

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – September 3rd, 2024

Present: Heiko, Bruce, John, Fia (Niko Absent)

1. Bruce began the meeting covering technical committee review of Worlds in Kiel after stating that the plan at Heritage Yachts has Keith Gordon measuring another boat. Brian's health and summer activities have slowed the process it appears. Bruce will reach out to Brian and get a status with plan forward from him. Next TC meeting will be mid-October. Fia asked that the TC changes to the class rules be clarified as to what has changed to make it easier to understand. It also is asked that it be sent out to the member NCAs. The TC will put together some instructional information on safety boats and rescue techniques. Tom did a great job covering training the safety crews and measuring. He now has a date for taking the IM course which is the end of September. EC voted to approve 1000 euros towards the cost of Tom's course costs in Hungary. Keith Gordon will keep his name as measurer for the next year. The EC would like to provide some class clothing for our measurers so when they go to World events they can wear our class gear. Should think about developing something and budget for it. This could be part of class promotional clothing, and the promotional group could take this as an action item. Fia likes the idea and has had ideas on this. Heiko wants it to be a print on demand item, so it is not a stocking issue for the class. Can send to NCAs potentially so it is only going to one location per country. Fia discussed logo and file location which she will need. Bruce thinks Virgile has the logo files, and we need to get a master file or list created. The TC is looking at removing the maximum width of letter and leaving just the minimum to enhance readability. They are also looking at defining courses and setting up finish lines. The ERS is changing as of the 1st of the year and has been reviewed by TC. It has been determined nothing impacts or changes things for our class.
2. Heiko has been reaching out to the Italian Class on hotels and various other things regarding the Worlds in Lake Garda. Class is concerned about how it can best deal with the overall cost to sailors and discussed different ways to assist those needing it. The dates are from October 7th to the 12th 2025 and EC officially accepted their bid. We are fortunate to have such a sailing destination as our bid for hosting our Worlds. They should be hosting Para Worlds with the event and class is confirming this element. We are hoping with the inclusion of Para Worlds there might be additional funds available for the event. The EC discussed the maximum and minimum number of boats that they are planning to cover regatta costs and dockage. The EC acknowledged that the hosting NCA has no control over housing but might be able to help as we did this year with some sponsorship. The EC discussed concerns about setting a precedence in doing this. We need to get bids from less expensive locations for 2026. If we don't host our own Worlds, then we would have them with World Sailing with cost and regatta management at the mercy of World Sailing. The Class has been in dialog with World Sailing and will maintain a healthy dialog with them, but we want to only consider World Sailing Championships if we have no other choice within our class. Heiko will send an email formally accepting the Italian bid and ask that they host the Para Worlds with next year's Worlds.

TC also would like to not have the fleet split and they felt many of the sailors were unhappy with the split fleet in Kiel this year.

3. The PR movie from Worlds should be completed within a week and Heiko should be sharing it once completed. The slideshow portion showing all the happy sailors was highlighted good section and we are hopeful the final product is impactful for the Class.
4. Discussed the dates going forward getting ready for our upcoming Annual General Meeting. Key dates leading up to it would be October 11th (120 days out) secretary send out a reminder about the AGM.
 1. November 10th secretary to send out request for nominations, resolutions, and proposals
 2. December 10th last day to receive nominations, resolutions, and proposals
 3. December 25th last day for secretary to distribute the motions
 4. January 9th last day to receive any amendments
 5. January 18th last day to send out any modifications
 6. February 8th is the AGM.

Next EC Meeting will be October 10th.