



Report

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1. Major Meetings since last Congress

The ICF Ocean Racing Committee has 5 members from 4 different Continents.
The several meetings were held online via Zoom and email.

This are the major meetings and events that the chairman was present:

Date	Activity	Location
09/02/19	Ocean Racing World Cup - Spain	Spain
03/03/19	Inspection Ocean racing World Cup France	France
14/03/19	ICF Board Meeting	Beijing
06/07/19	Ocean Racing World Cup - Portugal	Portugal
21/08/19	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships	Szeged
26/08/19	Mediterranean Beach Games	Greece
09/09/19	Canoe Ocean Racing World Racing Championships 2019	France
20/11/19	Sports Commission meeting	Turkey
21/11/19	ICF Board Meeting	Turkey
04/03/20	ICF Board Meeting	Spain

04/03/20	PHAS Working Group	Barcelona
25/09/20	ICF Sprint World CUP	Szeged
24/11/20	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
03/12/20	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
12/03/21	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
19/03/21	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
05/05/21	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
14/05/21	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
01/06/21	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
16/06/21	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
27/06/21	ICF Board Meeting	Teleconference
04/07/21	Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships 2021	Spain
02/08/21	Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games - Sprint Event	Japan
04/09/21	ICF Junior U23 Sprint World Championships	Portugal
16/09/21	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships	Denmark
01/10/21	ECA Congress	Slovakia

2.Tasks undertaken for this period

The following period was strongly affected by the COVID 19 Pandemic.

In the year 2019 the activity was normal, and strength the activity of Ocean Racing Worldwide specially at national level with a great increase of National events and the participation of athletes with strong participation of women.

The Committee participated in the review of the Canoe Ocean Racing Rules with the standard model cross disciplines. Deliverables of the Ocean Racing event was also reviewed considering the specifications of the disciplines and its actual status of development.

The Committee was directly involved at international level on the major events.

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All events had livestreaming and the participation of 5 continents.

The 2020 World Championships were cancelled due the pandemic.

At the same time support was given to several National Federations on the organisations of the events at National level.

The results of World Championships are attached to this report. They show strong participation.

The World Ranking was updated until the start of the Pandemic.

We would like to remind that Canoe Ocean Racing was the first discipline in the ICF to organise a World Championships after the pandemic.

The bidding procedure continued, and World Championships events were allocated until 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
2022	Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships 2022	New Zealand
2023	Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships 2023	Australia
2024	Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships 2024	Portugal

Considering the COVID 19 the bid to 2022 from New Zealand was not confirmed and a new bidding procedure was opened.

Issues and Main Points of Report

The discipline has spread in several continents and countries and the local and regional.

The COVID 19 had a strong impact on the activity. Nevertheless, the return of the activity was very strong, and at local and regional level the calendar is at the same level as it was before the pandemic.

During this period several top-level international event have been held in all continents and there is a clear and reinforced interest of many National Federation and Continental Federation. We have at this Moment scheduled continental championships for Europe, Asia, America and Oceania. Ocean Racing is now part of the calendar of many National Federations and more organizers are interest in hosting international events under National Federations umbrella

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

Deliver the Ocean Racing development program.

Having an education program to be implemented for safety.

Proficiency certification for athletes to enter events.

Review the ICF coaching documents.

Allocation of next World Cup and World Championships Events.

5. Recommendations

Implement Ocean Racing in the ICF development program.

Support Ocean Racing in Continental Beach Gams and World Beach Games.

Implement a safety mandatory proficiency test/certification.

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The Chairman



Mário Santos