

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – January 7th, 2025

Present: President Heiko, Bruce, Niko, and John

Summary:

Talked about boat building efforts occurring at Ontario Yachts in Canada. The EC voted to approve Ontario Yachts as an Accredited Builder if the TC determines they are accepting of the presented materials and wants to approve them as a builder. Boat Ownership paperwork discussed as well as the Class Survey. The World Championship status and the need for the NOR covered. Bruce and Heiko discussed the need for a strategy to implement a financial plan to avoid tax implications and ensure the bank account remains secure. The EC also discussed the idea of creating jig kits for boat measurements, with Heiko suggesting the use of a file service for centralizing important documents.

Ontario Yachts Boat Project

Bruce and Heiko discussed the status and process at Ontario Yachts getting the first lay-up of a hull started. Tony Pocklington's molds have been delivered and any necessary repairs have been made. Discussed details around providing building with configuration inputs for internals and potential "options". Bruce has surveyed other sailors as to changes they would like to see to make it more versatile. Team has a good communications network between the North American NCAs and the builder. Builder was invited to attend the TC's next meeting. Team discussed any concerns with approving them as an Accredited Builder. We have received samples and pictures which meet requirements but still needs checked by a measurer. John discussed his concern that class is thorough going over the documentation requirements which go along with the Accreditation. Bruce assured the committee that it would all be covered in detail. Bruce made the motion for Ontario Yachts to be approved as an Accredited Builder pending the TC's review and approval. Vote was unanimous to approve them. The class is still getting items from Heritage, as the TC team works with them to be fully approved and ready to manufacture the 2.4.

World Championships Logistics and Support

In the meeting, the team discussed need for answers from the Lake Garda location. EC observed just after this EC meeting completed that the yacht club has set up an event page on their website for the 2.4 World Championships. Heiko and Peter Russell are working with them on the NOR to get it completed as early as possible. Items such as container storage and handling was brought up. USA is sending a container over and John received answers on the logistics in Europe for handling containers. The EC still has not received any word of any charter boats available.

Germany has a few which might become available due to the recent passing of one of their sailors. German NCA will investigate availability for class to use them. The EC discussed conflicting events during our Worlds on the same continent and the need to address it. Heiko still has not received clear direction from World Sailing regarding the Para Championship as part of our 2025 Worlds. There is also concern with what World Sailing is planning in 2026 as they have not decided yet.

Boat Ownership Paperwork

John brought up the question regarding how the various NCAs are handling the transfer of ownership. Bruce offered the Canadian owners Measurement Certificate describing the boat and sailor which is only good along with the original measurement form and Buoyancy certificate. Thomas uses the same in Germany and surrounding NCAs. Bruce will forward to John. Heiko covered what form they use and it is good enough for crossing various borders within the EU. It allows the official measurement and cert's to remain unchanged other than the ownership form. Bruce will send a copy to John of the Canadian form for him to rework.

Class Survey Results

Heiko discussed the results received so far and more have been coming in. A final summary will be generated and sent out to the various NCAs for their use along with class leadership. Some responses have been very vague and difficult to put actions behind. Leadership is still asking for inputs till the end of January.

eAGM Preparations

John is putting together the final agenda and needing a final statement from Heiko. Agenda will go out within days and then the final package 21 days prior to the date. The team talked about various items which might be discussed and covered some of the items in the agenda.

Forming a Working Group for Finances

Bruce and Heiko discussed the need for a more formalized approach to managing finances and making decisions. We agreed on the idea of forming a working group to decide how to spend the money, with the aim of reducing the amount in the bank while also investing in necessary services. The financial support the certification of international measurer was mentioned as one item the class should support with some incentive amount. We also discussed the idea of conducting more surveys to gather feedback and ideas from members. John suggested adding a line item in future surveys for members to suggest topics they'd like to see covered. The team agreed to work on these ideas and to potentially conduct more surveys in the future. Heiko is creating a template of various ways to reduce the account funds because it is too large an amount. A plan needs to be generated to reduce the amount year over year for the next 5 years. John brought up support of boat measurement with tools and that he had found some drawings of jigs. He will send them to Bruce to review. Should the class pay for a file service for all our class documents was discussed. This could include space for each NCA to utilize for their storage needs. The team agreed on the need for a file service, with Heiko suggesting a cloud-based solution like iCloud, which would cost around \$10-12 per month. We also discussed the possibility of having open and secret access to the data, depending on the user's needs. Want the working group to be able to decide spending opportunities without having to wait till the next eAGM.

2026 World Championships

Heiko is working with Netherlands to get an official bid completed. Heiko will send out an email to Poland and Norway who have also expressed interest in hosting the 2026 Worlds as well.

Previous Meeting Minutes were approved.

Next EC Meeting will be February 4th 2025