

News from the NFIA Board



On November 10, 2018 the regular fall Board meeting took place. Meeting place was the internet. As an experiment SKYPE was used for this meeting – with very good success.

Attendants from the Board were Chairman Søren Kæstel (DEN), Vice-Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER), TC-Chairman Lennart Magnusson and Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER). Ditte Andreasen, chairman of the Danish Folkboat Association had joined as guest.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

General Matters

For the sake of comparison of sailors an international ranking list may be a good idea. The realization of this project looks to be quite difficult und time/money consuming. For now this item is put on hold but remains under consideration in a long term view.

In the Technical Committee there still the functions both of the Chief Measurer and the Engineering Expert are vacant. Potential candidates are available and will be announced as soon as possible.

Financials

Due to the relocation cost of the boat plug from Estonia to Germany the income statement numbers have fallen significantly back behind budget expectations. For the reason of compensation the National Associations will be charged with the equivalent in Euros of in the association registered boats. In the meantime all Nationals have been informed accordingly to include appropriate numbers in their budgets for 2019.

Technical Matters

TEAK from an environmental point of view is a risky material. For this reason IROKO will be allowed and added to the CR 2.216 through 2.219.

During the AGM 2018 in Simrishamn the additional CR 1.94(c) paragraph re. the authorization of alu mast was commonly accepted.

As both items are of important interest, the CR adjustments will become effective as soon as SYRU gives their confirmation.

Events

A review of the Gold Cup in Simrishamn showed some shortcoming in the race organization. Kerteminde Sejlklub has provided some guidelines for the race management which are recommended for future events and are in line with the WORLD SAILING recommendations.

The Gold Cup 2019 in Aarhus / DEN is on track. For 2020 Eckernfoerde / GER is the applicant, for 2021 Estonia has sent an application.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held during on March 23, 2019 in Hellerup / Denmark.

Harald Koglin
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