

Minutes – Annual General Meeting International 2.4mR Class Association



2005 Annual Meeting

Date: September 22nd, 2005
Location: Elba, Italy
Time: 1330 (local time)

<u>Participants:</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Danny McCoy	Canada, (President)
George Barker	Great Britain, (Vice President)
Thomas Franklin	United States, (Secretary)
Bo Hedensjö	(Treasurer)
Stellan Berlin	(Executive Committee)
Heiko Kroeger	Germany, (Executive Committee)
Rikard, Bjurström	Finland, (Executive Committee)
Håkan Kellner	(Technical Committee)
Elena Polo D'Ambrosio	Italy
Peter Braun	Denmark
Pekka Seitola	Sweden
Jerry Thompson	United States
Bjørnar Erikstad	Norway
By Proxy to President	Australia
Jan Haan	The Netherlands

Agenda

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 - d) Discussion on Changes in Class Rules
 - e) Election of New Officers
 - i. President
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 - iii. Secretary
 - f) Vacancies on Executive Committee (If Applicable)
 - g) Proposal and Discussion of Constitutional Change

AGM Minutes

1. Reading of 2004 Meeting Minutes

Stellan Berlin (Sweden) suggested that the 2004 AGM minutes and the minutes of both EC Meetings should not be read as they have been available on the website for sometime. All present agreed since they have read them individually.

2. President's Report

Danny McCoy (Canada) started off by thanking Håkan Kellner (Sweden) for his efforts in developing new rules that will govern IFDS sanctioned events and for his work in creating measurement templates for the Class. He next thanked Thomas Franklin (United States) for his monumental efforts in bringing the Class into the 21st century and for his work ethic for cleaning up Class documents as well as developing a new website. Danny McCoy (Canada) spoke about the importance of developing a working website and the need for archiving Class information. He next discussed the need for developing a new Class Constitution as the current version is not a good road map for running the business of the Class. Danny McCoy (Canada) referenced a similar discussion held during the 2004 AGM in Gävle, Sweden. He stated that he hopes that the work done over the last 12 months, on a new Constitution, is the beginning for creating a new document that will better serve the Class well for years to come. Finally, Danny McCoy (Canada) thanked those present for the opportunity and privilege to serve the Class over the last 24 months.

3. Treasure's Report

Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) started with the report for 2004 by stating that there were more costs than in previous years due to website fees and costs associated with traveling to Elba, Italy to meet with the 2005 World Championship organizers. In 2004, the revenue was 850 more than the total expenses which gives the Class a net surplus of 850 euro for 2004. For 2005, there is mostly revenue from NCA subscriptions with the only expense of fees to ISAF. There is a projected cost of sending a Class Representative to the Annual ISAF Meeting in November 2005. Danny McCoy (Canada) stated that an expense report agreed to by the Executive Committee, in March 2005, was submitted to reimburse Thomas Franklin (United States) for telephone costs. This amount is approximately 500 euros. Danny McCoy (Canada) requested that he would like this paid. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) stated that there was no agreement, by the Executive Committee, to pay the ICA webmaster 500 euros or who should travel to Elba or a set amount to be spent for the trip. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) went on to say that Class Officers should not have to incur expenses and that they should be reimbursed. Thomas Franklin (United States) stated that there were also costs associated with sending Håkan Kellner (Sweden) to Denmark and costs for creating templates. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) stated that IFDS paid all costs associated with Denmark and the building of Class templates. Rikard, Bjurström (Finland) agreed with Stellan Berlin (Sweden) that no clear decision has been made for costs for the trip to Elba or telephone expenditures. Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) stated that there is record of previous reimbursement made to Gusaf Fresk for website and Internet work. Danny McCoy (Canada) requested that Thomas Franklin (United States) submit an expense report to the ICA Treasurer. All agreed. Jerry Thompson (United States) asked why there was a drop in the membership of the Dutch NCA. It was determined that there was an error in the report and the Netherlands only has for (4) boats.

4. Technical Committee Report

There will be amendments to our Class Rules that will take effect in March 2006. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) gave a detailed explanation of the rule changes and the need for such changes. The changes to the current Class Rules include redefining the waterline length as well as the roach of the mainsail. A new rule is Appendix K which will only be applied to IFDS sanctioned events. This appendix was checked by Håkan Kellner (Sweden) and Stefan Ryott (Sweden) at the 2005 IFDS World Championships held in Denmark. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) stated that Appendix K will be used at the 2006 IFDS World

Championships to be held in Perth, Australia. Thomas Franklin (United States) stated that there was some concern that the Amendments for 2006 were not voted on by all member NCAs. Thomas Franklin (United States) pointed out that the early submission to ISAF, prior to the 2005 AGM, was necessary to meet the ISAF deadline of 1 August 2005, or the Class would have to wait until March 2007 for these amendments to take effect.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

Thomas Franklin (United States) read an Email from IFDS that is requesting that the Class appoints someone as an International Measurer. (PLEASE SEE APPENDIX B FOR COMPLETE EMAIL). George Barker (Great Britain) asked if Stefan Ryott (Sweden) is an International Measurer. Thomas Franklin (United States) said that two people have come up in discussion to fill this position. One person is Håkan Kellner (Sweden) and the other is a German measurer who has experience measuring meter boats, is a certified ISAF Measurer and teaches other so they may become certified. Danny McCoy (Canada) stated that it would be good for the Class to appoint someone from within our Class. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) agreed. Jerry Thompson (United States) stated that IFDS probably wants an International Measurer for high level events such as IFDS World Championships and the Paralympic Regatta. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) agreed to take the lead and become an International Measurer for the 2.4mR with the understanding that the International Class will look for someone that Håkan Kellner (Sweden) can train as a replacement.

Thomas Franklin (United States) read an Email from IFDS that stated equipment requirements and Class Rule references that will be used during the 2006 IFDS World Championships to be held in Perth, Australia. Elena Polo D'Ambrosio (Italy) requested that this information be posted on the ICA website. (PLEASE SEE APPENDIX B FOR COMPLETE EMAIL).

- a) Thomas Franklin (United States) explained the working of the new ICA website and requested feedback for improvements. All member countries present are satisfied with the website.
- b) George Barker (Great Britain) made a presentation for Great Britain to host the 2007 World Championships. The proposal was that the 2007 IFDS World Championships would be held during the first week of July, the 2007 Open World Championships would be held during the second week of July and there would be a regatta during the third week of July called the Centenary Event where various meter boat classes would participate. George Barker (Great Britain) pointed out that the only event that is fixed is the Centenary event as IFDS has not yet selected the venue for the 2007 IFDS World Championships. Preliminary regatta fees would be 205 British Pounds per sailor based on a 90 boat fleet. This fee is a worse case scenario and does not include sponsorship. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked who would chair the Open World Championships and seek sponsorship. George Barker (Great Britain) stated that it would be a combined effort of the professional staff at Weymouth and the British NCA. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) expressed the need for having a tune-up regatta before the World Championships since boats have to be shipped and sailors would not have time for training. Peter made a proposal for Denmark to host the 2007 World Championships. Danny McCoy (Canada) asked Great Britain and Denmark to download the application from the ICA website. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) suggested that there should be an Internet vote to decide which venue will host the 2007 World Championships.

Meeting adjourned at 1430 (local time)—Postponement Flag Dropped

Meeting reconvened at 1930 (local time)

It was agreed that Denmark and Great Britain would submit applications, to host the 2007 World Championships, to the new Secretary no later than 15 November 2005.

- c) No discussion. Reports accepted as presented in AGM package.
- d) Class Rule changes discussed under agenda item four (4). Thomas Franklin (USA) spoke about how there has been an increase in the number of sailors not following Class Rules. Thomas Franklin (USA) pointed out that this might be attributed to a misunderstanding of language and that a portion of our Class Rules might be vague. Thomas Franklin (USA) proposed that a committee be formed to clean up the language. Thomas Franklin (USA) also suggested that the Class Race Management Manual be updated to reflect what should be included as part of the measurement process for Continental and World Championships. Danny McCoy (Canada) agreed and proposed that the incoming Executive Committee designate a group to address these matters. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) suggested that a rule expert from ISAF be involved. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) said that the rules were rewritten two years ago according to the ISAF template. Peter Braun (Denmark) suggested that a list of definitions be incorporated into our Class Rules. A discussion ensued. Peter Braun (Denmark) made a motion for the new Executive Committee to form a committee to clean up the language in our Class Rules and have ISAF review final version. Bjørnar Erikstad (Norway) seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) Thomas Franklin (USA) nominated Danny McCoy (Canada) for President, seconded by Rikard Bjurström (Finland). Pekka Seitola (Sweden) nominated Stellan Berlin (Sweden) for President, seconded by Peter Braun (Denmark). A discussion ensued where both candidates were questioned. Votes were 12 to 5 with Norway abstaining. Danny McCoy (Canada) elected as President for a period of two (2) years.

Rikard Bjurström (Finland) nominated Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) for Treasurer, seconded by Thomas Franklin (USA). Vote unanimous. Bo Hedensjö (Sweden) elected as Treasurer for a period of one (1) year.

Danny McCoy (Canada) nominated Thomas Franklin (USA) for Secretary, seconded by Norway. Vote unanimous. Thomas Franklin (USA) elected as Secretary for a period of one (1) year.

- f) Nominations for Executive Committee were: John Finch (Canada), Peter Braun (Denmark), Rikard Bjurström (Finland), Heiko Kroeger (Germany), and Stellan Berlin (Sweden). John Finch (Canada) received 6 votes. Peter Braun (Denmark) received 8 votes. Rikard Bjurström (Finland) received 10 votes. Heiko Kroeger (Germany) received 13 votes. Stellan Berlin (Sweden) received 10 votes. Rikard Bjurström (Finland), Heiko Kroeger (Germany), and Stellan Berlin (Sweden) elected to Executive Committee for a period of two (2) years. Rikard Bjurström (Finland) nominated Danny McCoy (Canada) for Executive Committee Chairman, seconded by Pekka Seitola (Sweden). Vote unanimous. Danny McCoy (Canada) elected as Executive Committee Chairman for a period of two (2) years.

Peter Braun (Denmark) nominated Håkan Kellner (Sweden) for Technical Committee Chairman, seconded by Heiko Kroeger (Germany). Vote unanimous. Håkan Kellner (Sweden) elected as Technical Committee Chairman for a period of one (1) year.

- g) A discussion ensued regarding the need for a new Class Constitution. Sweden presented their version of a new Class Constitution. Pekka Seitola (Sweden) said that the biggest concern with the current new draft is that there is too much power given to the Executive Committee. Pekka Seitola (Sweden) stated that the power should be in the hands of the World Council with the AGM deciding the work and direction of the Class each year; and that it should be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to ensure that this work is carried out. Rikard Bjurström (Finland) proposed that both versions be posted on the ICA website and that member countries vote point by point by 15 November 2005 to the ICA Secretary with the final version sent to ISAF for review and comment. Motion was seconded by George Barker (Great Britain). Motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Franklin (USA) discussed the problems with the United States NCA. Pekka Seitola (Sweden) said that the USA NCA has been a problem for many years and that there is a big problem with the lack of Class growth in the USA NCA. Pekka Seitola (Sweden) stated that this should be a priority of the International Class to address this problem. Peter Braun (Denmark) and Danny McCoy (Canada) agreed. Peter Braun (Denmark) asked what will happen to the American sailors if the USA NCA is dissolved. It was decided that the American sailors would fall under the ICA umbrella and pay a subscription fee of 10 euros each directly to the ICA which is what each member NCA pays to the ICA for each of their members. A motion was made by Rikard Bjurström (Finland) to send a letter to the USA NCA outlining criteria that must be met in order for the USA NCA to be continued recognized as a member NCA. Motion was seconded by Sweden and passed unanimously. The letter will be endorsed by the Executive Committee and supported by all member NCAs.

Meeting ended at 2203 (local time)

Danny McCoy
President

Thomas Franklin
Secretary

Appendix A: Proposed Class Rule Changes For 2006

Proposed Class Rule changes for 2006 have been forward to ISAF for approval.

CLASS RULE CHANGE SUBMISSION REQUEST FORM

Submission Deadline: 1/08/05

Please reply to the ISAF office via email: submissions@isaf.co.uk or
by fax: +44 (2380) 635 789 only

<u>Submission made by:</u> International 2.4mR Class Assaciation	<u>Date:</u> 14 – 06 - 2005	<u>Contact:</u> Håkan Kellner Fagerövägen 30 791 53 FALUN SWEDEN mkellner@telia.com
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Current Position:

(Explanation: If the submission proposes a change to existing Class Rules, please define the current rules or position).

D.6.2 WATERLINE LENGTH

Submitted Amendment:

(Explanation: please detail the current rule, with the proposed changes set out with the exact words you propose inserted or deleted.)

Current Rule:

- (a) The waterline length (LWL) shall be measured between the forward “L” mark (See H.4, D.8.2 and D.9.2 (a)) and aft most of :
1. Where the waterline meets the aft end of the hull, or
 2. The centre of the axis of the rudder stock

New Rule:

- (a) The waterline length (LWL) shall be measured between the forward “L” mark (See H.4, D.8.2 and D.9.2 (a)) and the aftmost of:
1. the part of the hull at or below the LWL including any fairing strips attached to the hull but excluding the rudder and normal rudder hangings, or
 2. The centre of the axis of the rudder stock.

Reasons to support submission:

(Explanation: Please define clearly the reasons for making this submission).

The change is to prohibit boats with parts of the hull below LWL going aft of LWL station.

Current Position:

(Explanation: If the submission proposes a change to existing Class Rules, please define the current rules or position).

D.8.2 HOLLOWES

Submitted Amendment:

Current rule:

- (a) There shall be no hollows in the surface of the hull between the LWL plane and the **sheerline** except an area at the stern between the buttock lines 100mm from the yacht centreline and below L1. Should there be any irregular hollows or notches in the stem of the yacht within a vertical distance of 30mm above or below the flotation water line, they shall be bridged across within the limits of said vertical distance. The extent that bridging increases the length for measurements or the waterline length, the increased length shall be used for the purpose of rating or displacement.

New rule:

- (a) There shall be no hollows in the surface of the hull between the LWL plane and the **sheerline** except at the stern within the buttock lines 100mm from the yachts centreline and below L1.

Should there be any hollows or notches in the stem of the yacht when measuring from any point below to any point above the LWL plane, they shall be bridged across by a straight line from points on the stem within a vertical distance of 30mm above and below the LWL plane for the purpose of rating.

Reasons to support submission:

(Explanation: Please define clearly the reasons for making this submission

There is a contradiction in the current rule saying that there shall not be any hollows above the LWL and saying that if there should be hollows within the vertical distance 30mm above and below LWL.

Current Position:

(Explanation: If the submission proposes a change to existing Class Rules, please define the current rules or position).

G.2.4 DEFINITIONS

Submitted Amendment:

Insert new definition:

Upper Leech Point is specified by the distance 500mm from the **Head Point**.

Reasons to support submission:

(Explanation: Please define clearly the reasons for making this submission

Inserting a new measurement “upper width” will stop sails with very large roaches

Current Position:

(Explanation: If the submission proposes a change to existing Class Rules, please define the current rules or position).

G.3.4 DIMENSIONS

Submitted Amendment:

Insert new measurement:

Upper width.....0.19 x E

Reasons to support submission:

(Explanation: Please define clearly the reasons for making this submission

See G.2.4

Current Position:

(Explanation: If the submission proposes a change to existing Class Rules, please define the current rules or position).

[New appendix K](#)

Submitted Amendment:

Section K – IFDS RULE

K. 1 SCOPE

The rules in this Section K shall apply to 2.4mR boats competing in events ruled by IFDS like the Paralympic Regatta, the World Championships for disabled sailors, individual country trials to such events etc. The rules are additional rules to those in Sections A – J, and shall be read in conjunction with them.

This Section K will only apply when it is referred to in Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

K. 2 CERTIFICATE

In addition to B.1.1 the **boat** shall have a separate certificate according to the rules in this section K and according to a separate Measurement Form.

K. 3 BOAT

K.3.1 WEIGHT

The weight in C.5.1 shall be minimum 259 kg and maximum 261 kg

K.3.2 BALLAST

The weight of the lead **ballast** in the keel including equipment specified below and placed in the keel whilst racing shall be maximum 182 kg. Equipment that is not included in the **ballast** weight is one electrical pump weighing not more than 0.400kg, one manual bilge pump made of plastic and hoses made of plastic.

K.3.3 CORRECTOR WEIGHTS

(a) When the **boat** weight with ballast according to K.3.2 is less than required in K.3.1, the difference shall be placed as **corrector weights** of lead fastened to the hull according to K.3.3 (b). The weight and location of the **corrector weights** shall be recorded in the certificate.

- (b) All **corrector weights** shall be placed above the floor level and at least 50% of its weight shall be placed under the deck. The centre of gravity of these **corrector weights** shall be located not more than 200 mm from the 0.55xLWL station. The floor level is defined as a horizontal level 550mm below the **sheerline** at the 0.55xLWL station.
- (c) No equipment or installations are allowed to be made of lead or contain lead except for ballast according to K.3.2 and **corrector weights** according to K.3.3 (a) and (b).

K. 4 HULL AND DECK

K.4.1 MOULDS

The hull and deck shall be built in moulds made according to the Norlin Mark III design and by builders licensed by the designer Peter Norlin or with his permission by the ICA. No changes, fairings etc are allowed on the outside of the hull and the deck except when needed for special equipment e.g. peter boom.

K. 5 ASSEMBLED HULL

K.5.1 FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT

The **foretriangle base** J in D.9.1 (a) (3) shall be 1560mm.

K.5.2 DIMENSIONS

In order to check that the two halves of the hull shell and the deck are correctly assembled to each other the following measurements shall be controlled:

Beam of hull at sheerline	minimum	maximum
At a section 430mm from the stem head (L1 station)	244mm	254mm
At a section 2185mm from the stem head (0.55LWL)	801mm	809mm
At a section 3525mm from the stem head (L1 station)	533mm	543mm
Chain girth, at a section 2185mm from the stem head (0.55 LWL). Girth taken from the sheerline on one side round the keel and up to the sheerline on the other side	2740mm	2752mm
Clearance to templates at :	minimum	maximum
Stem at a section 430mm from the stem head (L1 station)		
Template placed perpendicular to the stem line	0	2mm
Underside of keel at a section 2185mm from stem head (0.55LWL)		
Template placed vertically	0	2mm
Fore side of keel 500mm above underside		
Template placed horizontally	0	2mm

Stern centreline 100mm in front of the rudder stock
 Template placed vertically 0 2mm

K.5.3 KEEL TIP WEIGHT

maximum

The keel tip weight of the **boat** excluding **ballast**,
 equipment in the keel see K.3.2, **rig** and **sails**. 18kg

The tip weight shall be taken when the boat is hanging in the
 lifting straps fastened inside the boat and with the keel held
 in a horizontal position by supporting it on a point 50mm
 from the under side of the keel in the 0.55LWL section.

K.5.4 CHECKING THE HULL AGAINST OTHER BOATS

Measurement to check the conformity of a boat to the Norlin MarkIII design can be
 carried through by comparing the boat against a randomly picked reference group of
 boats. If any measure on the boat being checked differs more than 3mm from the boats
 in the reference group, the checked boat shall be regarded as not legal.
 This method shall be used only to check the outside shape of the hull and the keel
 excluding the deck and excluding divergences due to damage.

K. 6 HULL APPENDAGES

K.6.1 RUDDER

The shape of the rudder blade shall comply with the template with the clearance
 minimum 0mm and maximum 5mm..

K. 7 RIG

K.7.1 BOOM

The **Outer point distance** in C.8.3 (a) shall be maximum.....1960mm.

K.7.2 STANDING RIGGING, DIMENSIONS

The fore triangle base in C.8.4. (a) shall be maximum..... 1560mm.

K.7.3 MAST DIMENSIONS

Amendment to F.3.4

Lower point to upper point shall be maximum..... 4650mm

K.7.4 WHISKER POLE DIMENSIONS
 Amendment to F.5.2
Whisker pole length shall be maximum 2106mm

K. 8 SAILS

K.8.1 MAINSAIL DIMENSIONS
 Amendment to G.3.4 maximum
Half width 1333mm
Three-quarter width 804mm
Upper width..... 372mm

K.8.2 DIMENSIONS OF HEADSAIL WITHOUT BATTENS
 Amendment to G.4.4. maximum
Foot length 1716mm
Three-quarter width 437mm
Half width 827mm

K.8.3 DIMENSIONS OF HEADSAIL WITH BATTENS
 Amendment to G.4.5 maximum
Foot length 1482mm
Three-quarter width 468mm
Half width 850mm

Reasons to support submission:

(Explanation: Please define clearly the reasons for making this submission)

The IFDS wants to insert rules for the “one design class” used in the Paralympic regatta and other regattas for only disabled sailors. This class will not be a real one design class, as the construction, fittings etc are still open for innovations in some extent, but the major factors governing the speed performance of the boat are limited. The “one design class boats” will still be capable to give good competition in the open class.

Appendix B: Emails from IFDS

From: LinSail@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 6:50 AM
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Subject: Re: FW Class rule submission section K

Tom – Håkan has sent me this document as well; Simon Forbes has some concerns, so I forwarded it to him the day after I returned. I am going to call ISAF in just a few minutes so that I see if he has any further comments. Emma is holding the Bulletin until we get the OK from ISAF on this. Will be in touch with you by email on this today.

On another issue raised by Luissa Smith (guide at ISAF): As far as we and they know, there is no IM for the 2.4mR class. This needs to be resolved soon (now 2006) before the next games. All sorts of wiggling had to occur for the Games in Athens as Stefan is not an IM. When is your annual meeting? This needs to be addressed ASAP so that the necessary procedures can be followed. The ISAF Regulation 35.5 outlines the steps; I will summarize them for you. The person must be nominated by the class and the person's MNA; must attend an IM seminar, must have measured at two events (Worlds?), and may not be employed as a professional measurer. Gene H. has gone through the process and would be a helpful guide as he has worked with these events over the years.

On another note, I was most impressed with the thoroughness and collegiality of the work done in DEN by Håkan, Stefan and Gene. It has certainly been worth the effort; we just need to get the document to the sailors so that they know what to expect.

Thank you for your support in this venture; will be in touch about distribution of the document to MNAs, etc.

Linda Merkle

From: LinSail@aol.com
Date: 2005/09112 Mon AM 08:59:42 EDT
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Cc: simon@isaf.co.uk; luissa@isaf.co.uk; mkellner@telia.com; sdj@sailingalternatives.org; hinkelif@knology.net
Subject: RE: 2.4mR statement for the IFDS bulletin

Emma — Following conversations with ISAF and Serge today, this is what needs to appear in the IFDS bulletin:

“2.4mR Measurement for the 2006 IFDS World Championships in Perth January 16-26, 2006:

In addition to International 2.4mR Class Rules 2005, the submitted request of Class Rule Change of Rule G.2.4 and G.3.4 and the new Section K shall apply. These additions can be found on the web site of IFDS. Only the original Norlin Mark III rudder will be permitted for use on the regatta. The shapes of templates will also be available on the web site for checking boats prior to the event.”

Thank you,
Linda Merkle