

November 3rd 2025 EC Meeting

In attendance: Heiko, John, Mikael, Niko, Fia, Bruce

Key takeaways

- Ontario Yachts is producing 2.4 boats with prototype #1 ready to sail and #2 in progress
- World Sailing is planning an inclusive World Championship in Portugal (October 2026) but has not officially communicated details to the class
- The class needs to decide how to handle having both open World Championships and inclusive/para World Championships
- Action for Europe situation remains unresolved; Frank proposed having one event per NCA in the European region
- The class needs to establish a new bank account as Paul is stepping down from bank account duties
- Proposal to create class medals for World Championships and other events

Discussed topics

Ontario Yachts Production Update

Bruce provided an update on the production of 2.4 boats by Ontario Yachts.

- **Details**
 - **Bruce:** Boat #1 is ready to sail, and boat #2 is well along in production
 - **Bruce:** Measurement of the prototypes is planned for early January with four measurers
 - **Bruce:** Ontario Yachts is planning for production where they can create inventory of hulls
 - **Niko:** Proposed that the international class buy two boats to support the builder and have stock available
 - **Bruce:** Cautioned that boat building is a tricky business and they need to prove themselves first
- **Conclusion**
 - Ontario Yachts is making progress with production and focusing on quality
 - More information will be available in the coming months
 - The class will consider supporting the builder once they've proven their capability

International Measurer Status

Discussion about Matti's status as an international measurer and issues at the World Championship.

- **Details**
 - **Niko:** Mentioned that Matti's license had expired
 - **Bruce:** Explained that recertification is typically a 4-year process
 - **Heiko:** Reported problems with Matti at the Worlds, including improper measuring equipment

- **Heiko:** Tom did most of the measurements at the Worlds
- **Heiko:** Tom is being considered by World Sailing to become a measurer for multiple para classes

• Conclusion

- The class needs to clarify the process for international measurer certification
- Tom may become an international measurer through World Sailing

World Sailing Para Events and Portugal 2026

Extensive discussion about World Sailing's plans for inclusive World Championships and the upcoming event in Portugal.

• Details

- **Niko:** Hannah from World Sailing mentioned Portugal will host inclusive World Championships in October 2026
- **Niko:** World Sailing wants the class to approve participation, otherwise they'll give the spot to another class
- **Heiko:** Expressed concern about the funding situation for para sailors to travel to Portugal
- **Fia:** Noted that World Sailing tends to announce events last minute, making planning difficult
- **Michael:** Worried about how this affects the planned 2027 Worlds in Norway
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• Conclusion

- The class needs to get official information from World Sailing about the Portugal event
- John will draft a letter to Hannah requesting all pertinent information
- The class will need to decide how to handle having both open Worlds and inclusive/para Worlds
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Poland 2027 World Championship

Discussion about the proposed World Championship in Poland in 2027.

• Details

- **Heiko:** Reported that the Polish presentation was impressive and they have experience running events
- **Heiko:** The venue has a good marina and is accessible for Northern Europeans
- **Michael:** Concerned about how this would work with World Sailing's inclusive Worlds

• Conclusion

- The class needs to determine how to handle potentially having two World Championships

- More information is needed from World Sailing before making decisions

Class Identity and Media Representation

Discussion about how the class is perceived and represented in media.

• Details

- **Heiko:** Shared his experience with press coverage focusing on para sailing aspects
- **Heiko:** Even with separate events in the past, the 2.4 was still seen as a class for disabled sailors
- **John:** Suggested defining the class ourselves rather than letting others define us
- **Heiko:** Proposed creating materials for the press that explain the inclusive nature of the class

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• Conclusion

- The class should develop a strategy to inform the press about how they want to be seen
- Focus should be on the inclusive nature of the class, not just the para sailing aspect

Action for Europe Situation

Discussion about the ongoing issues with Action for Europe.

• Details

- **Heiko:** Reported that Frank had tried to mediate between the class and Action for Europe
- **Heiko:** Action for Europe released a calendar without waiting for discussions with the ICA
- **John:** Shared that Frank had proposed one event per NCA in the European region as a solution
- **Michael:** Suggested creating an International European Ranking Series run by a committee of sailors

• Conclusion

- John will work on a proposal based on Frank's suggestion
- The class should document communication attempts with Action for Europe
- The goal is to find a solution that unifies rather than divides the class

World Championship in Italy Review

Discussion about the recent World Championship in Italy.

• Details

- **John:** Overall it was a good event with some communication issues beforehand
- **Niko:** Felt it was worth the money despite the high entry fee
- **Heiko:** Praised the quality of the videos and social media content
- **Michael:** Suggested improvements for trophy presentations, including recognizing more categories

• Conclusion

- The event was successful despite some organizational challenges
- Future events should improve trophy presentations and ensure correct awards
- The class should have someone check the awards before presentation

Medals for Class Events

Niko presented research on creating medals for class events.

• Details

- **Niko:** Shared images of medals produced for Nordic countries
- **Niko:** Initial cost would be around 500 euros for the mold, plus per-medal costs
- **Niko:** Proposed having the 2.4 logo on the medals
- **Michael:** Suggested starting with medals for the Worlds

• Conclusion

- Niko will contact Virgil for the vectorized class logo
- The class will consider ordering approximately 12 medals of each type
- The medals could be used for World Championships and potentially other events

Treasurer Transition and Banking

Discussion about transitioning the banking role from Paul and establishing a new bank account.

• Details

- **Michael:** Working on finding a place to establish a bank account
- **Michael:** Mentioned challenges with bank ID requirements
- **Michael:** Suggested the class may need to register as an organization

- **John:** Emphasized the need to meet Paul's request to transition before the end of the year

• Conclusion

- Michael will continue working on establishing a bank account in Norway
- The class will need to consider formal registration as an organization

Kiel Week Participation

Heiko raised concerns about the number of boats participating in Kiel Week.

• Details

- **Heiko:** Only 15 boats participated this year, which is low for an international class
- **Heiko:** Wants to ensure at least 20 boats for future events
- **Heiko:** Will reach out to sailors from various countries to gauge interest

• Conclusion

- Heiko will contact NCAs to determine potential participation
- The class needs to make Kiel Week more attractive with social events and reasonable entry fees

Action items

• John

- Draft a letter to Hannah requesting all pertinent information on Portugal 2026
- Forward the Norwegian NCA proposal to Bruce
- Work on a proposal for European ranking series based on Frank's suggestion

• Niko

- Contact Virgil for the vectorized class logo for medals
- Research medal costs and design options

• Michael

- Continue working on establishing a bank account for the class
- Communicate progress to Paul regarding the treasurer transition

• Heiko

- Contact NCAs to gauge interest in Kiel Week participation
- Develop a concept to make Kiel Week more attractive with social events

• Bruce

- Review the Norwegian NCA proposal regarding class definitions
- Provide updates on Ontario Yachts production

- **All EC Members**

- Meet again on November 25th at the same time