



INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 ASSOCIATION



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WORLD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The World Council of the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association met in Poole, at Parkstone Yacht Club on 17 July 2001.

Present :

Alberto FARNESI (ITA), Gerard LOOS & Liesbeth OOSTERHAGEN (NED), Phil COTTON (GBR), Philippe NEIRAS & Christophe OUDAR (FRA), Michael de FRENNE (BEL), Olivier BOVYN (ISAF).

Apologies

Pierre–Charles BARRAUD (Chief Measurer)

Agenda

The meeting was called to discuss;
Certain proposed rule changes
Future World Championship venues
National events
Lady World Championship status

Proposed Rule Changes

Olivier Bovyn explained that any proposed Measurement Rule changes to the Formula 18 Catamaran have to be submitted to ISAF by 30 September 2001 if they are to be adopted in 2002. Accordingly Olivier Bovyn requested that each National Chairman report to him the outcome of each National Authority ballot on the proposed Rule Changes by 20 August 2001.

The F18 World Council, acting as the F18 Measurement Committee, agreed to recommend for adoption by each National F18 Authority, the following changes to the F18 Class rules:

that a jib furler is mandatory and must be operable from the front beam

that jib battens will have a maximum length of [to be determined]

the maximum number of jib battens will be 3

The furled jib will have a constant maximum diameter [to be determined]

The jib tack shall not be fixed below the highest point of the bridle wire

The beams shall be of constant profile of aluminium construction

The beams shall not be convex except for the necessary pre-bend to counteract the mast loading. The pre-bend shall be limited to [to be determined]

The mast heel must be fixed in the centre of the front beam

Trapeze wires will have a minimum diameter of 2.5mm

Further the World Council acting as the F18 Measurement Committee considered it essential to act immediately to prohibit the use of fully battened jibs. This decision is take effect at the end of the 2001 World Championships which will be no later than Friday 21 July 2001.

Future World Championship Venues

The programme of World Championships is as follows;

2002	Germany
2003	Belgium
2004	Italy

2002 Nationals events

Olivier Bovyn requested each country chairman to notify him of the 3-4 main F18 events planned in their country for 2002 for posting on the ISAF Website.

Lady World Championship

It was agreed to award the title of "Lady F18 World Champion" to a combined female crew achieving an overall result within the top 25% of the fleet at future World Championships.

Other Business

It was recommended that each National Authority maintain a database of measurement certificates of all certificates issued within their Authority. This database should be stored on electronic disc.

Olivier Bovyn reminded National Chairman to pay their outstanding national subscriptions to the International F18 Authority. It is intended that the International Authority will, when it has sufficient funds, purchase a calibrated scale for use at international events.

A proposal was made to limit the number of entries at future World Championships. Each participating country would be allocated a certain number of spaces depending upon the number of F18 National Association members in each country. After a certain date any remaining available spaces would be offered on an open basis together with up to 10% "wildcard" entries.

There being no further business, then the Chairman closed the meeting.

Olivier BOVYN, International F18 Catamaran Association President