

International 2.4mR Class Association (ICA) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, 12 May 2026 **Format:** Video conference

1. Attendance Present: All Executive Committee members except Fia, who was unable to attend.

2. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

3. Main Agenda Items and Discussion

3.1 2026 World Championship (Sneek, Netherlands) The Committee reviewed final preparations for the event.

- Medals and trophies: Concern was expressed regarding the availability of sufficient medals for all classes, particularly as the long-standing Finnish supplier is retiring. Heiko agreed to contact the organizers to confirm quantities and to explore alternative suppliers if necessary.
- World Championship trophy: Confirmation was received that Tony will transport the trophy from the United States.
- Organizer communication: No issues or outstanding requests have been received from the organizers. Members reported positive recent contact (including a meeting in Berlin) and confirmed that all logistical arrangements appear on track.
- Social program: The organizers are planning a boat tour through the city canals and additional social events. The Committee agreed that the ICA should consider a sponsorship contribution similar to the €1,000 provided last year, subject to a formal request from the organizers. Heiko will follow up directly with Frank.

3.2 Kiel Week The Committee noted that the 2026 Kiel Week regatta has been cancelled due to insufficient entries (approximately nine boats). The primary reasons cited were high entry fees (including crane costs), travel expenses (particularly ferry costs for international participants), and concerns regarding the open-sea conditions.

Discussion focused on lessons learned and preparations for 2027:

- Potential reductions in entry fees through sponsorship from the City of Kiel (crane costs) and increased social programming (minimum three barbecues).
- The German National Class Association has historically contributed to social events; the Committee agreed that any ICA contribution should be modest and requested via formal application from NCA (e.g., €500) to avoid setting precedents for other regattas.

- Heiko will meet with the Kiel organizers immediately after this year's event to compile a formal list of requested improvements.

3.3 World Sailing and Paralympic Pathway (Portugal Event and Future Events) The Committee discussed ongoing liaison with World Sailing regarding the upcoming event in Portugal and the broader Paralympic equipment evaluation process.

- Multiple members confirmed they will register and pay the early entry fee, then formally request charter boats where needed.
- Rafa's reported minimum of 13 entries from Spain and Portugal was noted but no entries have yet materialized.
- The Notice of Race (NOR) and contract negotiations remain under review by World Sailing. The Committee agreed to maintain the current approach without submitting further unsolicited proposals at this stage.
- Next-year events (Norway / Poland) were noted; a standard class presentation will be delivered. World Sailing representative Hannah is not expected to attend the Sneek Worlds.

4.4 Membership Dues Michael provided an update on the collection of annual dues.

- Response has been satisfactory overall, with payments being processed.
- Minor technical issues were noted with non-EU payments (address and banking details). These will be addressed through improved banking arrangements in due course.
- The dues deadline remains 1 July 2026.

5. Any Other Business No additional items were raised.

6. Action Items

- Heiko: Confirm medal/trophy availability with Sneek organizers; follow up with Frank regarding potential sponsorship; liaise with Kiel organizers post-event on 2027 improvements.
- Members: Register for the Portugal event and submit charter-boat requests where applicable.
- All: Monitor World Sailing communications regarding the Paralympic pathway.

7. Next Meeting The next Executive Committee meeting will be 1 June 2026

8. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at.

Minutes prepared by: [Your Name / Secretary] **Date of minutes:** 17 May 2026

These minutes constitute a concise, accurate record of the discussions held. Should any corrections be required, please advise the Secretary at the earliest opportunity.