

EC minutes from the May 15, 2018 meeting via Skype.

1. Establish quorum
Heiko, Steve, Rikard, Stellan, Tim were in attendance via Skype.
2. Minutes from the February 12, 2018 meeting were approved.
3. Elections to be held at the AGM. All current EC members are willing to continue. It was proposed the 'eight year rule' be modified to allow EC members to continue to serve beyond eight years as stated in ICA Constitution.
4. Webmaster is a contracted position so should not be an elected position.
5. World Sailing needs to approve the current Constitution. We need to improve relationship and communication ie more face to face contacts with WS.
6. TC will also have positions for re-election, Stellan will bring up at the next TC meeting.
7. Stellan will send TC's rule proposals ie interpretation of Hasse's proposals.
8. Pekka/Stellan need to do an Audit of the facilities at Gavle before the Worlds this summer ie check access/bathrooms/AGM meeting space. Clubhouse is single level and probably ramped. We should have a checklist for disability access.
9. Gavle has three possible courses. It is close to a shipping lane but they have annual 2.4mR regattas and have hosted previous Worlds so should not be a problem.
10. Rikard has made comments on the Stellan's/TC's measurement procedures. Measurement procedures to be reviewed after Gavle Worlds.
11. Signed documents have been received regarding proposals / interpretations of 'kit boats'.
12. Cor will include more video for marketing ie Helsinki video.
13. Stellan has sent concerns regarding the forestay issue to WS who will determine proper method to handle formally. WS needs to interpret the rule for our open class. Open rules allow new design innovations that may not necessarily be addressed in the ERS. Issue is how to measure / manage / interpret situation where the ERS does not cover a new type of construction. If the ERS does not cover then not legal or able to be interpreted by measurer. Other classes will have similar issues, ie X35 racing boat. The Class should write it's interpretation or measurement procedures as pending WS approval.
14. Discussion regarding enforcement procedures for boats discovered or suspected of breaking rules. Notice Board will be used to notify sailors and allow a suitable protest period. The idea is to allow people to continue racing rather than sending them home. Notification risks someone filing a protest but allows sailors to make changes if found to be out of specification ie normal measurement items: J length, boom, seat etc. Measurement should also occur during the event ie boats have designated mooring location and measurers can walk the docks and do checking.
15. 2019 Worlds are to be held in Genova, Italy. Royal Yacht Club Genova.
16. Promotion of the 2.4mR Class continues to be a challenge as it is always dependant on local volunteers and fleets. Social media ie Facebook can be a useful tool. Germany has been promoting via social media and encouraging their members to post/like 2.4mR items regularly. It is difficult to promote in Asia, for instance as the 2.4mR is seen as a boat for 'disabled'. In the past Charger had a 'charter fleet', but those boats have all been sold.
17. Copenhagen's Vintage Regatta winners will have 2.4mR racing as their final event ie champion of champions format.
18. Paralympic Update. Germany has a sailor elected to the Athletes Commission who went to London for the mid year meeting. Equipment selection is still open but will have classes for

One Person – Technical (hopefully 2.4mR), One Person – Non technical Male, One Person – Non technical Female, Two Person Keelboat –Open Gender.

Edge Sailing has nine countries chartering Edge supplied boats for Sheboygan Para Worlds. Germany and France are sending containers.

IPC recognizes progress but still not decided regarding reinstatement.

Para Europeans/Kiel should have a good turnout. One starting line and separate ranking etc. AB sailors can do both events. Should have about forty boats and 50/50 split between AB/Para sailors.

19. We need a regatta calendar that all NCAs can update so we have a current centralized list of upcoming regattas either through World Sailing or the ICA website or a link therein to WS's calendar. We should also encourage NCAs to post what they're doing ie Fleet reports.
20. Other Business: Difficulties remain in dealing with Charger Technologies. CT continues to be late with orders, send orders with damaged or missing parts and lack of responsiveness to inquiries.

Hasse has been selling used SWE boats to ROW.

Class needs to expand but part of the problem is keelboats stay good for a long time.

21. The next EC meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 14, 2018