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TO: Mr. Bruno Finzi
Chairman of the Management Committee
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Dear Mr Finzi,

The Bulgarian Sailing Federation (BSF) manages keel sailing in the country through the Keel Boat Commission, which is authorized by the federation. This commission includes the One Design classes and the handicap system of the WORLD SAILING structure: IRC Rating System and ORC Rating Systems.

In 2016, Mr. Lachezar Bratov proposed ORC Rating Systems be included in Bulgaria as a handicap system. Mr. Bratov assured us that the management of ORC Rating Systems authorized him to represent the system in Bulgaria. BSF accepted this proposal and included Mr. Lachezar Bratov as a member of the Keel Boat Commission of the Federation.

So BSF knows that the ORC Rating Systems will be managed according to the rules and documents established by the ORC Rating Systems.

It was also taken on trust that the structure co-founded by Mr. Bratov, named: ORC club & ORCi-Bulgaria (https://www.facebook.com/ORCclubBulgaria/?locale=bg_BG) is essentially established as a National Rating Office for the country as the one was done from the IRC system.

The management of the Keel Boat Commission and the BSF accepted that the two systems have the same equal status and the same structures in the organization of the races in the calendar of the Federation.

In the last two years, boat skippers began to turn to the Keel Boat Commission for non-correct management of the ORC system from Mr. Bratoev. He imposed decisions related to the incorrect determination of Scoring Options. This has happened with frequent changes at the last moments for the various races. This has led to changes both during competitions and new rankings after competitions have been held. Mr. Bratoev is also the owner and skipper of a boat competing in top-class ORC races in Bulgaria. Various examples were given by the owners of the boats of how the rules were changed according to positions in the classification of Mr. Bratoev.

Many yacht owners and skippers consider that the form of organization of regattas and the classification of yachts were done incorrectly.

Conflicts between the skippers and the organizers of the regattas required the Keel Boat Commission to demand an official document from Lachezar Bratoev that he and the ORC club & ORCi – Bulgaria, they are officials authorized to manage the system in Bulgaria, as Mr. Bratoev claimed, until the middle of July 2024.

The Keel Committee decided to check this by carefully reviewing all the official documents of the ORC Rating Systems. The answer was that the system does not know them.

Most strange for the BSF, is that our country is not included in the official participants of the system as a member of Nominating Bodies and not the main acting body of the Annual General Meetings system.

This also meant that the country did not have an authorized institution related to the ORC System as the National Rating Office.

We were surprised that countries around Bulgaria, Romania, and Turkey and all the countries close to us, Greece, Croatia, Ukraine, Russia, and Slovenia are represented by the official national sailing federations in the General Assembly.

We have no explanation from Mr. Bratoev as to why this was not done. It became clear that BSF that Bulgaria has no official ORC Rating Systems status.

As a result of these facts, on 08.08.2024, the Management Board of the BFA decided to change the management of ORC Rating Systems on the territory of the country.

BSF decided to take over the responsibility for presenting the ORC Rating Systems on the territory of Bulgaria in the organization of regattas and to have the same standard the two handicap systems.

In this regard, Mr. Bruno Finzi, please consider this proposal from BSF. We are waiting for an official answer from the ORC Rating Systems.

Yours Sincerely,
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