

INTERNATIONAL 505 CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday 22 August 2005 at Warnemünde Segelclub, Yachthafen, Mittelmole 18119, Warnemünde, Germany

The meeting will start at 18.30, subject to the finish time of the last race of the day

AGENDA (corrected 15 July 2005)

1. Approval of Minutes of 2004 AGM (previously circulated to National Association Secretaries and posted on Website since December 2004)
2. President's Report (Tom Bojland)
3. Secretary's Report (Chris Thorne)
4. Treasurer's Report (Stephen Burwood)
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Report from International Rules Committee (Rob Napier)
7. Election of:
 - International Secretary:** current office holder: Chris Thorne (GBR)
 - International Treasurer:** current office holder: Steve Burwood (GBR)
 - Chairman of International Rules Committee:** current office holder: Rob Napier (GBR)

The current secretary and rules committee chairman have indicated their willingness to resign. Nominations must be made in accordance with Rule A 7.2. by 22 July.
8. Rule changes:
 - 8.1 The IEC proposes rule changes to A 10 (AGM procedure), B 5.6 (Thwart) and B 6.2 (Centreboard length). The text of the proposed changes and an explanatory note is on the Appendix to this Agenda. If accepted at the meeting the proposed changes will go to ballot of the membership for approval.
 - 8.2 The IEC seeks approval of the AGM to alter the wording of measurement rules in Part B to bring the terms and phrasing used in line with the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing 2005. A draft will be released for comment before the matter is included in a ballot.
9. Any proposed rule changes made in accordance with Rule A.11, A.12 and A.13
10. World Championships 2006 (update from United Kingdom and French Associations)
11. World Championships 2007 (to receive a detailed application from the Australian Association and ratify decision made at 2004 AGM)
12. World Championships 2008 – to receive initial proposals and provisionally decide venue.

Close of meeting.

C G Thorne - International Secretary – 24 June 2005

There will follow an informal open forum for general discussion.

Text of proposed rule changes

Amend rule A 10.1.3 as shown:

10.1.3 The International Secretary shall send written notice of the meeting, ~~together with the agenda and a copy of the audited accounts,~~ to all National Secretaries and to individual Members in countries without a National Association not less than two months before the meeting. National Secretaries shall ~~cause copies of the notice to be sent to~~ ensure that the notice is brought to the attention of all members within their jurisdiction. ~~not less than one month before the meeting.~~ The notice shall also be posted on the International Association web site.

Insert a new rule A 10.1.4:

10.1.4 Proposals for rule changes under A11 and A12 shall be made in writing to the International Secretary no later than six weeks before the scheduled date of the meeting. A proposal made by a member must be seconded by two other members, at least one of whom must be from a different National Association. The International Secretary shall send to all National Secretaries a copy of the Agenda, the audited accounts and a summary of all proposals or nominations made, and shall post the same information on the International Association web site not less than one month before the Meeting.

Comment: The IEC is proposing these changes to the AGM procedure in order to reflect the fact that most communication is now via e mail or web sites, and not by post, and that communication is also easier and quicker by these methods. It is also felt to be a flaw in our procedure to allow rule changes to be proposed without prior notice at an AGM. In most organizations it is normal procedure to require any proposed rule changes to be made in writing in advance of the meeting so that notice can be given to all those entitled to attend. The proposed new procedure requires a preliminary notice confirming the date and venue to be sent out two months before the meeting. Members or Associations then have two weeks to send proposals to the International Secretary, who must then prepare the Agenda and give four weeks notice of the business that will be discussed to the membership as a whole. Since this procedure stops an individual member from proposing a rule change during the AGM, specific provision is now made for an individual to make a proposal in advance, providing this has the support of at least two other members, including one from another National Association. This is aimed at ensuring that an individual has at least some measure of support for the proposal put forward.

Delete Rule B 5.6.2:

~~A thwart shall connect the top of the centreboard case to the inner faces of the seat-tanks. It shall not be more than 153mm wide, may be curved or straight, and its after edge shall lie between 1375mm and 2591mm from Station 11.~~

Amend Rule B 5.6.3

~~Additional~~ Thwarts or other stiffening or reinforcing members may be fitted across the hull within 3581mm of Station 11. These members shall not be constructed in such a manner as to form a second cockpit floor or an additional buoyancy chamber.

Comment: This was matter discussed at the AGM and also was raised in the questionnaire circulated at the end of 2004, where a majority voted for the option of deleting rule 5.6.2.

5.6.2 is ambiguous as it does not state what constitutes a thwart, nor how the maximum width should be measured. Problems have arisen where the thwart is swept into the centreboard case top. However, since rule 5.6.3 was modified in 2003 to prevent a double bottom the IRC is of the view that 5.6.2 now achieves little and can be deleted. With modern construction techniques it is possible to build a boat with little or no lateral stiffening to the centreboard case top, and most modern designs aim to create a clear working area in the boat, thus making it easier to sail. The IRC has decided to recommend that this rule be deleted, in preference to making it more complex by defining how the thwart is measured and also defining the width of the centreboard case top. If approved, thwarts will become optional. This change will simplify the rules, will create no performance gain but potentially make the boat easier to sail by allowing the crew more room. The proposed change will not affect any existing boats.

Amend Rule B 6.2 as follows:

The centreboard shall fit within the centreboard case not extending below the bottom of the hull when fully raised. The trailing edge may project above the centreboard case top when in the raised or partly raised position. No part of the leading edge which is more than 300mm from the tip and is capable of protruding below the hull shall be capable of being raised more than 200mm above the bottom of the hull. No part of the centreboard shall be capable of protruding more than 1500mm below the hull.

Comment: In the questionnaire on possible rule changes there was a large majority in favour of limiting the maximum length of the centreboard. Measuring the maximum projection below the hull is the simplest way of achieving this. The depth of 1500mm should mean that the majority of current centreboards, including most high aspect boards, comply with the new rule.

Rewrite of Class Rules B to comply with ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Comment: In the questionnaire a large majority were in favour of reviewing the class measurement rules so that they comply with the Equipment Rules of Sailing. The advantages are that we will use definitions that are recognised by measurers from other classes and that translation into languages other than English will be simplified, as the technical terms will have standard translations used by the relevant National Authorities,

A detailed text is being worked at present, with the assistance of ISAF. Rather than table this lengthy document for debate at the AGM, the IEC seeks sanction from at the meeting to conclude this draft and then publish a draft text for comment, before the final version is put to a ballot of the membership for approval.