

DRAFT Agenda - 2021 Annual Meeting of the World Council

Time & venue: **Saturday, 11 December 2021, 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 2020 AM		AN	
3.	Financial Accounts 2020	Approval	KA	To follow
4.	Update Accounts 2021		KA	To follow
5.	Budget 2022	Approval	KA	To follow
6.	Update new NCA members		OB	
7.	Election ExCo Officers	Approval	AN	
8.	Election Audit Committee member	Approval	AN	
9.	Constitution – submissions #1-5	Approval	AN	Exhibit #1
10.	Championship Policy – submissions #1-2	Approval	AN	Exhibit #2
11.	IF18CA Manufacturer Self-Certification (MSC)	Approval	AN	
12.	Class Rules – submissions #1-6	Approval	AN	Exhibits #3-5
13.	Venue 2023 Worlds	Presentation	OB	link
14.	Venue 2023 Raid Worlds	Presentation	OB	link
15.	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, 8 December. Only confirmed participants will receive a Teams invite link for the meeting.

Voting:

We ask that you use the attach voting sheet. [To follow](#)

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

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

The **deadline** for sending in your voting sheet is **Wednesday, 8 December**. Please return your voting sheet mailing to ad.noordzij@gmail.com.

For additional information see next pages

Attachments

- voting sheet [To follow](#)
- exhibits #1-5

Additional information:

2.	Minutes 2020 AM		AN	
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The minutes of the 2020 AM were approved by the attending World Council members on 22 December 2020.

<http://www.f18-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-AM-APPROVED-Minutes.pdf>

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5.	Budget 2022	Approval	KA	To follow
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6.	Update new NCA members		OB	
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7.	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 (2022-2024). They are nominated for these positions by the following member NCAs: BEL, DEN, FIN, GBR, NED and SWE.

Vice President – Steve Stroebel
Secretary General – Ad Noordzij

8.	Election Audit Committee member	Approval	AN	
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Election of the Audit Committee member as per Constitution 14.3. William Sunnucks will reach the end of his current term (2021 accounts) and is willing to extend his role for another two-year term (2022-2023 accounts). He is nominated for this position by the following member NCAs: [...]

9.	Constitution – submissions #1-5	Approval	AN	Exhibit #1
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See attached draft Constitution with the text of the proposed amendments (in red) and minor editorial changes (in blue) (exhibit #1).

Submission #1 relates to the incorporating the Association as a French entity. It also includes a number of minor editorial changes. Approval of this submission will enable the Association to own assets (including the F18 trademark) and assume liabilities. The amendments are:

defining a registered office in France (article 3), duration (art. 4), and process for dissolution (art. 22). Consequently, the articles will also be written in French and be subject to French law, with French being the prevailing language for interpretation (articles 23 and 24).

Submission #2 re-introduces Honorary Life membership as a form of membership (article 5). This amendment fixes an omission in the current Constitution. This form of membership was included in pre-2018 versions of the Constitution. Currently two persons enjoy Honorary Life memberships: Olivier Bovyn and Pierre-Charles Barraud.

Submission #3 confirms the status of the IF18CA as an affiliated body of World Sailing (article 8.2).

Submission #4 allows Special Resolutions to be approved at any formal meeting of the World Council rather than only at Annual Meetings (article 20.1). Approval of this amendment will ensure that there is a basis in the Constitution for the World Council making swift decisions on urgent matters, for example related to the class rules.

Submission #5 re-introduces in article 9.10 a more-balanced voting rights allocation which was already in place until 2018, giving the smaller NCAs more instead of less than proportional voting rights.

The current and proposed allocations are as follows:

WC votes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20
Required # NCA members											
Current	4-19	20-29	30-31	40-49	50-51	60-61	70-79	80-89	90-99	100-109	200-209
Proposed	4-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100	191-200
1 World Council vote represents # NCA members (rounded off)											
Current	4-19	10-15	10-13	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-10
Proposed	4-10	6-10	7-10	8-10	8-10	9-10	9-10	9-10	9-10	9-10	10-10

10.	Championship Policy – submissions #1-2	Approval	AN	Exhibit #2
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Submission #1 formalizes the fact that World Council decides on championship venues by way of instant-runoff voting. With instant-runoff voting the World Council members are asked to rank the candidates in order of preference, and then a simulation of multiple voting rounds is done until a candidate receives more than 50% of the votes. In each round the candidate with the least votes is eliminated and the voters who selected the defeated candidate as a first choice then have their votes added to the totals of their next choice. This is a very suitable process for voting by way of electronic ballots, as we use in World Council, and delivers a winning candidate that has the broadest support.

The current championship policy mentions exhaustive ballot, which is very similar but requires the organisation of sequential voting rounds until a candidate receives the majority of votes. Exhaustive ballot only works well (fast) if all voting members are present in the meeting.

If the proposal is adopted, the text in the championship policy will be amended as follows:

A bid that receives the majority votes of the World Council under an ~~exhaustive ballot~~ instant-runoff voting process will be the winning bid.

Submission #2 is to add to the Championship Policy an appendix which sets out the bid requirements for organizing the **F18 Raid Worlds**. See exhibit #2.

The first F18 Raid Worlds events, including the upcoming Stockholm Archipelago Raid 2022 edition, have been organized on a venue invitation basis. Now that we have gained very positive experience since the first edition in 2017, the proposal is to use the same bid process as the one used for the regular F18 Worlds with the World Council deciding on the venue starting with the 2023 edition.

11.	IF18CA Manufacturer Self-Certification (MSC)	Approval	AN	
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The proposal is to introduce the possibility of Manufacturer Self-Certification (MSC) for sails.

The purpose of this proposal is that sailors can buy certified, race-ready sails directly from sailmakers. It will help avoid that fundamental measurement and certification of sails is done at events, which takes up valuable time.

The [World Sailing Guide to Certification Control](#) includes rules to ensure that measurers work in a professional manner and that they are not open to criticism for failing to correctly follow the rules and procedures. One of those rules is that, in order to avoid any questioning of integrity, a measurer is normally (i.e. unless an exception is made) not permitted to measure equipment in which he has any personal or financial involvement (other than receiving a measurement fee).

Specifically, the proposal is that the IF18CA introduces an MSC scheme under which it can recognize an official measurer to certify sails in which he/she actually does have a personal or financial involvement, making an exception to mentioned rule in the Guide to Certification Control. Only official measurers can apply for MSC status.

As per the class rules the IF18CA has the ability to recognize *and* withdraw recognition of its measurers. As a result, it maintains full control, ensuring that sailors have confidence in class administration and the certification process.

The key elements of the proposed MSC scheme will be:

- Any IF18CA official measurer can apply for MSC status, unless his/her MSC status was revoked within 3 years prior to application.
- The IF18CA will honour MSC status unless it identifies an integrity issue. Likewise, IF18CA will revoke the MSC status in case it identifies an integrity issue, notably certified equipment found to be non-compliant.
- The IF18CA will maintain and publish a record of all official measurers with MSC status and corresponding manufacturers (sailmakers).

- The Executive Committee will carry out the IF18CA duties and will report to World Council.

Upon approval, the Executive Committee will engage with World Sailing to coordinate minimum MSC criteria, control process and documentation before final implementation.

12.	Class Rules – submissions #1-6	Approval	AN	Exhibits #3-5
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Submission #1 is to improve the administration and control of certification by:

- recognizing that boat and sail certificates are distinct documents and that sails can be replaced between events
- introduction of certification marks that are pre-numbered and issued by the IF18CA.

Submission #2 is to allow that sailors can continue to use trapeze harnesses without a quick release when RRS 50.1(c) enters into force on 1 January 2023.

Submission #3 is to count the towing line towards the weight of the boat, as before July 2020.

Submission #4 to remove class rule C.10.4(b) is a cumulation of a longstanding discussion in the class related to the position of the jib tack vis-à-vis the apex of the forestay bridles. See also exhibit #4 for the August 2019 memo on this topic. If adopted, the proposed amendment will bring the following benefits:

- it allows - but does not require - raising the apex of the forestay bridles without loss of performance that would otherwise result from raising the position of the jib (tack).
- raising the apex will significantly reduce loads in the forestay bridles and hulls, and will thus improve hull stiffness, longevity and F18 resale values.

If/once class rule C.10.4(b) is removed, the logical place to set the jib tack will become the bowsprit. The submission therefore includes adding an optional compression rod in the class rules to counter the jib luff loads for when the jib tack is set below the apex of the forestay bridles.

It will be straightforward to retrofit and lower the jib position on (older) F18s.

By and large, the discussion on this class rule has been overtaken by latest developments in F18 design: on modern F18s the apex of the forestay bridle (and jib tack) is already positioned (nearly) at the bowsprit – for illustrations see exhibit #5. It is not expected that removal of class rule C.10.4(b) will lead to a further lowering of the bowsprit because that would rapidly increase the risk of burying it in waves.

The positioning of the jib tack (nearly) against the bowsprit on modern F18 designs has thus far not led to the introduction of snuffer bags that function as an endplate for the foot of the jib. However, any future development in this area – irrespective of whether this submission is adopted – will have to be closely monitored.

A 2-years notification period for class rule implementation allows time for amortization of development costs (in force on 1 January 2024).

Submission #5 is to remove wording (related to the trampoline) of which it is acknowledged that it does not serve any purpose.

Submission #6 is to make some changes to the builder's and sailmaker's declaration, the most notable being that each sail will have its own / unique declaration (and certificate).

13.	Venue 2023 Worlds	Presentation	OB	link
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Voting will be by electronic ballot in January 2022.

14.	Venue 2023 Raid Worlds	Presentation	OB	link
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