



Minutes from NFIA Teams meeting 8 March 2023

Chairman Opening (Per Buch – DK):

The chairman welcomed. It was great to see members from all active Folkboat fleets!

NFIA's reason d'être is to further the interest of Folkboat sailing, to support all countries and sailors who race or cruise the timeless one design classic.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform about the activities in NFIA and that the participants inspire each other across borders and nationalities

1.0 Treasurer and Secretary (Simon Osgood – UK)

- 1.1 informed about the new website (www.folkboat.com and Instagram ([nfia_nordic_folkboat](https://www.instagram.com/nfia_nordic_folkboat)))
- 1.2 It is now possible to put an advert on the site, cost for boats (30 Euros) and equipment (10 Euros) for sale to compete with commercial sites and to generate revenue to support Folkboat activities.
- 1.3 Please pass on to your members that NFIA again support young crews (skippers) under 35 years of age with 50% of the entry fee for the Gold Cup 2023.

2.0 Chairman of the Technical committee (Lennart Magnusson – SWE)

- 2.1 Updated the attendees on class rule changes, clarifications and language changes where applicable.
- 2.2 These included rod kick, weight, corrector weights, mast/boom, placement of crew while racing.
- 2.3 The proposal of crew was discussed, and it was pointed out it was an overregulation not needed and difficult to enforce. Further the need for coordinating homogeneous international enforcement of class rules was discussed.
- 2.4 The use of spinnakers during international events (which are formally recognized by NFIA), The Gold Cup and Sessan Cup will be formally voted upon, during the AGM in Tallinn.
- 2.5 All rule and voting forms will be part of the follow up attachments to all National Associations.

3.0 Estonia

3.1 Race officer Helery Pops and Vallo Kalvik informed about the coming Gold Cup in Tallinn.

4.0 Finland

4.1 Ippo Kivivuori and Steffi Westerlund expect many Finnish boats to take the short trip to Tallinn for the gold Cup. Ippo encourages all national Facebook managers and individual members to post on the NFIA website.

5.0 Germany

5.1 Heiner Fahnenstich informed that Germany is applying for the Gold Cup in 2025 to be held in Travemünde, where also German Championship will be held in 2025.

5.2 The use of spinnakers was discussed during the German general assembly and there was a vast majority against it.

5.3 Heiner further shared the problem finding foundries producing the cast iron keel for Haubold Yachting. If anyone can help, please let him or Andreas Haubold know.

6.0 Sweden

6.1 Rolf Upström informed that Folkboats was on display on the two largest boat shows in Sweden, i.e., Gothenburg and Stockholm.

6.2 Swedish Nationals will be held in Västervik a couple of weeks after the Gold Cup and encouraged sailors to take part on their way home from Estonia.

7.0 Denmark

7.1 Michael Møller informed about strategic initiatives discussed during the recent AGM. The proposal will give more focus to specific issues and activities and delegate responsibilities to a broader group of sailors.

8.0 The Netherlands

8.1 Yuri Nieuwenhuizen informed about the Dutch activities. There are now 30 active boats in Holland, the interest is growing.

8.2 Merchandise is being developed and Yuri will make it available to other nations if there is an interest. A couple of boats most likely will participate in the IDM in Sønderborg this year.

9.0 United Kingdom

9.1 Sally Kalis informed about full program this year and growing interest in the Solent. The social aspect of sailing Folkboat is important to the sailors.

9.2 Sally will step down as President of the UK Folkboat Association this March.

10.0 USA

10.1 Paul Dixon informed about the activities in San Francisco. A season series and focus on this year's SF Internationals September 24-29. Tom Reed, Regatta Chair, has sent invitations to all National associations.