



Chairman's Report of the Year 2018/2019

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This is my last AGM as chairman of the board of NFIA. This has all in all been a good and quiet year for the Folkboat and for NFIA, I hope we have put a lid on, all the talk in the corners about the different aluminum masts, it's not so that I think there will be no talking, but it is my hope that the Folkboat sailors will talk about those subject, in places where it belongs.

The Gold Cup 2018 took place in Simrishamn Sweden, another nice Swedish harbor town with a lot of happy locals and tourists, both at the harbor and down town Simrishamn, the races were sailed in light to very light shifting winds and in a very tricky current and sea state.

In 2020 the Gold Cup will take place in Eckernförde Germany, arranged by Eckernförde Segel Club, the event is on track, this year 29 Folkboats tested the waters during ECK-Days, we all I think, found the sailing at the waters challenging, but every thing else is just easy, many cozy bars and restaurants in a city full of nice buildings, old streets and history, very friendly and openminded locals who are ready to help you and give you a good time.

We have a bid for the 2021 Gold Cup from Tallinn Kalev Yacht Club Estonia, it is my personal hope, that we are going to Tallinn in 2021 or at least in the near future. The next Gold Cup 2021 or 2022 could also be in Dragør Sejlklub near Copenhagen Denmark, they will come with their bids when time comes.

The Folkeboot Central has built their first Folkboat, we in the board still hope that they will have success and all our members will support them, by ordering new boats and also spare parts for their Folkboats.

Last I will say thank you to my fellow members of the board and to all Folkboat sailors, for 6 good years - 3 years as Vice Chairman and 3 years as Chairman, I am very happy that Michael is willing to take over my seat as Chairman and that Per is willing to take over the seat as Vice Chairman, both for the next 3 years.

I will also say welcome on board to Heinz-Werner Aping our new Chief measurer, who took over after Kai-Enno Brink, another new on board is Simon Osgood who took over after Bjarne Marcussen, welcome to Simon as well.

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