

News from the NFIA Board



On December 2, 2017 the regular autumn Board meeting took place. Meeting place was Norddeutscher Regatta-Verein in Hamburg / Germany. Its president Andreas Christiansen is one of the founder of NFIA in 1995.

Attendants from the Board were Chairman Søren Kæstel (DEN), Vice-Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER), TC-Chairman Lennart Magnusson and Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER). Bjarne Marcussen (DEN) as technical expert from the TC was participating as well. Ditte Andreasen, chairman of the Danish Folkboat Association was joining temporarily by Skype.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

General Matters

As the 'after-sail'-program of the Gold-Cup in Kerteminde did not meet everyone's expectations, for future GC applications a requirement profile will be put together to ensure high performance in the event.

Folkboat Central (FBC) in Hamburg closes down its business on Dec 31, 2017. At the time of the meeting NFIA was not yet informed officially. Now we know that FBC is in negotiations with a potential successor who might continue with the whole business. The Polar shipyard in Estonia is not affected.

Nevertheless the boat master-plug stored in Estonia will be removed from the ground of FBC / Polar shipyard on a short term basis.

Financials

Numbers are in pretty good shape. Currently we do not see any risk although the relocation of the plug and storing it elsewhere was not to be foreseen at budget time.

Technical Matters

Regarding the keel discrepancies actual vs. drawing it was decided to tolerate minor variances but to keep an eye on that subject in measurement procedures during big events.

A proposal from Finland to change CR 9.01 to allow generally spinnakers in racing events was refused because this already is possible; the notice of race of a regatta just must mention this as a core requirement.

A proposal to allow IROKO for replacing TEAK components will be under further consideration.

Events

Gold Cup events in Simrisham (2018 in SWE) and Aarhus (2019 in DEN) are all on track. For 2020 there is no applicant yet. Germany is supposed to find an organizing club.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held in spring 2018 – probably in Kiel / Germany.

Harald Koglin
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