

EC minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting via Skype.

1. Establish quorum

Heiko, Steve, Rikard, Stellan, Tim and Tony Pocklington (Edge Sailing USA) were in attendance via Skype.

2. Welcome Tony Pocklington of Edge Sailing (USA) to the meeting

Tony was welcomed to the EC meeting and a discussion followed about his work building and marketing 2.4mRs in North America. While Edge Sailing has built complete boats, Tony has recently been importing unfinished boats from Charger and focusing on class building and marketing ie CanAm / Florida regattas. He is developing plans to present 2.4s to more in the yachting community of the US and Canada and develop the North American market.

A discussion followed regarding the datafile and the creation or use of existing plugs/moulds. Heiko is going to inquire regarding availability of a laser scanned datafile created in Germany to compare hull shapes (2009/2011 Charger) and some other testing ie shroud deflection etc.

Charger currently has two sets of moulds so there is the possibility of using one set in the US.

3. Charger Technology license and update from Stellan regarding Norlin Yachts.

Stellan spoke with Markus Norlin regarding clarifying 'kit boat' definition for CT's license renewal. The current license agreement will use the same wording as the previous license.

4. Update on marketing video production.

Cor was not available to give an update on the video.

5. Update on Paralympic reinstatement.

Jens Kroker, three time Paralympic Sonar medalist, has been elected to the Paralympic Athletes Commission. He supports the 2.4mR, sailed the Hansa in Kiel and is planning to sail Hansa in US Para Worlds.

Para European Championship will be in Kiel this year. Important to have many countries for this very big event. Two separate weeks, Open events then Para Worlds.

The ICA will explore sponsoring a container to the USA after the Worlds in Sweden.

USA has some boats available for charter. GER, FRA, UK containers? Can fit more 2.4mRs if renting a coach boat in USA.

6. Update on 2018 Worlds

TC had a meeting re: event measurement and met with organizers. Preliminary NOR has been sent out and the website is up www.wc24mR.com.

7. Formal Approval of the Italian Bid to host the 2019 Worlds.

The EC has decided to approve the bid for Italy to host the 2019 Worlds. It is not necessary to wait to approve at the AGM. Italian events have always been well organized.

8. Update on the TC Meeting.

No word from Hasse on the bow sprit issue. We can request SWE accept bow sprits, there are almost no boats with bow sprits as it is a holdover from the 'old days' of meter boats. Our rules do not currently permit bow sprits but could be changed.

France sent a proposal to update our rules to change ISAF references to World Sailing. Worlds Sailing should really change it. We can include it for the next AGM.

9. New Business.

Stellan is working with the club in Gavle regarding a training/pre regatta prior to the Worlds in SWE.

We need to look at the calendar and work backwards for the notifications etc.

Rikard has some suggestions he'll send to the TC regarding measurement and event inspections. Competitors boats should already meet the rules and shouldn't have to spend a lot of time in line before the regatta. Event measurement is a courtesy and should only be simple checks to insure sails and spars are in compliance. Using designated spaces allows measurers to measure on the dock.

Currently if there is an issue found then must inform the event TC and file a protest with the OA. It is suggested sailors should have the option to protest instead of sending the sailor home etc., due to OA's protest, and give the sailor an opportunity to rectify the problem.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday February 12.