



INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 ASSOCIATION



WORLD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The World Council of the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association met in Travemünde, Germany, at Lübecker Yacht Club on 25 July 2002.

Present :

Olivier BOVYN (ISAF)
Liesbeth OOSTERHAGEN, Esther KRYNEN & Gerard LOOS (NED)
Phil COTTON (GBR)
François VAN DAMME (BEL)
Gilles PROVOST (FRA)
Darren BUNDOCK (AUS)
Pierre SICOURI (ITA)
Wolfgang BAHR (GER)
Frank BLOHM (GER)
Martin FRIEDRICHSEN (GER)

Apologies :

Pierre-Charles BARRAUD (Chief Measurer, FRA)

Agenda

The meeting was called to discuss

- Information from the national associations
- Class rule amendments to be submitted to the ISAF November conference
- Full ISAF International status
- Budget information
- In house certification
- World championship framework improvements

Information from the National Associations

Germany :

More than 100 members join the German association. At the German Nationals 2002 in Warnemünde there were 30 boats. The activities in the south of Germany have to be improved, where there are very few members at the moment.

Australia :

There are strong activities to set up a Australian F18 association. At the moment there is a provisorical F18 Committee, but in November a first regular meeting will be held to found a official class association.

France :

The French association has 150 members by now, whereas over 500 measurement certificates are issued. Last nationals had 25 competitors. 3 new measurers are appointed to improve the acitivities in the mediteranian.

Italy :

In Italy there are currently more than 100 boats, but only 50-60 are involved in competitions. It is planned to hold the 2004 world championships at Folonica in the Toscany (opposite of Elba). The Italian class association is requesting for a better communication and coordination of the international events to avoid overlapping.

Netherlands :

The Dutch association has 70 members but much more F18 boats are sailing in the country. Currently there are great problems between the F18 association and the KNWV (Dutch sailing union) about measurement procedures and rule interpretations. The Netherlands apply for the 2005 World Championships. Liesbeth Oosterhagen proposed to campaign the big "F" in the F18 Logo for "Fair, Fun & Fast"

Great Britain :

60 to 70 members join the UK F18 association at the moment. The main focus of the F18 activities is still in the south of the UK. There is a consistent increase of members over the past years.

Belgium :

In Belgium there are 5 greater Cat-Clubs with 40 – 50 F18 Catamarans. Belgium will hold the 2003 Worlds in KOKSIJDE, near the french border.

Class rule amendments to be submitted to the ISAF November conference

No proposals for new rule changes are made from the national associations. The current amendments to the rule shall be transformed to a fix part of the rules. (i.e. self tacking jib, spi retrieving systems, daggerboard boxes)

ISAF Status :

Australia will join the IFCA, soon. The status of the North American F18 association (NAF18) is quite unclear, because they haven't decided to use the IFCA – Rules. First F18 regattas were noticed in Canada.

Budget information

Olivier Bovyn reminded National Chairmen to pay future national subscriptions to the International F18 Authority by time.

In House certification

The council approved the proposal of Olivier Bovyn to introduce an In House certification process according to the ISAF. The manufacturers (shipyards, sailmakers evtl. Importers) can make contracts with the responsible national associations for this inhouse certification. An independent measurer, appointed by the class association will certify platforms and / or sails at the site. The platform and each sail can separately be certified because the measurement certificate has one sheet for each of the parts. It will be the responsibility of the sailor that the combination of parts from different manufacturers will meet the F18-Rules (i.e. gross-weight).

World championship framework improvements

The following improvements will be part of the World championship framework :

- **The future World Championships have to be an event as a whole : for media coverage purpose, the Class doesn't wish anymore to be included as a part of an existing event ;**
- additional presence of an international official measurer, appointed by the IFCA ;
- 3 races per day by default. In case of delay 4 races per day are possible ;
- 2 days qualification with max. 6 races. (1 discard after 4 races) ;
- after qualification has finished, final races can start at the same day.

Other business

Olivier Bovyn requested each country to notify him of the main F18 events planned in their country for 2002 for posting on the ISAF Website.

Next Council Meeting will be held in Paris (December)

There being no further business, then the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:30.

Martin Friedrichsen, Secretary German F18 Association