



Chairman's Report of the Year 2016/2017

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This is my first AGM as chairman of the board. I replaced Stefan as chairman. Stefan has been a member of NFIA's board for a long time and made a great effort. Thank you so much. I am proud and pleased that I can help make a difference in NFIA, this is not just my first AGM as chairman, but also Michael Fehlandt's first AGM as vice chairman, with Michael in the "boat" I am sure we can be safe some years from now. Hans Torlén retires this year as chairman of the technical committee, 1000 thanks for the efforts! He has carried the many changes to the rules out in the real, he has been listening to many clever people for the last couple of years, and fortunately the national associations have contributed both surveys among the members and input from other clever sailors.

2016 was marked by the amazing Gold Cup that we participated in, in Helsinki, many were skeptical, but all the problems were grounded in this amazing event, HSK and the Finnish Folkboat sailors had done a great job and performed a competition to perfection. Many Thanks, it was wonderful to participation. It is my hope that it will help us in the future, to come elsewhere in the northern Baltic Sea.

2017 will be and has been marked by many fantastic anniversary events in the 75th year, I have participated in both events in Sweden, I took part in one arrangement, where we saw where the first Folkboat was built and at the second event that was attending at the Swedish Championships and that also can't be done better, both events were something special, where young as old Folkboat sailors stood to make it an unforgettable experience.

We are here at Gold Cup, Denmark's contribution to the 75th anniversary of the Folkebat, we participated Sunday in a party of good food, speeches and international music. Thanks for that.

In the autumn, the Germans, in connection with the Berliner Meisterschaft arranged by Segler Verein Stössensee, will be hosts of their event in the 75th year, I hope to be able to join, but I do not know yet.

In 2018 there will be two major competitions, the first Gold Cup in Simrishamn, which will also be a really excellent event. I have been personally to Simrishamn and inspected the city and the sailing club, it will a Gold cup with the Open Swedish Championship and a Gold Cup sailing as we know it, Simrishamn is a nice city with lots of opportunities to find a good place to stay and a really nice sailing club as we know it in Sweden. Local Folkboat sailors have been arranging for several years to make it perfect. After the summer holiday of 2018, Germany and Denmark will host their international Championships at Flensburg Fjord. The organizer of this championship will be Flensburger Yacht Club located in Germany at Farensojde. I look forward to this event and is happy with the cooperation between two national associations.

It is my opinion that Michael and I have taken over an association in good shape and in this connection, we are so fortunate that Lennart Magnusson has said yes to take over as a chairman of the Technical Committee at NFIA, it is my hope that Lennart will find it interesting to assist the technical development of the Folkboat Class. Fortunately, Harald Koglin has also said yes to be being Treasurer / Secretary for a new period, Harald has really been the glue that has enabled NFIA to work for the last many years.

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