

Roma, 27 Sept. 2012

**Subject: Proposed Motions and Nominations, IMCA AGM 2012 (no.5 pages)**

Dear Executive Committee, National Class Officers, IMCA Professionals, and Builders,

The Italian 24 Class Association is glad to submit the following proposed motions and nominations for your consideration:

**Proposal #1**

**EVENT APPLICATION & TIME SCHEDULE**

**4. IMCA REQUIRMENTS**

- The IMCA requires that the event is organised and managed to the requirements of the class as described by the Event Regulations and the Championship Rules. The Event Organiser shall use standard documents and forms supplied by the Class where required.
- The IMCA will send members of their team at the expense of the Event organiser to assist in running the event. These personnel will include a minimum of Championship Coordinator, ~~Administrator, Scorer,~~ International Measurer, Press Officer, ~~Web Master,~~ ISAF Sailor Classification Commission Representative and Official Photographer. The event organiser is required to cover costs as follows:

*In order to reduce unnecessary costs for the Organizers we propose to cancel the obligation for the Organizers to cover costs of IMCA persons not really necessary for the event.*

**Proposal #2**

**IMCA EVENT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

**C: EVENT PERSONEL**

**1. PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER**

- ~~The IMCA shall appoint the PRO and individual course RO's.~~
- The IMCA shall **approve** the PRO and individual course RO's.

*The Organization of the event should be the one in charge to appoint Race Officers with the necessary skill and knowledge of the specific racing area.*

### **Proposal #3**

#### **9. IMCA MEDIA COORDINATOR AND EVENT PRESS OFFICER (two people)**

- The IMCA Media Coordinator and event Press Officer for the event shall be appointed by the IMCA and are responsible to the IMCA and competitors for the overall smooth running of the event communications and press office functions
- The IMCA Press Team Officer will work with the Event Organisers press team and any event Sponsor press representatives.
- The IMCA Press Team Officer shall ensure that the every reporting is distributed to the correct press circulation.
- The IMCA Press Team Officer must approve **may control** all press releases regarding the event.
- The Press team Officer shall receive • Free accommodation in a minimum 3 star hotel or equivalent. This should preferably be within walking distance of the regatta site. Rooms should not be shared. • Free entry to all official functions and social events. • Free transport to / from the race site & harbour under their direct control if necessary.

*In order to reduce unnecessary costs for the Organizers we propose to concentrate on one person only any media work.*

*The obligation of control by the IMCA Press Officer on all releases is unfair to the other professionals and could create risky conflicts in a key area of the event.*

### **Proposal #4**

#### **D: RACE MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT**

##### **5. PRESS BOATS**

- A dedicated fast RIB or similar boat shall be provided for the sole use of the IMCA Photographer **and Press Officer**. Suggested size 6 meters with minimum top speed of 30 knots.

~~–A dedicated fast RIB or similar boat shall be provided for the sole use of the IMCA Event Press Officer. Suggested size 6 meters with minimum top speed of 30 knots.~~

- At least one other dedicated fast, dry boat shall be supplied for visiting press. It shall provide a steady camera platform and must be provided with an experienced driver who understands racing and is used to driving for photographers.

*In order to reduce unnecessary costs for the Organizers we propose to eliminate the boat for the Press Officer who will follow the race on the Photographer boat.*

## **Proposal #5**

### **~~6. IMCA ADMINISTRATION & SECONDARY PRESS BOAT~~**

~~• A dedicated deck salon high speed motor boat (eg Bertram 28) or similar shall be provided for the sole use of the IMCA Championship Coordinator and/or Administrator. This boat will also be used as a secondary IMCA press boat.~~

*In order to reduce unnecessary costs for the Organizers we propose to eliminate the boat for the IMCA Administrator*

## **Proposal #6**

### **CLASS RULES**

#### **C.2.2 WEIGHTS**

The total weight of the crew dressed in underwear max **kg. 375 370**

*We propose to reinstall the max weight the World Council voted at 2011 AGM*

## **Proposal #7**

### **10.2 LIMITATIONS**

(a) Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be carried aboard.

(b) **For World and Continental events** not more than 1 mainsail, 1 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be presented for registration and used during an event of less than 8 consecutive days, except when a sail has been lost or damaged beyond repair.

(c) **For any other event and for Corinthians Division boats only, not more than 1 mainsail, 2 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be presented for registration and used during an event of less than 8 consecutive days, except when a sail has been lost or damaged beyond repair.**

(d) Sails shall not be changed or substituted whilst underway or away from the dockside.

*We propose to help Corinthian Teams that can not compete against Pro Teams in terms of money.*

*The improved rule will permit all Corinthian Teams to save the best jib when racing in strong wind.*

*At World and Continental Championships all boats will respect the same sail limitations.*

### Proposal #8

## **INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION 2012**

### **8. Suspension, Expulsion and Disciplinary action against NCA's**

~~8.5 Should a minimum of 25% of the full members of an NCA lobby the IMCA, the IMCA will investigate the complaints against the officers of that NCA and decide on a course of further action.~~

*We propose to delete the rule entered in the IMCA Constitution at 2011 AGM.  
In a democratic system the elected officers are responsible for their actions and the electors must delegate them the administration and the conduct of the Class.  
Any wrong action by NCA officers must be managed inside the same Association by the relevant constitution procedure.*

### Proposal #9

### **16. Changes in Class Rules**

**16.4 If then not approved by ISAF, the Secretary shall send copy of ISAF communication to NCA's within seven (7) days of the ISAF notification and no change shall apply.**

*The new rule will permit to update all NCA's about any ISAF issue concerning IMCA proposals of rule modification. In case ISAF will not approve IMCA proposals, no modification or new rule will apply.*

### Proposal #10

## **STANDARD NoR, SI's (for single & split fleets) & Appendices**

### **STANDARD NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **13. SCORING**

- 13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.4 **After 13.2 and 13.3 applied, Corinthian Division boat's score will be the total of her race scores.**

*World and Continental events:*

*we propose the Corinthian boats will be scored in the relevant ranking using the real score extrapolated from the over-all results.*

*That will permit a fair racing on the water where the Corinthian boat target will be to sail as fast as possible and not only a control of the closest Corinthian boat.*

**NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Franco Rossini</b>	<b>SUI-825</b>
<b>Vice Chairman North America:</b>	<b>Paul Bennett</b>	<b>USA-596</b>
<b>Member Europe:</b>	<b>Andrea Racchelli</b>	<b>ITA-735</b>
<b>Member North America:</b>	<b>George Haynie</b>	<b>USA-687</b>

We are sure you will take note of above proposals.

We will be back to you within the deadline (Oct. 26th) for any amendments to our motions.

Best regards

Franco Ricci  
**Chairman**  
**Melges24 Italian Class Association**