



MEASURER'S CONFERENCE IN KIEL

The **Offshore Racing Congress (ORC)** and **Deutscher Segler-Verband (DSV)** have announced a **Measurer's Conference** will be held over **13-15 February 2011** in **Kiel, Germany**. The focus of this conference will be to provide theoretical and practical training in the measurement of offshore sailing yachts, use of the International Measurement System (IMS), an overview of new rating features and services available on the ORC website, and give ORC Rating Officers training on new software management tools for ORC Rating Systems (ORC Club and ORC International). The conference will also give a review on progress made towards achieving a universal system of measurement as it relates to ISAF's Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).

All aspiring and existing offshore yacht measurers are invited to attend, as this will be a unique opportunity to unify measurement methods and procedures across different rating systems.

Details of the schedule are as follows:

Saturday, 12 Feb	09:30 - 1800	International Yacht Forum	Hamburg Chamber of Commerce
Sunday, 13 Feb	09:30 - 11:00	Transport by bus from Hamburg to Kiel	
	11:00 - 13:00	Registration and welcome lunch	Regattahaus - Kiel
	13:30 - 18:00	Theory – Measurement clinic	Regattahaus – Kiel
Monday, 14 Feb	08:30 - 16:00	Practice measurements	DSV boatshed - Kiel
	17:00 - 18:30	Practice data collection and evaluation	Regattahaus - Kiel
	19:00 - 22:00	Dinner	TBA Kiel
Tuesday, 15 Feb	09:00 - 12:30	Work on the acquired data, etc.	Regattahaus – Kiel
	12:30 - 14:00	Goodbye lunch	Regattahaus – Kiel
	14:00 - 18:00	Rating Officers training, Q & A	Regattahaus – Kiel
Wednesday, 16 Feb	09:00 - 17:00	Extended training (optional)	Regattahaus – Kiel

The conference will be led by ORC Chief Measurer Nicola Sironi, with on-site organization and support being provided by Boris Hepp and Robert Jacobsen of the DSV.

The Registration fee of 130€ includes transport from Hamburg, lunches for Sunday through Tuesday, Monday evening dinner, and any materials associated with the seminar. Online registration and more details on the programme and travel and accommodation logistics can be found at www.orc.org under Meetings.

Attendees of the conference are also invited to attend the **International Yacht Forum** held on Saturday, 12 February in Hamburg and organized by the German Offshore Owners Association. Details and registration can be found at www.iyfh.org.