

# Chairman's Report of the Year 2019/2020

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Nordic Folkboat International Association

Dear Folkboat sailors,

normally you get the Chairman's report at the AGM. For the Gold Cup and our AGM in Eckernfoerde / Germany were cancelled I would like to inform you this way.

NFIA keeps the community updated by sending out newsletters to the National Nordic Folkboat Associations after every Board meeting – both directly by email to the NNFA main contacts and by loading up the information to our website. This information serves as a preparation for our AGM too. At the AGM this year we normally would have voted for/again class rule changes. That is the routine NFIA followed the past years in line with what World Sailing is doing when updating the Racing Rules of Sailing after the Olympic Summer Games.

Not so this year. As you all know the Games are postponed to 2021 and therefore the changes are postponed too.

Under the impression of these special times the members of the Board decided to extend the mandate of the Board until next year. In 2021 we hopefully will meet in Tallinn / Estonia and hold a „normal AGM“ having elections and votings.

Now a short review of NFIA matters during the past 12 months:

We had two Board meetings via Skype – the first in November 2019, the second in March 2020. We discussed general issues like advertising on boats during regattas, Class Rule changes/amendments eventually necessary, other technical matters and the financial situation of NFIA. For the latest update of those matters please review the reports from Lennart and Harald.

Some applications for upcoming events have been confirmed:

2022 the Sessan Cup will be organized in the UK.

2021 the Gold Cup will take place in Tallinn / Estonia.

A personal note:

I am very pleased to have the experienced NFIA-Board members Harald Koglin (Secretary/Treasurer) and Lennart Magnussen (Technical Chairman) with me in the team as well as Per Puch (Vice-Chairman) who joined the Board at the AGM last year in Aarhus/Denmark; Per is a very well known Folkboat sailor from Denmark.

The Technical Committee is represented by Simon Osgood (UK), Hans Werner Aping (GER) and Lars Bræstrup (DEN).

The work with these men is sometimes controversy and intensive but always with respect and constructive. Thank you all for that.

I hope to see you all in Tallinn / Estonia.

Stay safe and healthy

Michael Fehlandt (Chairman)