

News from the NFIA Board



On March 28, 2020 the regular spring 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.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

General Matters

The master plug of the hull is located in Germany at Ruegen Boat Yard stored outside but well covered with a fiber glass coating. The aim is to digitalize the plug enabling NFIA to be in a position to make a new plug in the future.

Financials

The preliminary Income Statement and the Balance sheet show a NFIA in a good financial position.

Technical Matters

As a follow-up from last Board meeting the following proposals for changing the Class Rules have been discussed:

CR 1. General The Nordic Folkboat was designed in 1941 to a specification of the Scandinavian Sailing Association, **now called Nordic Sailing Federation (NoSF)**. (Corresponding changes have to be done in the rest of the CR)

CR 1.24 Advertising All Nordic Folkboat Class Races organized under the authority of the NFIA and NNFA shall be classified as per World Sailing-Regulation 20 (Appendix1 Advertising Codes).

In accordance with Regulation 20.5 no Competitor Advertising ² may be displayed on any boat ³.

In accordance with Regulation 20.4. a backstay flag is the only Event Advertising that is allowed.

² For defined terms see World Sailing Regulation 20

³ As defined in World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing

CR 6.2.1 The mast spar shall comply with the following dimensions and in accordance with the aluminum alloy mast section drawing No.12.
All measurements for the aluminum alloy mast shall be carried out in accordance with the current WORLD SAILING, Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).

CR 7.70 **The standing rigging shall be adjustable above the deck only, except the adjusting of the backstay which is free.**

All National Nordic Folkboat Associations (NNFA) are asked to have these proposals communicated and discussed within their organizations and inform the Board about their position and opinion.

The NNFAs are asked to bring up any other proposals of what from a technical point of view be worthwhile of getting changed even in the rules.

Events

At the time of this Board meeting, the Gold Cup 2020 in Eckernfoerde / Germany will take place as planned, but the Board sees a high risk that it will be cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Gold Cup 2021 will be organized by Kalevi Jahtklubi in Tallinn / Estonia and is planned for time period from July 24 to July 29, 2021.

At the time of this Board meeting no application for 2022 has come to NFIA's attention. For the case that the GC 2020 will be cancelled, Eckernfoerde might be willing to have it done 2 years later.

After a pause of a couple years the Sessan Cup will be held in 2022 and organized by the UK NNFA.

All Other Business

The vacancy in the TC could be filled with Lars Bræstrup, Denmark, a well recognized technical expert and boat builder.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held during the GC in Eckernfoerde – if not cancelled, the regular autumn meeting to be scheduled later.

Harald Koglin
April 7, 2020