



Dear Folkboat sailors,

after the Gold Cup (GC) in 2020 was cancelled, NFIA extended the mandate of the Board until the next AGM. We focused our hope on Tallinn this year for a regular meeting. Everything was on track. We had a “last minute class rule change”. Lennart will report about that. So we all felt well and were in really good hope to enjoy a great sailing event.

But then the Gold Cup - as many other sailing events - sadly had to be cancelled due to the pandemic conditions. Also holiday sailing was not easy because you had to take many different restrictions into account.

Common sense of the Board members was that we can't extend the mandates again.

Although our Statutes don't mention virtual meetings, we decided to start one this time.

NFIA keeps the community updated by sending out newsletters to the National Nordic Folkboat Associations after every Board meeting – both directly by email to the NNFA main contacts and by loading up the information to our website. This information serves as a preparation for discussions and for decisions about Class Rules and roles at our AGM.

Now a short review of NFIA matters during the past 12 months:

We had two Board meetings via internet – the first in November 2020, the second in March 2021.

We discussed general issues like Class Rule changes/amendments, other technical matters and the financial situation of NFIA. For the latest update of those matters Lennart and Harald will report.

It has to be mentioned that the Netherlands is part of the folkboat family again since April this year.

Upcoming events:

2022 Sessan Cup, Christchurch Bay, Solent UK, 19-22 September, www.folkboatsessancup.com

2022 Gold Cup, Kiel/Germany during Kiel Week

2023 Gold Cup in Tallinn/Estonia

At this point a special thank to the Swedish Folkboat Federation and Halmstads SS. The 2023 GC already was assigned to Sweden. After the GC cancelling in Tallinn, they were positive about arranging the GC in 2024 rather than in 2023. So Estonian Kalev Yacht Club can plan for the near future and reactivate the work they invested.

Sadly our NFIA-Board member Harald Koglin has to quit his “job” due to our Statutes. It was a pleasure to have him as experienced Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for your support and engagement.

As successor Simon Osgood is nominated for election. He is already member of the Technical Committee (TC). If Simon will be elected a new member for the TC has to be found. The Technical Committee is represented by Lars Bræstrup (DEN, Technical Engineer), Simon Osgood (UK, Technical Support) and Hans Werner Aping (GER, Chief Measurer).

With Lennart Magnussen (Technical Chairman) and Per Puch (Vice-Chairman) the Board has experienced and accepted members.

Thank you all for the time you spend for NFIA and our sailing community.

Last words:

This is the start of the last 12 month of my chairmanship. I would like to see Per Buch as coming chairman. And there is still some time to find a Vice Chairman.

Stay safe and healthy

Michael Fehlandt (Chairman)