

Meeting Summary: Executive Committee Monthly Meeting

Date of Meeting: March 2, 2026 (based on context and references to upcoming April events)

Participants:

Heiko (President)
Fia (Vice-President)
Mikael (Director Finance)
Niko (Director)
Bruce (Technical Committee Representative)
John Seepe (Secretary)

The Executive Committee convened to receive updates from the Technical Committee (TC), review operational matters, and address key class governance and event issues. The discussion was professional and focused, with clear action items assigned.

1. Technical Committee Updates (Bruce)

- The **2026 TC Work Program** was forwarded to the EC for reference. It consolidates all current items from the AGM list and serves as a living document; ad-hoc issues will be added as they arise.
- **Norway World Championship preparation:** Peter Russell has provided comprehensive information for the organizers; the TC is reviewing it for imminent distribution.
- **Ontario Yachts (new builder):** No substantive progress to report. Pricing is still awaited (previously assured “within days”). The builder’s principals plan to sail the two completed boats at the end of March regattas; a third hull is already well advanced. Measurement certification with John Finch remains incomplete.
- **Potential Spanish builder (Rafa/Peter Russell discussions):** The TC has supplied a sample contract and explanatory materials. No response has been received; the matter remains in limbo. The builder has been explicitly advised of the rigorous, ongoing engagement required with the TC (particularly given the absence of local measurers in Spain). Thomas remains the nearest certified measurer.

2. Major Events

A. Netherlands Worlds July 7 – 12, 2026 (Sneek)

- No technical concerns. Peter Russell's documentation is ready.
- **Registration and payment issues:** International participants (North America, Australia, etc.) are encountering difficulties with the sole payment method (IBAN-only). Attempts to register and pay have failed for some EC members. The Dutch organizers have been contacted; alternatives (e.g., credit card, PayPal, or adjusted banking details) are urgently required. Registration is technically open and approximately 11 boats are already listed (some pending payment).
- **Action:** Niko to post on the international Facebook page that registration is open. NCAs have already been notified by email. John will continue dialogue with the organizers on banking solutions.

B. Portimão (October 1 – 11, 2026) – World Sailing Inclusive World Championships

- No formal invitation or detailed information has been received by the class or the TC. The only communication is informal and stems from the class's own inquiries.
- **Next steps:**
 - Once the Notice of Race (NOR) is published (expected imminently), the EC will gauge sailor interest via a simple Facebook/email poll (yes/no, irrespective of cost/format).

3. Class Governance and Administration

- **Incorporation / legal status:** The long-standing difficulty of establishing a legal seat for an international class with officers in multiple countries was reiterated. EU registration is problematic for non-resident members; Switzerland and the United States remain under consideration. John has engaged an expert and will report options. This remains the EC's primary 2026 objective.
- **Medals:** Nico is obtaining quotes for gold, silver, and bronze medals (Open Worlds) plus supplementary awards (Women, Rookie, Para). Quantities for Norway and subsequent events (approximately 30 medals) will be confirmed; engraving options and multi-year ordering will be explored. Design feedback will be circulated.
- **Communication with NCAs and members:** Hasse and Loic have raised the issue. Fia will contact them formally, inviting concrete proposals (e.g., quarterly Zoom sessions, newsletter, survey). The EC favors structured,

moderated formats (muting participants where necessary) to avoid unproductive sessions. A member survey may be used to quantify demand.

4. Administrative Notes

- Meeting minutes are AI-generated and will be reviewed/edited by John before approval of EC for general distribution.
- **Next EC meeting:** Monday, 13 April 2026 (same time; April 6 conflicted with Easter).

Action Items – Immediate

- Niko: Post international Facebook announcement – “Registration open for 2026 Worlds.”
- John: Continue dialogue with Dutch organizers on payment solutions; advance incorporation research.
- Fia: Contact Hasse and Loic regarding communication improvements.
- Niko: Obtain medal quotation details (quantities, engraving, design).
- Bruce: Continue TC oversight of Norway documentation and Spanish builder follow-up.
- All: Review forwarded 2026 TC Work Program.

The meeting concluded on a constructive note, with appreciation expressed for the ICA's ongoing work.