

News from the NFIA Board



On November 20, 2016 the regular Board meeting took place. Meeting place was the Hellerup Sejlklub in Hellerup, which is located not far away from Copenhagen / Denmark.

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 Ditte Andreasen (DEN), the Chairman of the Danish Folkboat Association.

In summary the following items were discussed:

Søren Kæstel will get in touch with Stefan in order to assure full functionality of the Chairman's job after the retirement of Stefan. This also will include the need of verifying the status of the annoying situation with Folkboat Central in Hamburg.

As the condition of the boat plug stored in Estonia is unclear, someone from the TC will inspect the plug on-site.

Financials are in pretty good shape.

The Class Rule changes for the next 4 years are finally concurred by the Scandinavian Yacht Racing Union (SYRU). Changes become effective on Jan 1, 2017. It was stressed out that any new idea from which the Nordic Folkboat will benefit, is highly welcome. Ideas should be directed to either the NFIA or the National Folkboat Associations. The ideas as well as NFIA's comments will be published as appropriate and as quickly as possible.

NFIA is aware of some discrepancies on tolerances regarding the Keel vs. its drawing. There will be a follow-up process which lasts until autumn 2017 before the drawing is expected to be updated.

A new aluminium mast profile, which is more comparable with a wooden mast (f.i. shape and condition), is in its test phase with pretty encouraging results. The technical design and development of that profile was done on the basis of a private initiative.

A potential contradiction in CR 13.20 re. nature and position handholds will be cleared up.

Both Mainsail and Headsail drawing will be updated for the wording of the reinforcements.

Some crews started jib handling on downwind courses like the Star boat class does. TC will check whether this handling is covered by the CR. The conclusion will be communicated before the regatta season starts in 2017.

Gold Cup events next year in Kerteminde and later down the road in Simrisham (2018 in SWE) and Aarhus (2019 in DEN) are all on track. A German club should organize the GC in 2020.

The idea of reactivating the Wallcon Cup which is a team race with 4 boats, is on hold.

NFIA suggests a common logo for the 75th anniversary of the class – just adjusted for the name of each member country's name. Sweden already has created a logo which might become the common one when the copyright issue is solved.

NFIA will inform its members about general issues and results of meetings via a Newsletter which will be sent out as and when required. This document is meant as to be the first newsletter.

The next meeting of the Board will be on March 11, 2017.