee January 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Location or Call-in Information:

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Call to Order 11:00 EST, 16:00 Zulu

Present: Bob Duffy (BD) - BDA  
Reine Larsson (RL) SWE  
Danielle Lawson (DL) - SFB  
Greg Mancusi (GMU) - MHD  
Dayna Nelder (DN) - CHE

John Roberts (JR) - NEH  
Charlie Van Voorhis (CVV) - FIS  
Richard Werdiger (RW) - NKT  
Bill Widnall (BW) - MHD

Absent: Patrick Cooper (PC) - BDA  
Gilmour Manuel (GM)

Business Conducted:

- Welcome: CVV welcomed the group to the kick-off meeting. Identified three initial areas of focus for the committee – a.) improving and facilitating regatta hosting, organization and execution, b.) making the rules clearer and more helpful for PROs and Juries, and c.) ensuring fair competition for competitors, and encouraged any other suggestions or ideas. Requested that members access the shared Google folder and shared documents there and add their comments to the Committee Worksheet. Asked anyone with difficulties accessing the folder to contact him directly.
- Need for Better Communications between PRO, Judges and IODWCA: RL gave a brief report on what he saw as some of the causes of the difficulties with the recent World Championship, and specifically the requests for redress around the management of Race 3. Better, clearer communications between the PRO, OA, IJ's and WCA might have helped avoid confusion in this instance.
- Reorganization of Championship Regulations: GM suggested that the document tries to do too many disparate things and should be reorganized to facilitate their use by various parties to the regatta and especially as a regatta primer for the OA, including a timeline for reviews and approvals. CVV asked that GM suggest revised format in the committee worksheet for review before our next meeting.
- Detailed Review of Existing Document: BW suggested that the committee review each section of the Champ Regulations, paragraph by paragraph as a way to make sure that every part of the document gets proper consideration. CVV agreed that, after this initial meeting and after everyone has had a chance to add their thoughts, concerns and suggestions to the worksheet, is how the process would go.
- Consider Including the IODWCA as part of the Organizing Authority: DL suggested that the IODWCA be included as part of the regatta Organizing Authority to ensure

consistency from year to year as the regatta moves from venue to venue. BD warned that being named part of the OA would bring additional liability to the WCA and that should be clearly understood before making that change. GM suggested that there could be a middle ground that achieve similar aims without the added liability. Perhaps the Champ Regs could require specific IODWCA review/approval to ensure consistency from regatta to regatta without actually being named part of the OA. There are classes that conduct regatta both ways.

- Issues for further discussion: There were several issues that were raised that should be looked at more carefully these include among others:
  - Adding specific language considering the borrowed boat nature of the regatta for grants of redress beyond breakdowns.
  - BW suggested that the name of the North American Championship be left as is based on the discussion at last year's AGM in Sweden. GM thinks further discussion may be warranted.
  - Care of Yacht language should be more easily amended by host fleets by allowing such changes in our Champ Regs or Class Rules, perhaps avoiding the need for WS approval every year.
  - Discussed whether the Champ Regs should include more specific language about variations in race lengths, minimum wind velocity, boat rotation and other considerations to make the racing as far as possible.
  
- Schedule of Next Meetings: GM asked about schedule for delivering a final product and suggested that unless there was opposition, he would recommend that the committee meet every two weeks until the April deadline for the AGM agenda. There was no opposition, so it was agreed to schedule meetings every two weeks through early April. The next meeting was scheduled for February 7, 2019 at 11:00am Eastern Time.

Votes Taken:

- None

Materials shared:

- [Kick-off Letter](#)
- [Championship Regulations](#)
- [Championship Regulations Google Worksheet](#)

Next Meeting: 2019, Feb 7 11:00 EST, 16:00 Zulu

Adjourned 11:49 EST, 16:49Zulu

I have prepared these notes and information based on my understanding of the meeting. If any of the items above differ substantially from your recollection, please bring those discrepancies to my attention at or before the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Van Voorhis, Chair  
Championship Regulations Study Committee