

News from the NFIA Board



On March 23, 2019 the regular spring Board meeting took place. Meeting place was the Hellerup Sejlklub in Hellerup northerly of Copenhagen / DEN.

Attendants from the Board were Chairman Søren Kæstel (DEN), Vice-Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER), TC-Chairman Lennart Magnusson and Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER). Ditte Andreasen, chairman of the Danish Folkboat Association had joined as guest.

Via SKYPE TC-member Simon Osgood (UK) was participating.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

General Matters

Since last meeting in November 2018 two positions in the TC could be filled: Heinz-Werner Aping, located in Germany, has been appointed as the Chief Measurer. Heinz is an international measurer assigned by World Sailing with a background of 35 years experience. Simon Osgood, located in the UK, has been appointed to be a supporter of the TC. Simon is an experienced engineer. Both will be beneficial for the tasks the TC has to fulfill.

The terms of Chairman Søren Kæstel (DEN) and Vice-Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER) will end this year. Michael has agreed to switch over to the chairman's position; Per Buch (DEN) will be the candidate to become the Vice-Chairman.

It was stressed out that the term of the Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER) will end after three consecutive terms in 2020 with no chance of prolongation due to the statutes of NFIA. A candidate for that position needs to be determined.

Financials

The relocation cost of the boat plug from Estonia to Germany has been compensated by good news from the NFIA boat fees and quite reasonable numbers of sold sail buttons and construction plans. Harald is pretty optimistic to meet the budgeted profit until June 30, 2019.

Technical Matters

There has been a general discussion about the measuring of aluminum masts and the meaning of the NFIA label which has to be attached.

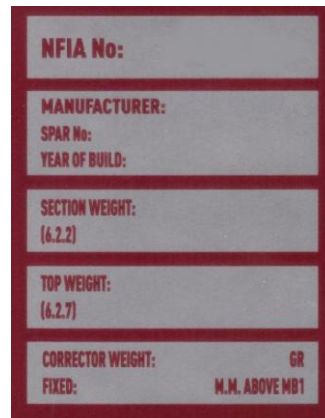
In general: The prototype of a new mast has to be measured by a certificated measurer who will be mandated by the manufacturer. In order to get NFIA's approval of the prototype, adequate measurement documents should be sent to NFIA.

NFIA outlines that all masts that are produced must comply to the Class Rules according to the Class Rule 1.94(c). This clearly is responsibility of the manufacturer. If anyone has a doubt about it he can start a protest. Changes of a mast detail is to be regarded as further development like sail makers do with the shape of the sails..

The wording „certified“ on the NFIA mast label may be confusing. It should read „acknowledged“. In order to solve this issue, a modified NFIA label will be launched with immediate effect, not showing the wording anymore. All mast producers will be informed accordingly.



previous label format



new label format

Events

The Gold Cup 2019 in Aarhus / DEN is on track. For 2020 Eckernfoerde / GER will be the place of the event. For 2021 Estonia has sent an application which needs further consideration due to the statutes of the Gold Cup. A joint venture with Finland is not recommended.

UK and Estonia might be candidates for organizing a SESSAN Cup. Back-Up information will be sent out by Secretary's office to both countries.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held during the Gold Cup 2019 in Aarhus.

Harald Koglin
March 27, 2019