

## Technical Chairman's report, 2018-2019

I am happy to announce that there are two new members in the Technical committee

Heinz-Werner Aping : Chief measurer

Simon Osgood : Technical support

The technical committee has had meetings together with the board meetings. In addition to this we have had some mail and telephone discussions.

Two amendments to the CR have been processed:

- 1) 1.94(c) The manufacturer of the aluminium alloy mast is obligated to construct the mast in accordance with the current rules. The prototype has to be approved by NFIA.

This amendment was discussed during the last AGM in Simrishamn and was unanimously agreed by the attendants.

- 2) 2.216 to 2.219: IROKO is added as possible alternative for wooden components on the boat.

This was decided by the Board for environmental reasons: As everybody know, TEAK is from an environmental point of view a much endangered material. In order to provide an alternative which is not at risk but has similar characteristics, IROKO was chosen and is now permitted according to CR 2.216 to 2.219.

In January 2019, NFIA has amended the CRs after concurrence of the Scandinavian Yacht Racing Union (SYRU).

There has been a general discussion about the measuring of aluminum masts and the meaning of the NFIA label which has to be attached. In general: The prototype of a new mast has to be measured by a certificated measurer who will be mandated by the manufacturer. In order to get NFIA's approval of the prototype, adequate measurement documents should be sent to NFIA.

The wording "certified" on the NFIA mast label may be confusing. It should read "acknowledged". In order to solve this issue, a modified NFIA mast label has been lunched, not showing the wording.

All members/Folkboat-sailors should feel free to give their ideas and comments to the TC at any time.

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