

International Formula 18 Class Association

Agenda - 2020 Annual Meeting of the World Council

Time & venue: **Saturday, 12 December 2019, 22:00-23:30 CET**
by Teams video meeting - [link to be provided to confirmed attendees](#)

Item	Subject	Action	Lead	Information
1.	Opening		OB	
2.	Minutes 2019 AM	Approval	AN	
3.	Financial Accounts 2019	Approval	KA	To follow
4.	Update Accounts 2020		KA	To follow
5.	Proposal IF18CA subscription fee 2021 / Waiver Constitution	Approval	KA / AN	
6.	Budget 2021	Approval	KA	To follow
7.	New NCA member - Israel		OB / AN	
8.	Election ExCo Officers	Approval	AN	
9.	Election member Audit Committee	Approval	AN	
10.	Class Rules – submissions #1-10	Approval	AN	Exhibit #1
11.	Class Insignia		France	
12.	Report on removal Class Rule C.3.3(c)		AN	
13.	ExCo report on regulation F18 jib		AN	
14.	Closing		OB	

OB – Olivier Bovyn (President) KA – Kyle Amadio (Treasurer) AN – Ad Noordzij (Secretary General)

Participation:

Please confirm your participation by email to ad.noordzij@gmail.com by Wednesday, 9 December. Only confirmed participants will receive a Teams invite and will be able to participate.

Voting:

We ask that you use the attach voting sheet.

If you do *not* attend the meeting, the voting sheet will serve as absentee ballot.

If you *do* attend the meeting, your completely or partially filled-out voting sheet will help us to finish the meeting in time.

The **deadline** for sending in your voting sheet is **Wednesday, 9 December**. Please return your voting sheet mailing to ad.noordzij@gmail.com.

For additional information see next pages

Attachments

- voting sheet
- exhibit

Additional information:

2.	Minutes 2019 AM	Approval	AN	
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<http://www.f18-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019-AM-DRAFT-Minutes-IF18CA-World-Council-2019-Annual-Meeting-v.20200114.pdf>

3.	Financial Accounts 2019	Approval	KA	To follow
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I will forward the papers to World Council members as soon as these are available.

4.	Update Accounts 2020		KA	To follow
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5.	Proposal IF18CA subscription fee 2021 / waiver Constitution	Approval	KA / AN	
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The 2021 budget (see agenda item #7) is prepared on the basis that no subscription fee shall be payable for that year - see email from Olivier Bovyn to World Council of 18 September 2020.

A decision to not levy a subscription fee requires a waiver for one year of Constitution 12.3 in combination with a decision that for 2021 member NCAs will be allocated the same voting rights as for 2020. New NCA member Israel will be allocated one vote in World Council based on its payment in 2020 of a subscription fee for five paid up members.

6.	Budget 2021	Approval	KA	To follow
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7.	New NCA member		OB / AN	
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Israel has joined the IF18CA and World Council as a new NCA member.

8.	Election ExCo Officers	Approval	AN	
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Election of Executive Committee members as per Constitution 8.2. The members mentioned below will reach the end of their current terms. They are willing to extend their roles for another three-year term (2021-2023). All of them are nominated for these positions by the following member NCAs: Australia, Great Britain, Spain, Sweden, and the United States.

President – Olivier Bovyn

Treasurer – Kyle Amadio

Chairman of the Technical Committee – Pierre Charles Barraud

9.	Election member Audit Committee	Approval	AN	
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Election of the Audit Committee member as per Constitution 14.3. Tjiddo Veenstra will reach the end of his current term (2020 accounts). Tjiddo Veenstra is willing to extend his role for another two-year term (2021-2022 accounts). He is nominated for this position by the Netherlands NCA.

10.	Class Rules – submissions #1-10	Approval	AN	Exhibit #1
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Submissions #3-6 and #10 are rule updates to align the IF18CA class rules with the updated Equipment Rules of Sailing (2021-2024 ERS) and Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024 RRS).

The purposes of following submissions are:

#1: to regulate the issuance of sail numbers

#2: to remove a class rule on buoyancy checks which by now has become obsolete

#7: to improve the identification and presentation of the F18 class

#8 and 9: to preserve safety following the introduction of the mainsail deck sweeper.

Given the nature of these proposals, and in particular the limited impact on equipment, the proposal is for all these amendments to be implemented by 1 January 2021, coinciding with the introduction of the ERS and RRS updates.

#	CR	Topic	Impact on:		Aligns class rules with:	
			Process	Equipment	ERS	RRS
1.	A.[9]	Sail Numbers	✓			
2.	B.2	Buoyancy Checks	✓			
3.	C.1.1	General – Rules / Sails – Identification				✓
4.	C.6.1	Boat - Weight			✓	
5.	C.6.[1]	Boat - MM&R			✓	
6.	C.8.2	Hull Appendages - Limitations			✓	
7.	G.3.1	Mainsail - Identification		✓		✓
8.	G.3.3	Mainsail - Construction (window)		✓		
9.	G.4.2	Jib - Construction (window)		✓		
10.	G.5.3	Gennaker - Dimensions			✓	

11.	Class Insignia		France	
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Discussion topic. See World Council discussion thread, email from James Baeckler of 29 October 2020 / 17:51.

12.	Report on removal Class Rule C.3.3(c)		AN	
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Current class rules C.3.3(b), (c) and (d) read:

C.3.3 WEIGHTS

- (b) **Crew** weighing less than 150 kg combined shall carry extra weight equal to half the difference between their actual weight and 150 kg.
- (c) C.3.3(b) does not apply if the **crew** uses both the Small Jib (maximum **sail** area 3.60 m²) and Small Gennaker (maximum **sail** area 19.00 m²), and provided these **sails** have been certified before 16 December 2018.
- (d) **Crew** extra weights shall be of metal and securely fastened on the port side, either to the outside of the front beam or to the strut and shall be removable for checking. Any weight of the **boat** in excess of 180 kg will count towards **crew** extra weights.

Class rule C.3.3(c) was approved at the World Council Annual Meeting of 15 December 2018 at which the class abandoned the use of the small rig with a grandfathering period of 2 years. This period has now lapsed and consequently this rule C.3.3(c) is to be removed.

After removal of C.3.3(c) the sentence “Any weight of the **boat** in excess of 180 kg will count towards **crew** extra weights.” in C.3.3(d) can be moved to C.3.3(b).

13.	ExCo report on regulation F18 jib		AN	
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A proposal for an in-principle decision was put forward to the 2019 Annual Meeting to investigate a change in the class rules that would allow the jib tack to be set below the bridle apex. The draft minutes of the meeting:

Feedback from the USA and some other NCAs suggests that the idea of disconnecting the positions of the jib tack and forestay bridle apex will only be widely supported for reducing stress in the hulls, by allowing the bridle apex to move upward, rather than in lowering of the jib position in search of further performance improvement of contemporary F18 designs.

The subject will be further investigated during 2020, with an intention to vote on any class rule amendment at the 2020 Annual Meeting, to be held in December 2020.

The meeting approves the proposal with 57% of votes casted in favour.

NOTE: any amendment of relevant class rules will require approval with 2/3rd majority of votes casted and would be effective no sooner than December 2021.

Further discussion with and among builders has resulted in a consensus view that there is no longer need for a change in the class rules. In contemporary F18 designs hull stress appears to be manageable and/or under control, and the general view is that the current class rules still work well.

ExCo concludes that there is no reason for a change in the class rules and that the discussion on this topic can be closed. We intend to inform sailors and other stakeholders of this decision after this Annual Meeting.