

News from the NFIA Board



On April 8, 2017 the regular spring Board meeting took place. Meeting place was again the Hellerup Sejlklub in Hellerup, which is located not far away from Copenhagen / Denmark a place which can be reached best from all the various European participants

Attendants from the Board were Chairman Søren Kæstel (DEN), Vice-Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER), TC-Chairman Hans Torlén (SWE) and Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER). Bjarne Marcussen (DEN) as technical expert from the TC joined the group as well as Lennart Magnusson, a guest from the Swedish National Association who is a candidate for the replacement of Hans Torlén; Hans will not stand in for another term in his function.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

General Matters

There is no progress in the situation regarding spare parts at Folkboat Central (FBC) in Hamburg.

The boat master-plug stored in Estonia has been inspected on-site by Bjarne Marcussen with unsatisfactory results. The Board is working on an acceptable solution with FBC / Polar shipyard.

Financials

Numbers are in pretty good shape. The account balance expected for June 30, 2017 might force NFIA to charge the National Associations with 1 € per in those Nationals registered boats.

Technical Matters

NFIA is in a follow-up process re. some discrepancies on tolerances regarding the keel vs. its drawing. It again was confirmed that this process will last until autumn 2017.

A clarification of CR 13.20 re. nature and position of handholds is still under investigation and will be cleared up shortly.

The new aluminum mast profile, which was developed on the basis of a private initiative, now is ready for being used under race conditions.

Jib handling on downwind courses like the Star boat class is practicing, is in line with the CRs and allowed - as long as the jib is not moved above mast mark 2 (spreader position).

Events

Gold Cup events in Kerteminde and later down the road in Simrisham (2018 in SWE) and Aarhus (2019 in DEN) are all on track.

For the Kerteminde Gold Cup the Notice of Race is available on the website of Kerteminde Sejlklub; also entries are already possible.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held during the Gold Cup event in Kerteminde.

Harald Koglin
April 11, 2017