

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GAM 2015, AARHUS

This report covers the period from July 2014 to June 2015.

2015 CLASS RULES

The only proposed changes in the Class Rules refer to jib advertisement limitations and the option to apply the rules from the time of event measurement. The first will help the Class in its quest for sponsorship deals and the latter is meant to alert our sailors about their responsibilities regarding their equipment.

CLASS BUILDERS

The Class will hold a meeting with our builders in the morning before the GAM, to discuss the current situation, the 2016 Games limitations and measurement procedures, and the future of the 470 with a view to 2020 and beyond. A verbal report of that meeting will be given at the GAM.

Nautivela finished their new CNC mould in December 2014 and their prototype was successfully checked shortly afterwards. Rondar (GBR) will have a prototype ready for measurement right after the GAM. This brings our approved builders to a total of 7, covering 3 continents. A new builder, Stealth Yachts from South Africa has applied for both 470 and 420 licenses; hopefully they will proceed with a new hull before the end of 2015.

The Class will organize inspections of our builders during the winter of 2015-2016, in view of the 2016 Olympic Games. No new builders and no new or modified moulds from existing builders will be approved in the last 6 months before the Games, as agreed with ISAF.

CLASS MEASURERS & EVENTS

In January 2015 we added Kazuyuki Higashijima from Japan in our IM team. We still need to add an IM in America, and we hope to accomplish that at least right after the 2016 Olympic Games.

We will do our best to provide high level event measurement at the continental Olympic qualifier events, and to improve the standards at other regional events, as done at the recent SEA Games.

Countries that need support to develop their national measurers are encouraged to contact the Class, to help them find ways of accomplishing this using the ISAF seminar / clinic scheme as much as possible. National measurers who wish to be trained in event measurement are more than welcome to join the measurement teams at our class events.

FLAGS ON MAINSAILS

As reported at the 2014 GAM, the new system has been in place since the end of July 2014. The approved suppliers are now North Sails (JPN), North Graphics (USA), Grapefruit (GBR), Zaoli (ITA), Quantum (ESP), Olimpic (ITA) and Stickerman (FRA). The standardized graphic files for printing are provided by the Class, both vinyl and Dacron materials are permitted and now our sailors have more options and better prices, in a controlled environment that protects the quality of the product.

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