



Technical Chairman's report, 2013-2014

The technical committee has met face to face only once but several times came together in Skype and telephone discussions.

The members of the technical committee are Kay-Eno Brink (GER), Heines Nielsen (SWE) and myself. Guenther Ahlers is our senior adviser and is on stand-by for technical questions.

As decided last AGM a survey formula has been produced. This survey, questionnaire, contains questions to the members regarding how to develop the Folkboat in a nice way. The survey was sent to the national associations and answers will be expected later this year (2014). The questionnaire can also be downloaded from the NFIA homepage.

The questionnaire contains items as published before, but it is important to mention that this list can be extended according to the member's ideas. So feel free to come with your own ideas.

Items in the questionnaire at the moment:

Spinnaker/gennaker, Solid boom vang/rod boom vang, sleds in mainsail, whisker pool in carbon fiber, jib furling system, jumper stays inside mast, other material in sails.

Except from this survey, several things have of course been discussed. Some of these discussions will continue and more information will be given later. Interesting items has been about a new profiled rudder, covering of keel and gap between keel an hull, shape of keel according to drawings and the tolerances on the keel drawing, cockpit design and that " all normal/standard equipment must stay on its original place while racing.

CR 1.24 Adverting has been discussed and needs a new wording. The following proposal has to be decided at the AGM:

Current

All Nordic Folkboat Class Races organized under the authority of the NFIA and NNFA shall:

- a) be classified as per ISAF - racing rules Category A other than R 1.24 b which shall prevail.
- b) when an event has a commercial sponsor any sponsors advertising material carried on each boat shall be limited to flags to be flown from the backstay or when not racing to flags carried on the forestay.

Proposed

All Nordic Folkboat Class Races organized under the authority of the NFIA and NNFA shall be classified as per ISAF – Regulation 20 (Appendix 1 Advertising Codes).

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Technical Chairman

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