



## Chairman's Report of the Year 2015/2016

In Germany the new Saison 2016 started a bit mixed from the weather and wind, but with nice Sailing Events in Springtime. Now Summer arrived, the German Championship is over and the Goldcup in Helsinki will start very soon.

As I wrote already last year in my report, the quantity of Participants is going down in all Classes and within specific Events. Same this year with the German Championship which was close to the Minimum. But another interesting point is, that within special Events participation is going up. Sailors seems to focus on "highlight" Events – for sure this Year the Goldcup in Helsinki. At closing Date there were 64 Entries!

The board of NFIA and all National Associations should focus on this – let's call it – Evolution. Maybe it would be better to reduce the Number of Events within the year and put more focus on specific ones, like Championships.

The major international highlight of 2017 will be – without any doubt - the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together with the Goldcup in Kerteminde – the Capital City of the Nordic Folkboat. Kerteminde Sailing Club and the Danish Association are planning this Event already for a very long time.

One year later, the Goldcup 2018 will be in Aarhus Denmark, followed by Simrishamn in Sweden in 2019. Next vacant one will be in 2020, where I asked the board of my own Sailing Club – the Niendorfer Yacht Club, Lübeck Bay – to apply again. But this has not been decided yet – so we have to wait and see.

NFIA itself was growing again. Estonia founded successfully their National Folkboat Association and at end of 2015 we received their formal Application. We were happy to welcome them as the 10<sup>th</sup> member Nation in NFIA. By the way, NFIA became 20 years old in 2016.

Discussions about the technical development were continued and finalized to be decided at the AGM this year. Details about the specific changes, I will leave to Hans Torlen as Technical Chairman.

Last but not least, after 15 years of being a member of NFIA Board – 6 years as Vice-Chairman and 9 years of Chairmanship, I will retire this business. Søren Kæstel from Denmark – very well-known Sailor, Goldcup Winner and current Vice-Chairman will follow up. Proposed new Vice-Chairman is Michael Fehland from Germany, even well-known Sailor, Technical Chairman of the German Association and Winner of the German Championship 2016.

Good luck for the new Board!

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Finally, I like to thank all Board members – especially Harald for his persistent support of myself-, the Technical Committee, Measurers, National Associations and all Folkboat sailors for supporting our Class and activities.

I wish you all a lot of hours of sailing, good luck in Racing, joy in touring and fun & happiness at all social Events – hoping to see many of you in Helsinki.

Yours sincerely

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