

INTERNATIONAL 505 CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Minutes the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Association held on Monday 29th April 2013 at the Barbados Yacht Club, Bay Street. St Michael, Barbados.

The meeting commenced at 10:05 am with a total of 86 Members present.

Present:-

President- Malcolm 'Pip' Pearson, Chairman IRC - Andreas Jungclau plus 84 Members who signed the attendance. A total of 86 present.

Apologies were received for the absence of the Secretary, Peter Roos and Stephen Burwood, Treasurer and Vice President, Simon Lake.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2012 AGM

The minutes of the 2012 AGM held at La Rochelle.

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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2. President's Report

This year's report is written both "Pre-Worlds" and "Post-Worlds" to incorporate impressions and comments to include this year's World Championships at Barbados.

Following the La Rochelle Worlds in July, I attended the 2012 North American Championships in September held at the San Francisco Yacht Club and in January 2013 the Australian Championships held at Port Vincent, South Australia.

I attempt to attend as many major events as possible to provide me the opportunity to meet and have discussions with Members at their own local level and not just the members who we regularly see at World Championships.

I wish to make it quite clear that this travel is at my own personal expense and is not in any way at the expense of the International Association.

Further to my several previous President's Reports I again re-iterate my view that as an International Class we need to have a major review of our Class rules and I again suggest the IRC should take up this challenge – even to the point of arranging a special "Class Rules Symposium" to provide the opportunity to do this job effectively. Again repeating previous year's comments, I am convinced we need to do some serious analysis of our rules which may help to prevent the ever widening gap between the front of the fleet and the back of the fleet.

I am still concerned at our apparent inability to attract younger sailors to our fleets.

"Post 2013 Worlds comments"..

With 69 (effective) entries this year it was quite a contrast to the large numbers in 2012 - but only to be expected at an exotic venue. Particular sympathy goes to the entries from the West Coast USA whose container did not arrive until the last day of racing. This is the one possible nightmare of shipping containers around the world and on this occasion it affected our event.

Congratulations to Class Lehmann and Leon Oehme for their thrilling win. This is their first Worlds Title and it was only decided on the final day of racing between three possible winners.

As special “Thank You” to our Hosts at the Barbados Yacht club who were very gracious hosts and did a great job accommodating a large fleet at a Club where there is not normally a large fleet of off the beach sailing.

I must comment on the Class Rules and Guidelines for conducting a World. As I have stated earlier, we need an overview of our Class Rules and Championship Rules and Guidelines. To accommodate the wishes of the Members to hold World Championships in exotic locations such we did this year in Barbados, we need to amend our rules to keep our own house in order to follow our own guidelines..

With the organising experience and ability of the Keil Yacht Club, the 2014 Worlds next August, promises to be a huge event. And, with the continued and significant support of SAP, the 2014 Worlds has the potential to be even bigger than 2012.

M. A. “Pip” Pearson
President.

3. Secretary's Report (read to the meeting by the President)

Secretary's report to the AGM 2013

Another year has flown by, with highs and lows, both in the weather forecasts and our lives. As sailors we should be all be grateful that we partake in an activity that allows us to use the one to alleviate the stresses associated with the other.

It would appear the recession is starting to bite the 505 fleet as well. Numbers of new boats registered have been declining steadily for the last 5 years; however I believe it is necessary to put this into its correct context. When I took over as secretary in 2005, we had 1169 registered members. In 2012 we had 1145, a decline of 2%, but not all fleets have forwarded their fleet numbers. If I use the 2011 numbers as a guide, then we have 1192 members, a growth of 2%. This may not sound like much, but consider this against the framework of the international sailing fraternity which has decreased across all the fleets by 30% in the same time period. For every 10 sailors who were sailing and competing 8 years ago, only 7 are left. And at La Rochelle last year the 505s had their biggest “world’s” fleet ever, and Kiel will no doubt pull out all the stops to surpass even that!

For us as 505ers to have achieved such stability in such trying times is testament to a number of issues. We have to thank John Westall for an amazing design, the management of the fleet at both National and International platforms, but mostly, you need to be proud of yourselves, because let’s be honest. They just don’t make people tougher than 505 sailors.....

As you are all aware we are an International Class, registered with, and acknowledged as such by ISAF. One of the benefits of having this recognition is that we can hold World Championships and at the event, crown a “World Champion”. There is a lot of prestige attached to the class, the championship and the champions as a result.

However, for us to maintain our “International Class” status we are required to meet, and comply with a number of prerequisites. One of these requirements is that should we wish to hold a World Championship, we have to be able to show that due process was followed in

the selection and management of the venue and event. ISAF does not prescribe these processes to us, but instead monitor that we have used the processes that we ourselves have decided to use. (These same processes were vetted by ISAF many years ago to ensure that they are aligned with their basic templates.)

However, a number of the recent Worlds events have not followed due process for selecting the venue, and consequently have been at risk of losing their World Championship status. This then requires extreme creativity by the International Office when completing the paperwork to have the event sanctioned.

I therefore ask that should you be considering hosting Worlds in the future, please follow the procedure as outlined in the Championship Guidelines Part C1, Section 2. Call me selfish, but it does make my life so much easier.

I hope you all have a wonderful event and that life's opportunities in the next 12 months gives you the same adrenalin rush as a 3-sail, ¾ reach in 30 knots. Fair winds and fair sailing till we meet again.

Peter JM Roos

International Secretary – International 505 Class Yacht Racing Association.

4. Treasurer's Report

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5. Appointment of Auditor

Bob Franks from Australia was duly re-appointed as Auditor for 2014.

At this meeting he presented Auditor's Reports for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

He expressed the view that in view of the difficulty in obtaining certain information from offshore banking institutions, it may be advantageous in the future if the Treasurer and the Auditor resided in the same country.

6. Report from International Rules Committee

International Rules Committee Report

for the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Due to the short time period since the ;last AGM thee were only a few aspects to be reviewed by the IRC. They even popped up recently only and therefore are not completely closed yet.

Parker's have returned to the 505 scene with new design ideas. The only aspect in doubt is the application of the mast datum point at the mast gate on "virtual" deck level (there is no deck). While the currently built 3 boats have been accepted the IRC will review whether a rules extension is needed to avoid interpretation in he future. The Class is happy to welcome back Parker.

Some **Rondar's** above sail number 9000 are too tight or even slightly outside limits in a

few details. While a too short waterline is even disadvantageous a too narrow waterline could be preferable. Of course Rondar is responsible for production accuracy, but as the class found these issues very late only, we have to share responsibility. After careful discussion in IRC and IEC we have decided to grant dispensation to concerned boats with IMC. All future boats must measure exactly. Class measurers worldwide will be informed accordingly. We will approach Rondar to indicate the need of improvements.

A **boatbuilder in Poland** who already builds 420/470/Opti/etc for many years, has started to grow into the 505 class recently. While the construction of moulds and the first hull is still in progress we are happy to support on questions and give advice.

The **digitizing of 505 measurement templates** is nearly finished. As we cannot guarantee that the hulls of the past decades and the templates they were measured with are exactly symmetrical we preferred to reverse engineer the existing templates with best possible accuracy. Several template sets have been compared and proved equality. Finally 3 template sets were digitized. After a photo-based digital scan from various angles the 2D lines were calculated by a cut through the 3D contour. This was verified by 2 technicians independently. While the target accuracy of <0.3mm was already specified very tight we even reached <0.1 - 0.2 finally. As a result we will be able soon to provide digital CAD drawings downloadable from our website, quickly available for every boat builder in the world to create workshop templates. This is a fantastic step forward.

Sailplan tests in USA (main/gennaker) and Germany (main/jib) do not allow final conclusions yet, further tests may follow. Independent from future decisions this process should already be used too present the 505 as an innovative class in progress.

The IRC group welcomes a new representative from France. Rob Napier has been replaced by Andy Smith. Many thanks to Rob for his great support over the past years.

Andreas Jungclaus

Chairman IRC
04/2013

IRC Members

Andreas Jungclaus – Chairman	GER
Mike Martin	USA
Christian Silvestre	FRA
Andy Smith	GBR
Wolfgang Stueckl	GER
Bill Summersides – Chief Measurer	AUS

7. Election of Officers:

International Secretary:

Nomination received for Stuart Turnbull by the UK Association in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the constitution.

The current incumbent, Peter Roos, has indicated he is prepared to stand for one final term.

Stuart Turnbull was asked to address the meeting and provide his background and experience in the Class.

His nomination was ratified by the meeting and accepted with acclamation. .

In accordance with the Class Constitution the voting Members at an AGM do not elect the Class Officers but ratify nominations. In the event of more than one nomination the International Secretary shall conduct a ballot in accordance with 7.3 and A15.2 of the constitution.

International Treasurer:

No alternate nominations received.

The current incumbent is prepared to stand another term. Stephen Burwood was duly ratified by the meeting.

Chairman of IRC :

No alternate nominations received.

The current incumbent is prepared to stand another term. Andreas Jungclaus was also duly ratified by the meeting.

8. Rule Changes:

No proposals for rule changes received.

9. World Championship 2014 Kiel – Germany

A very comprehensive presentation was made to the meeting by Martin Gorge. In his report he detailed the physical characteristics of the Kiel Yacht Club, the availability of accommodation in the vicinity and provided details of the proposed race area. Many members are familiar with the Kiel venue. It was also confirmed that SAP will again be a naming Rights sponsor for the event. The World Championship events will take place in mid to late August 2014

10. World Championship 2015 Port Elizabeth - South Africa

President - Pip Pearson presented the South African proposal to the meeting detailing the two Options provided in the proposal. The meeting expressed much concern that the South Africans themselves were not at all comfortable with their own option 1 and that Option 2 was not at all popular due to the timing over the immediate post Xmas and overlapping the new year period. An indicative show of hands indicated that the 2015 Worlds would not be at all well supported. It was resolved to contact the South African organisers and request an alternative date which would receive much greater support.

11. World Championship 2016

Formal Proposal received from Weymouth, England.
Request received from USA fleet venue to be decided.

Much discussion was had over the two proposals to be considered. The USA were considering possible venues and requested some time to consider their propositions.

It was decided to adjourn the meeting and to re-convene at 6:00pm on Thursday May 2nd. To review the South African proposal and to consider the 2016 proposals. The meeting adjourned at 12.05pm to be convened at 6:00pm on Thursday May 2nd.

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The AGM was re-convened at 6:05pm on Thursday May 2nd. with 89 members present.

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Worlds 2015

Johannes Tellen and Angela Stenger were able to report that they had had extensive discussions with the South African Organisers and in view of the indication of a poor attendance over the proposed December / New Year period for 2015, the South Africans had agreed to bring forward the event to **March 2015**.

Angela and Johannes gave a comprehensive report on the proposal which was received with enthusiasm. The meeting expressed their thanks to Angela and Johannes for their positive action on this topic.

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Worlds Championships 2016

The USA section proposed a venue of Newport, Rhode Island for the 2016 Worlds.

The UK fleet already had Weymouth on the agenda and had briefed the meeting prior to the adjournment.

The matter was put to a vote without further discussion.

The result was

Weymouth, United Kingdom - 50 votes

Newport, Rhode Island USA - 39 votes .

Accordingly the 2016 World Championship shall be held in Weymouth, England.

12. General Business

There being no other business, the President thanked all those in attendance and declared the meeting **closed at 7:08 pm. .**