

## INTERNATIONAL 505 CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 at the Société des Régates Rochelaises, La Rochelle, France.

**The meeting will start at 19h00**

### AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of 2011 AGM
2. President's Report
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Report from International Rules Committee
7. Election of:
  - International President: Pip Pearson (No alternate nominations have been received)
  - International Vice President: Simon Lake (No alternate nominations have been received)
8. National Espoirs – Michel Boiry
9. Rule changes:
  - 9.1. Change 11.5 to:

11.5 Approximately 5 seconds prior to the starting signal:

    - (a) the Pathfinder will begin a close-hauled port tack course from the {Port Limit Mark} {close to the stern of the race committee boat}.
    - (b) the Gate Launch will keep station close astern of the Pathfinder.
    - (c) The starting line will be open and boats may start once the Gate Launch has cleared the Port Limit Mark, regardless of the starting signal. RRS 29.2, Individual Recall, shall not apply.
  - 9.2. Change 11.7 to:

11.7 All boats (except for the Pathfinder) shall start on starboard tack

*These changes will make it easier for the fleet to judge the left end of the starting line. In big fleets, boats must line up early, often before the Pathfinder has made their final approach. Once lined up, boats are often committed as other boats stack up above and below them. If the Pathfinder decides to go early, then the Gate Launch will pass before the starting signal. The Pathfinder in essence has too much control of this situation.*

*Think of the following situation under the current rule ... end of the event, light wind, one of the leaders is the Pathfinder. The left side of the course is favoured so boats want to start early, including the other leaders in the event. Boats start lining up at 2 minutes to hold a spot to start first and get left. The Pathfinder begins their approach at 1 minute and rounds the Port Limit Mark at 40 seconds.*

*Since boats can't start until the starting signal, the Pathfinder has put their competitors at an extreme disadvantage.*

*It is easier for boats to hold their position if the Pathfinder is late, than it is to try and tack up the line if the Pathfinder is early.*

*Thinking of the same situation under the proposed rule, the line would be open as soon as the Gate Launch clears the Port Limit Mark.*

*A similar situation would occur under the proposed rule if the Pathfinder was late. However, it is significantly easier for boats to hold their current position for 10 more seconds under the proposed rule than it would be to recover from the early Pathfinder in the current rule.*

*In addition, these changes will make starting the race easier on the race committee as there will no longer be a need to site the line as the Pathfinder sails their close-hauled course.*

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| 10. World Championship 2013              | Barbados   |
| 11. World Championship 2014              | Kiel - Germany   |
| 12. World Championship 2015<br>received) | Port Elizabeth - South Africa (no alternate applications |

**Close of meeting.**

PJM Roos - International Secretary – 22 June 2012