

Report for XL ICF Congress Antalya, Turkiye, November 2024

Committee name: Canoe Ocean Racing

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Activities 2023-2024:

COR Committee meetings held:

December 2022

March 2023

June 2023

August 2023

October 2023

December 2023

February 2024

April 2024

July 2024

All meetings had ratified minutes.

Regular meetings with the HOC for the 2023 world championships in Perth.

September 2023 - site visit to Madeira for the 2024 world championships.

December 2023 - Attended ICF Ocean Racing World Championships in Perth, Australia.

April 2024 - Attended ICF board meeting, London.

September 2024 - Meeting with the HOC of the world championships

May 2024 - Site visit to Malaysia for the Pahang ocean festival.

September 2024 - Attended the Pahang Ocean Festival in Malaysia.

September/October 2024 - Attended the TIP camp and the ICF Ocean Racing World Championships in Funchal, Madeira.

Key achievements:

- Extensive revamp of the COR rules. Passed at the London board meeting.
- Held a world championships in Perth with the highest number of competitors ever (just under 600)
- Held a world championships in Madeira, with the highest number of federations participating (being 35)
- Secured, and approved bids for world championships up to, and including, 2028.

Ongoing Strategic plans for future implementation:

- Provide value to the federations and which would increase the number of bids for ICF sanctioned events.
- Identify regions where a sustainable development program can be implemented.
- Set up a forum, comprising of representatives from as many active Ocean Racing federations as possible, to provide input and suggestions, so that decisions are not made in a vacuum.
- Provide support to the ICF in their bid to have Ocean Racing incorporated into the Commonwealth Games and other multi coded events such as the Mediterranean Beach Games.
- Provide value to the athletes by selecting world championship venues with good downwind racing conditions, which are accessible and reasonably priced.
- Ensure that the world championships remain an open event.
- Set up a standardized safety protocol that would be applied to all ICF sanctioned events.
- Have an open and transparent committee succession plan.
- Establish a closer liaison with the surfski manufacturers regarding the acceptance of bids for major events.

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