



Chairman's Report of the Year 2014/2015

After a very cold spring, the last weeks turned to be very hot in Germany and the hope for a good summer still exists.

Even though you can see less participation over all classes – not only Folkboat, we still have a lot of very interesting Events, which are famous and having a real good participation. So Kerteminde hosted the Goldcup in their well-known professional way with 52 boats; again the International Swedish Championship, where Participants from Denmark and even Finland shows up.

Several Folkboat events already took place this year. For Example the Open Swedish Championship. Next week, the Goldcup in Warnemünde will take place – again the biggest Event in our Class. Later followed by the Open Danish- and the Open German Championship.

Next year the Goldcup will be hosted in Helsinki. Indeed a long way from Denmark and Germany to go, but for sure worth the Trip. The fleet in Finland is growing as well as the fleet in Estonia. Attached this Report you will receive a price calculation – with special Folkboat discount – how to travel with Finnlines from Travemünde & Stockholm to Helsinki and back. Currently we are still working on cheap travel possibilities from Aarhus and/or Copenhagen. Unfortunately these connections are only served by freighters, which cannot be used directly by Car & Trailer.

In 2017 the Goldcup will be back in Kerteminde where we will additionally celebrate our 75th anniversary! Denmark is currently “collecting” money and preparing the Event. I am sure, all Member Nations (and NFIA too) will do their share to make this the biggest and best Event of the Century.

Aarhus in Denmark applied for the Goldcup in 2018 and we already agreed to this. So next vacant Goldcup will be in 2019. We asked the Swedish Association to find an organizing Club in south Sweden – Ystadt or Simrishamn are in mind.

After we welcome Hungary as the 9th NFIA Member last year, we had with Estonia another applicant hopefully becoming the 10th member Nation. Currently they are founding a National Association. After this Process, we will be happy to welcome them in NFIA.

We discussed a lot of technical development of the Nordic Folkboat, but most of them has been withdrawn as not acceptable – such new Material for the Sails. Hans Torlen will point out this items in details in his Report. One interesting development seems to be the fixed Rod-Kick, preventing the boom falling down when dropping Mainsail. By exceptional Agreement by SYRU we have one Boat per Nation in 2015 testing these equipment. We will report about the results in the National News of each Association. If this test succeeds, we will decide about in in 2016, becoming part of the Rules in 2017.



During the Negotiations of the new Goldcup Rules, which were already published in 2014, Erik Andreasen offered the former Walkon-Cup to NFIA. The Walkon-Cup is a kind of Team-Racing, where only 4 Boats (or a multiple of) are needed. We think this is can become again a very interesting Event on international Bases – besides the Sessan-Cup. It can be held very easily in any place – for example in our new Member-Countries. We will discuss the future Rules for it and give you detailed information when decided.

After being 6 years Vice-Chairman and 9 years as Chairman, I will retire from NFIA in 2016, when my regular term ends. I think it's time for a new "Crew" to take over. As already agreed within the board, Sören Kaestel – now Vice-Chairman – will follow and stand for your vote as Chairman in 2016. Then we need a new Vice-Chairman and asking every Member Nation for proposals.

Let me again thank all Board members, the Technical Committee, Measurers, National Associations and all Folkboat sailors for supporting our Class and activities.

Even though some fleets are getting smaller and it becomes more difficult to have many boats participating in Races, there is still growth at other fleets and we are still a very active Class.

So I wish you all a brilliant season, nice Races and/or touring and good health.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman NFIA
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