

## **Technical Chairman's report 2024-2025.**

The Technical Committee consists of:

Lennart Magnusson; Chairman  
Heinz-Werner Aping; Chief Measurer  
Jesper Strandberg, Technical Expert  
Technical Support, vacant.

Contact details are found on the NFIA web page.

The current topics have been prepared by the TC members through e-mails and then discussed in the TC mostly in TEAM meetings. The TC chairman has then presented current issues at NFIA's board meetings for further discussion and decision.

After many years of participation in the technical committee, Lars Breastrup has decided to step down. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Lars for his great commitment and wise opinions over the years, thank you Lars.

During the year, Jesper Strandberg from Denmark has become a new member of the technical committee. Jesper is a boat builder who successfully has produced OK dinghies for many years. Jesper is also a measurer and an active Folkboats sailor.

### **Activities**

At the annual meeting in Halmstad at the 2024 Gold Cup, a decision was made to accept the proposed class rule changes for the period 2025-2028. The new rules apply from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. An addition to the class rules regarding spinnakers was made in February 2025 after a collaboration between the countries that use spinnakers at their national championships.

The first meeting with measurer from all national folkboat associations was held in February. The idea is that the meetings will recur twice a year with the aim to exchange experiences and discuss current issues. During the meeting the class rules for 2025-2028 were presented.

During the year there has been a lot of discussion regarding weight distribution, especially longitudinally. It started with a proposal from two Swedish sailors later accepted on the Swedish Annual General Meeting. The proposal has also been discussed during the measurers meeting in February and the international meeting in March.

The proposal has been discussed carefully in the TC and in the NFIA board and the NFIA position is as follows:

## *Purpose of the float mark*

*The hope is that all Nordic Folkboat sailors generally respect what is stated in class rule 1.10 Purpose of the Class Rules. Our dear Folkboat is one of the oldest sailing classes and today also one of the most active one-design classes. Our class rules have over the years constantly been under review and revision in order to maintain the Nordic Folkboat class as intact as possible.*

*In CR 1.11 it states: The intention of these rules is to ensure that the yachts are as identical as possible in hull shape, weight, weight distribution and sail plan. The construction of the hull, and the spars, sails and rigging are controlled by these rules.*

*We know that over the years there are variations in how boats are built in the cockpit and the cabin, but we still must respect and live up to what is stated in CR1.11. "as identical as possible"*

*One way to see if the weight distribution longitudinally on the boats is consistent with each other is to place a float mark on the transom. Where such a float mark should reasonably be placed on the transom can be determined based on practical measurements from a significant number of boats. Setting the float mark too tight does not benefit the Nordic Folkboat class. The goal for the float mark is to be positioned so that a boat normally has no problem to maintain the float height.*

*During the 2025 season, the float height at the stern will be measured at national and international regattas. The results and experience from the measurements will be discussed in the fall of 2025 with a view to possibly introduce a new class rule regarding the float height for the 2026 season.*

*The float mark shall be measured from the intersection of the top of the stern deck and the transom, in the boat's centerline, along the transom. The boat's conditions shall be the same as when weighing a boat according to CR 10.*

*Measurements during the 2025 season will be made by placing two float marks on the transom 97 cm and 100 cm measured from the intersection point. A probable range which the boat's float position should be within. A collection of measurement from many boats where the float position is, provides knowledge of where the float mark should be placed.*

NFIA has provided instructions to all national folkboats associations how to measure the float mark. The idea is to measure (in connection with weighing) a minimum of 20% of all boats randomly, including last year's top 3 (if they participate). This should be done during the National championship as well as international championship such as Gold Cup and Sessan Cup. Please send the report to TC after each event, but no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are also pleased to announce that new wooden folk boats are being produced in Turkey.

Furthermore, the work is underway to produce CAD drawings of the Nordic Folkboat, a work we hope to be able to present more this year. The drawings are not intended to contain any rule changes.

The technical committee is always at your service to answer questions and concerns about our class rules, and we will try to help in the best way.

Wish you all a nice and rewarding sailing season, sail fast and safe.

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