

# MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL 49ER CLASS ASSOCIATION

HELD ON TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT YACHT CLUB POINTE ROUGE,  
MARSEILLE, FRANCE

The meeting was chaired by President, Marcus Spillane (IRL) calling the meeting to order at 1900hrs.

Those in attendance were: President Marcus Spillane (IRL), Builder's Representatives Chris Turner (GBR), Copyright Representatives's John Clinton (NZL) & Harry Bethwaite (AUS), Chief Measurer Barry Johnson (AUS), 49erFX VP Kristen Lane (USA), Class Secretaries Ben Remocker (CAN) and Tom Peel (GBR).

The following national representatives were in attendance: Denmark, Croatia, Australia, Ireland, United States, Poland, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Great Britain, Norway, Spain, Sweden, South Africa, Finland, Brazil, and Portugal. It was minuted that a proper quorum was established.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Julian Bethwaite (AUS), Sumeet Patel (IND) and Peter Kruger Andersen (DEN).

## 2. Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> World Council Meeting

Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> World Council Meeting, held in Riva Del Garda, Italy on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the President.

## 3. Verbal Reports of Executive Committee Meetings Held Since the Last World Council Meeting

**ISAF Meeting:** The 49er and 49erFX were confirmed as core Olympic events, guaranteeing inclusion up to the 2020 Olympics.

**Executive Meetings:** Ben Remocker reviewed the agendas and minutes for every executive meeting since the previous AGM and noted the substantive points arising.

## 4. Finance

- a. The finances for Year End 2012 were presented:
  - a. A discussion was held to examine the differences between the budget and the actual numbers in 2012 that resulted in a deficit of 34,239 euros.
    - i. Class promotional activities – extra spend in Garda of 14,746 euros relating to the live online broadcast of the final races and additional videographers and photographers.
    - ii. Extra trip to London pre games by the Chairman of the Technical Committee which was requested by ISAF. This amounted to 3,533 euros.

- iii. Extra trips to lobby ISAF to get into the 49er and 49erFX selected as core events and equipment up to and including the 2020 Olympic Games. These trips amounts to 10,105 euros.
- b. Peter Hansen (DEN) proposed the motion with Max Lutz (GER) seconding. The 2012 accounts were approved.
- c. The forecast for the remainder of 2013 was presented: the motion to accept was proposed by Trevor Burd (USA) and seconded by Peter Hansen (DEN) to accept the forecast as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
- d. The Budget for 2014 was presented: the motion to accept was proposed by Nicolas Huguet (FRA) and seconded by Trevor Burd (USA). It was noted that the 10,000 euros revenue per event at the ISAF Worlds in Santander in 2014 carries a risk. This revenue was set by ISAF in lieu of the normal Championship fees the Class earns from our Worlds at Euro50 a boat. It was noted that should the Class see a reduction in revenue due to the risk with this income it will aim to cut expenses to maintain a balanced budget. Class members expressed an interest in having class promotional activities in Santander and promotion in Brazil. The motion was unanimously approved.

## 5. Ordinary Resolutions

### 1. Submission by the 49er Class Assn. by Marcus Spillane, President

To entrust the advertising space currently allocated to the sailors jibs to the class.

Notes: concerns were noted about conflicts of interest with personal and team sponsors. The Executive gave a pledge to ensure that any conflicts with personal or team sponsors would be carefully managed by having sailors with conflicts using blank stickers in place of Class sponsors. The Executive pledged to communicate with the sailors through the various forums prior to signing any deals.

Motion:

46 for, 2 against, 16 abstentions.

Motion passed.

### 2. Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn. by Marcus Spillane, President

Final day format,

To recommend to ISAF that Theatre Style Racing be used for the final day of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

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A friendly amendment was put forward and accepted by the Executive that “scoring on the final day should be weighted with a similar value of points as the other days of the Olympic regatta, and that point calculations should be determined by how many points a boat winning all races carries in each case.

Motion:

48 for, 7 against, 9 abstentions.

Motion passed.

### 3. Submission by the International 49er Class by Marcus Spillane, President

To allow the International 49er Class Association to recommend to ISAF to hold 4 X 20 min races instead of 3 X 30 min races for the Rio Olympics pending a survey of the top 30 teams plus top team from any other nation at the 2013 World Championships.

For: 64

Abstain: 2

Motion passed

### 5. Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn. to nominate for David Campbell James (GBR) as CFO

For: Unanimously supported

Motion passed

### 6. Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn. to nominate Barry Johnson (AUS) as Chairman of Technical Committee

For: Unanimously supported

Motion passed

### 7. Submission by the Int. 49er Class Assn. to nominate Jena Hansen (DEN) as Vice President of the 49erFX

For: Unanimously supported

Motion passed

8. Submission to put Peter Kruger Andersen (DEN) for president – Withdrawn
9. Submission to put Dave Evans (GBR) for Vice President – Withdrawn

## **6. Special Resolutions**

### **a. Boom Levers**

Submission by the International 49er Class Association by the Chairman of the Technical Committee - Barry Johnson

Proposal

B2. CLASS ASSOCIATION MARKINGS

B.2.1 Wings, mast sections, mast spreaders, bowsprit, daggerboard, rudder blade and boom vang lever shall carry an ICA 9er certified equipment label

For: Unanimously supported

Motion passed

### **b. Hull modifications**

Submission by the International 49er Class Association by the Chairman of the Technical Committee - Barry Johnson

Proposal

C.7 HULL

C.7.1 MODIFICATIONS,

(a) A bail may be fitted beneath the jib blocks on the gennaker launcher ring and a single block added to increase the jib sheet purchase.

For: Unanimously supported

Motion passed

### **c. Racing Rules of Sailing**

Submission by the International 49er Class Association by the Chairman of the Technical Committee - Barry Johnson

Proposal: Delete existing class rule C1.1(b)

C1.1(b) RRS 42 shall apply as amended below:

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RRS 42.3 is changed as follows:

- (i) A boat's crew may pump the mainsail repeatedly to release one or more battens.
- (j) A boat maybe sculled before the start if the sculling does not propel the boat.

Replace with

(b) RRS 42 shall apply as amended below:

RRS 42.3 is changed as follows:

- (j) A boat maybe sculled before the start if the sculling does not propel the boat in any direction.

For: 64

2 abstentions

Motion passed

## **d. Mainsail Stickers**

Submission by the Canadian 49er Class Association.

### Proposal

The current class rules C.10.3 require mainsail identification and national flags to be purchased from the ICA website only. The Canadian 49er class proposes to create standard specifications for mainsail identification in order to reduce cost and lead time to get proper mainsail identification.

Standard specifications shall be as currently specified by the ICA to Grapefruit Graphics for production.

Though defeated 9er Inc through Ben Remocker will look to further price reductions on existing system which was acknowledged to work well

Votes for: 6

Abstain: 14

Against: 46

Motion defeated

**e. Updated Constitution**

Submission by the International 49er Class Association by Marcus Spillane, President

That the redrafted constitution, as previously circulated, be adopted by the International 49er Class Association.

For: Unanimously supported

Motion passed

**f. Amend Constitution**

Submission by the UK 49er Class Association to increase the number of Vice Presidents on the Executive to 4 with 2 Vice Presidents for the 49er and 2 Vice Presidents for the 49erFX.

A friendly amendment was suggested to to update the Constitution just past with any applicable areas to include provision for 4 Vice Presidents

For: 62

Abstentions: 4

Motion passed

## **7. Date & Venue of 18th meeting of World Council**

The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the World Council will be held in Santander, Spain in September 2014 with exact dates to be confirmed once the schedule for the 2014 Worlds are known.

## **8. AOB:**

Request by Denmark that the 49er Class lobby that the 49erFX events at the Eurocup and other regattas be “open” to allow both male and female and mixed teams compete.

The President welcomed both David Campbell James and Jena Hansen to the Executive.

The President on behalf of the Executive and the Class, formally extended his thanks and gratitude to Sumeet Patel, outgoing CFO, for his 8 years of service to the Class and to Kristen Lane for her service as the first 49erFX Vice President.