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MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 5. 1994 IN LONDON

Attending:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Poland, Qatar, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, USA.

General council members:

Heinz Staudt (President), Colin Brewer (Vice President), Alain Corcuff (Sport Committee), Martin Steiger (Secretary General), Mohib Fahmy, Yalcin Gürkan, Georg Fundak, Erico Hoffmann, Hiroshi Mozawa, Michel Petit, Georg Tallberg.

The designer: André Cornu

1.) WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

Heinz Staudt welcomed all present and especially André Cornu the father of the 470. To go to London this year seemed to be a good decision according to the number of members present.

2.) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1992

Attending: Turkey - Yalcin Gürkan was omitted.

The minutes of meeting were then approved.

3.) REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Enclosed.

4.) REPORT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

a) Alain Corcuff presents the report of the Sport Committee (enclosed). He draws the attention to lack of discipline of nations announcing competitors for international regattas. Measures to cope with this problem are proposed. Tables with statistics of main class championships 1992 till 1994 are attached to his report.

b) Alain explains the new Class Championship Organisation Manual applicable all our international championships. This document was discussed at the general council meetings where several suggestions were given. The general assembly acknowledged and thanked Alain for his important work.

c) Relations to IYRU where mainly: 1996 Olympic Games organisation, IYRU ranking list, IYRU World championship organisation.

5.) REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Michel Petit presented the report of the technical committee according to annex 6 which was sent together with the invitation for the General Assembly. He explained the principal tasks which were handled recently. One of the tasks was the requirement of IYRU that all classes should use the same IYRU measurement rules for the sails. At Crozon Morgat a great number of sails were measured and tolerance limits were found in order to adapt the new measurement rules without having to change the old sails. Such statistical measurements will have to be continued.

The technical committee treated several other changes which will be proposed today for approval to the GA.



6.) DISCUSSION ON THE REPORTS

No discussion.

7.) FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS 1992 AND 1993

Hans Duetz, the treasurer for these years, could not to attend this meeting.

Urban Lagneus in charge of auditing the accounts gave his comments on

- Draft Budget 1992, Balance 1992 and Results 1992
- Draft Budget 1993. Balance 1993 and Results 1993.

Accounts 1992 and 1993 were approved unanimously.

8.) APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE YEARS 1993 AND 1994

- Budget 1993 approved unanimously
- Budget 1994 approved unanimously.

9.) APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT

- a) Management committee: Approved unanimously
- b) General Council: Approved unanimously.

10.) ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Heinz Staudt was reelected as President with 496 votes in favour and 81 abstentions.

11.) ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following persons were elected, respectively reelected:

South West Pacific: Darren Dunkey - Smith

North America: James Appel

Southern Europe: Sergio Santella

Central Europe: Lutz Patrunky, Georg Fundak

Western Europe: Alain Corcuff

Eastern Europe: Viktor Kovalenko

12.) VOTE ON ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 1994 (TO BE PAID IN JANUARY 1995)

Annual membership fees for 1994/95 was voted on and accepted unanimously. It remains the same i.e. :

25 French Francs per member of a National Class Association

750 French Francs minimum fee per National Class Association

20000 French Francs maximum per National Class Association.

13.) CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION

Following changes were accepted unanimously:

§ VII g)

add new text:

Based on joint proposals of the Technical Committee and Management Committee, the General Council is qualified to take decisions by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes present or represented, or in case of a postal ballot - by a majority of at least two-thirds of its total membership, to propose to the IYRU minor and urgent changes of Class Rules, technical drawings and the building specification.

§ VIII p) 2)



old wording:

Recommendation to the IYRU for modification of drawings, of constructions specification, rules of measurement and Class Rules or agreement to be given to the IYRU for such changes.

new wording:

All proposals to the IYRU for changes/modifications of the Class Rules, drawings, building specification not covered by VII g and/or agreement to be given to the IYRU for such changes.

§ XI a)

old wording:

The Council of the association will promote the constitution of a 470 Class Association in a country as soon as the number of registered boats is equal or superior to twenty (20) boats. National Associations will be affiliated to the International 470 Class Association and will arrange for recognition by their National Yachting Authority.

new wording:

The Council of the Association will promote the constitution of National Class Associations. National Associations will be affiliated to the International 470 Class Association and will arrange for recognition by their National Yachting Authority.

§ XI e)

old wording:

Where a National Association is not yet established, the Council of the Association may designate one or several deputy Commissioners empowered to represent temporarily the interests of the Class and insure the creation of a National Association in accordance with § XI a).

new wording:

Where a National Association is not yet established, the Management Committee of the Association may designate one or several deputy commissioners empowered to represent temporarily the interests of the Class and insure the creation of a National Association in accordance with § XI a) .

15.) SPORTS QUESTIONS

Provisional fixture list 1995 (enclosed).

-Problem of transportation from Savannah to Toronto was discussed. Try to postpone Toronto and Kingston as much as possible.

European Championship 1995 in Greece:

In spite of insisting follow-ups Greece neither signed a declaration to perform this Championship nor confirmed that they would accept our rules and format. No binding dates and precise informaton were given.

The vote on taking away the European Championship from Greece was accepted with one abstention. Priority was given to Sweden, alternatives are Hungary, GB or Poland.

Israel confirmed that costs for future Championships in Israel shall be fixed in advance and that no additional costs shall be charged to the sailors.

Yalcin Gürkan presents his proposal for a championship in Turkey. It will be on the asian coast 20 to 25 min from the Istambul airport; Turkey can offer 50% reduction on boat ferries and fairs, accommodation free of charge for up to 26 sailors.

Class Championship Organisation 1995 till 2000:

This organisation was discussed and the resulting table with the fixed and still provisional events is enclosed. The Championships were allocated subject to the acceptance of our Class Championship Organisation Manual by tha organizer and subject to the the signature of the standard agreement.

16.) TECHNIQUES

The G.A. voted on following changes respectively modifications of the Class Rules:

Class Rule 26, Propulsion

delete old rule and replace by:

IYRR 54 shall not apply unless with windspeeds of less than 12 knots the starting vessel and/or mark boat display a yellow flag. As long as the yellow flag flies, IYRR 54 is in effect with the exception that § 54.3 (b) reads:

On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapid acceleration down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the yacht's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump, but only once for each wave or gust of wind.

Accepted.

Rule 4 Registration and Measurement Certificate

new Rule 4.1 (c) :

Proposed new rule to issue „personal sail numbers“ was not accepted.

Rule 7 Construction

add new rule 7.8:

Definition of GRP: Glass reinforced Plastic. The glass reinforcement used for the GRP laminates shall be E-glass fibres as chopped strand mat or woven rovings (or unidirectional rovings only where stated). The resin used shall be unsaturated polyester resin, used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions. The use of other materials or the intentional entrapment of air in the GRP laminate is prohibited.

Accepted.

Rule 11 Mast

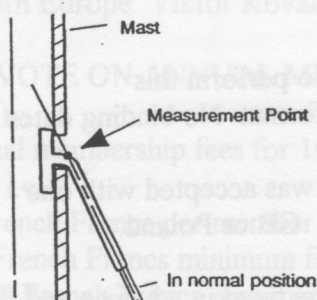
diagramm: Change the dimension of shroud and forestay from 5010 \pm 10 to 5010 \pm 15 (in accordance with change of rule 11.11.

Accepted.

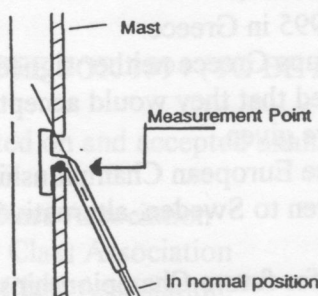
Rule 11.11

new diagram: Change of measurement point.

Old diagram:



New diagram



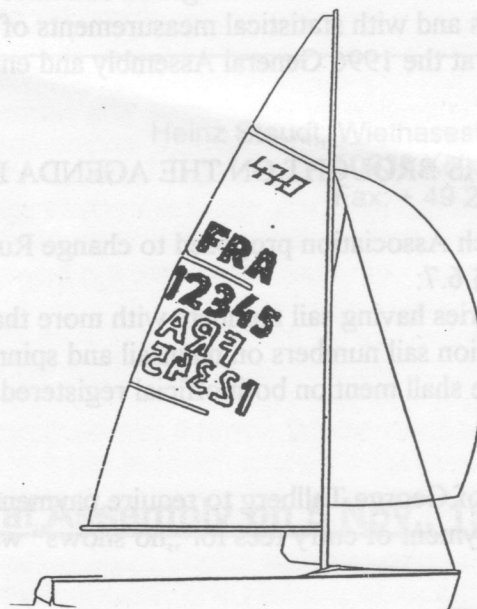
Accepted.

Rule 17 Sails

New wording:

Sails shall be constructed and measured in accordance with the 1993 IYRU Sail Measurement Rules except where varied herein. With the exception of ... shall be made of single layer of woven ply of polyester or nylon fibres. ... One unwoven window of a single layer of material is permitted ... The 470 emblem ... and sail number as shown on the diagram. ...

New diagram: Position of sail numbers.



Accepted.

Rule 17.1 (a)

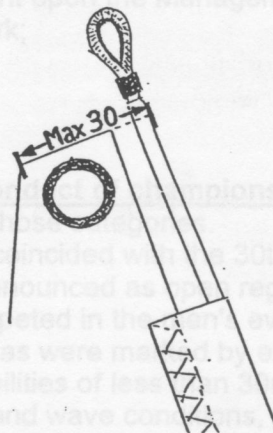
new wording:

The mainsail shall ... and made of the same ply except the bottom which may be of a different type of ply. ...

Accepted.

Rule 17.2 Headsail

Measurement of head width. Additional diagram.



Accepted.

Rule 17.2 (a) Headsail

add:

One cringle at each head, tack and clew shall be fitted, the center of which shall not be more than 30mm from the edge of the sail.

Accepted.

Rule 21

new title: Regatta measurement.

Accepted.

Rule 25 Advertising

Delete the current rule and replace by:

25.1 The dimensions and areas of IYRR, appendix A3, Category B, are shown in the following diagram.

25.2 Category C events need approval of the Management Committee of the International 470 Class Association.

Accepted.

The modified sail measuring diagrams according to 1993 IYRU Sail Measurement Rules were shown and discussed. These diagrams still have to be backed up by the experience of the sailmakers and with statistical measurements of today's sails. The definitive diagrams shall be approved at the 1996 General Assembly and enter into force after the Olympic games.
Accepted.

17.) ITEMS BROUGHT ON THE AGENDA BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The French Association proposed to change Rule 6 Identification marks
add new § 6.7:

For countries having sail numbers with more than four digits, NA may decide to limit identification sail numbers on mainsail and spinnaker to the last four digits. Measurement Certificate shall mention both official registered sail number and identification sail number.
Accepted.

Proposal of George Tallberg to require payment for unused quota at Class Championships as well as payment of entry fees for „no shows“ was accepted. Alain shall include such item in the format.

Proposal was made by Georg Fundak to create a working group for an Olympic campaign.

The Spanish Association made a proposal to limit minimum and maximum wind speed for starting of regattas.

This proposal was rejected.

Secretary General

The President

Martin Steiger

Heinz Staudt