

## News from the NFIA Board



On November 16, 2019 the regular fall Board meeting took place. It was held via SKYPE in the internet.

Attendants from the Board were Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER), Vice-Chairman Per Buch (DEN), TC-Chairman Lennart Magnusson and Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER).

TC-members Simon Osgood (UK) and Heinz-Werner Aping (GER) participated as well.

Ditte Andreasen, Chairman of the Danish Folkboat Association had joined the meeting as guest.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

### General Matters

During the change from ISAF to World Sailing it appears that Advertising on boats is now allowed if not written into the class rules. It is and has always been the intention that Advertising on Nordic Folkboats is not allowed. As the Class Rules cannot be changed until the next Annual General Meeting in the summer of 2020 the Board decided to inform all National Folkboat Associations (NNFA) about the intention to change the Class Rules accordingly. A letter from the NFIA Secretary will ask the NNFA to inform organizers of race events about the issue not allowing Advertising in their Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions until rules have been changed.

If the Skand. S.F. plaque on boats is missing, it is the responsibility of the skipper/owner that the boat is compliant to the class rules. This includes a visible plaque in the hull corresponding with the measurement certificate.



A new plaque can be issued by the NFIA Secretary and the measurement certificate must reflect the change accordingly. If there is no proof for a plaque on a boat in question from the past, the boat has to be re-measured.

### Financials

The preliminary Income Statement and the Balance sheet show no variances vs. budget numbers. The stock of sail buttons is running out. Before placing a new order, a cheaper solution, i.e. stickers like in the H-Boat class, could be an alternative to the current solution.

### Technical Matters

Many old boats are being refurbished these years resulting in different weight distribution and potential higher stern floating than "standard" boats. Other classes have solved this with swing and tip tests which are not a possibility for the Nordic Folkboat.

TC will look into this issue and prepare a proposal before next Board meeting. A survey of the problem may take place during Gold Cup 2020 in Eckernförde.

A question regarding how to measure the rigging point on an alloy mast was sent in. It was discussed whether a precision should be made. TC will come up with a proposal before next meeting.

## **Events**

The Gold Cup 2019 in Aarhus / DEN was well organized but Race Committee's decisions on the last racing day were not well performed and criticized by the participants. Once again an upper wind limit was discussed without any conclusion. It is always up to the organizers to evaluate and decide racing or not. Ultimately it is the skippers and the crew's decision whether to participate or not.

The Gold Cup 2020 in Eckernförde / GER will be organized by a sailing club SC Eckernförde with experience and many folkboats. Per Buch reaches out to the organizer to assist in the planning if needed.

The application from Estonia for the Gold Cup 2021 conflicts with the statutes of the Gold Cup. Despite this a survey among active sailors in Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Germany shows large support and it is now up to Kerteminde Sejlklub to decide a potential dispensation from the statutes.

UK has sent in an application for the Sessan Cup 2022 celebrating the Nordic Folkboat's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It has been discussed in national organizations in Sweden and Denmark who support it. German organization will discuss within the next weeks and reply. US have supported it as well potentially making it a true international event.

## **All Other Business**

One vacancy in the TC is still not filled. Denmark is looking for a person for this position

Simon Osgood (UK) will accept the position as Secretary/Treasurer – if elected - to replace Harald Koglin in the next AGM.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 28, 2020 again via SKYPE.

Harald Koglin  
November 19, 2019