

Agenda - 2023 Annual Meeting of the World Council

Time & venue: **Friday, 15 December 2023, 22:00-23:30 CET**
by Teams video meeting - [link to be provided to confirmed attendees](#)

| Item | Subject | Action | Lead | Information |
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| 1. | Opening | | OB | |
| 2. | Minutes 2022 AM | | AN | |
| 3. | Constitution – submission #1 | Approval | AN | |
| 4. | Proposal on ExCo next term | Approval | AN | |
| 5. | Election ExCo officers | Approval | AN | |
| 6. | Financial Accounts 2022 | Approval | KA | To follow |
| 7. | Update Accounts 2023 | | KA | To follow |
| 8. | Budget 2024 | Approval | KA | To follow |
| 9. | Election Audit Committee member | Approval | AN | |
| 10. | Class Rules – submissions #1-11 | Approval | AN | Exhibits #1-3 |
| 11. | IF18CA Manufacturer Self-Certification (MSC) | Approval | AN | |
| 12. | Venue 2025 Worlds | Presentation | OB | |
| 13. | Closing | | OB | |

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

Member participation:

Please confirm your participation by email to ad.noordzij@gmail.com by **Tuesday, 12 December**. Only confirmed participants will receive a Teams invite link for the meeting.

Voting:

We ask that you use the voting sheet which will be distributed separately by 30 November latest.

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 **Tuesday, 12 December**. Please return your voting sheet mailing to ad.noordzij@gmail.com.

For more information see next pages

Attachments

- exhibits #1-3

Agenda information:

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| 2. | Minutes 2022 AM | | AN | |
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The minutes of the 2022 AM were approved by the attending World Council members on 24 December 2022.

<https://www.f18-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-AM-Minutes-FINAL.pdf>

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| 3. | Constitution – submission #1 | Approval | AN | |
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The proposal, submitted by ExCo, is to increase the number of ExCo members by adding a second Vice President position. The purpose of the proposal is to be able to better manage workload and to support continuity of class management. The proposed amendment to the constitution:

11.1 The World Council of the IF18CA shall have the following officers (the “Officers”):

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President #1
- (c) Vice President #2
- (e d) Secretary General
- (d e) Treasurer
- (e f) Chairman of the Technical Committee

12.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President #1
- (c) Vice President #2
- (e d) Secretary General
- (d e) Treasurer
- (e f) Chairman of the Technical Committee

13.4 The President shall chair all meetings at which he is present. At meetings where the President is not present ~~the Vice President if present shall chair, otherwise~~ the meeting shall elect a chairman from among themselves.

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| 4. | Proposal ExCo terms | Approval | AN | |
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The proposal, submitted by ExCo, is - for one time / by exception - to elect the Chairman of the Technical Committee and the new Vice President (#2) for a 2-year term instead of the normal 3-year term.

The reason for this proposal is that the current rotation of ExCo members is not balanced. We now have 1 year with 2 rotations (Vice President and Secretary General), 1 year with 3 rotations (this year) and 1 year with no rotations. To balance the rotation, the proposal is to adopt the following rotation schedule:

2024: Vice President (#1) and Secretary General (as currently scheduled)
 2025: Vice President (#2) and Chairman of the Technical Committee (in 2 years; deviation from constitution)
 2026: President and Treasurer (as currently scheduled)

It means that for World Council to (re-)elect a Chairman of the Technical Committee and Vice President #2 in 2025, the term that starts this year will be for 2 years. Once we are on this new schedule, all positions can continue to rotate on a 3-year basis which means there is no need for a permanent amendment of the constitution.

However, the one-time 2-year term is a deviation from the constitution and therefore requires a 2/3rd majority to be adopted.

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| 5. | 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 term.

President – Olivier Bovyn, nominated by NCA France
 Treasurer – Kyle Amadio, nominated by NCA Netherlands
 Chairman of the Technical Committee – Pierre Charles Barraud, nominated by NCA France

For the new position of Vice President #2 NCA USA nominates Lars Linder.

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| 6. | Financial Accounts 2022 | Approval | KA | To follow |
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| 7. | Update Accounts 2023 | | KA | To follow |
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| 8. | Budget 2024 | Approval | KA | To follow |
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| 9. | 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 (2023 accounts) and is willing to extend his role for another two-year term (2024-2025 accounts). NCA Netherlands nominates William Sunnucks for a new 2-year term.

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| 10. | Class Rules – proposals #1-11 | Approval | AN | Exhibits #1-3 |
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Proposals #1-7 are for “as soon as possible” implementation, ie. once World Sailing has approved the amendments for publication in early 2024. Some of these proposals have been shared in draft form with World Council earlier this year. See exhibit #1

Proposal #1, submitted by ExCo, is to limit the use of manufacturer declarations to the use intended by World Sailing. This means that they will only be used for equipment items that meet both of the following criteria: the equipment i) cannot be fully inspected without damaging it, and ii) has a serial number (so that it can be identified). Consequently, the proposal is that manufacturer declarations are only required for hulls. This will reduce the administrative burden for sailmakers due to declarations no longer being required for sails.

Proposal #2, submitted by ExCo, is to raise the minimum crew weight to 125 kg to reduce safety risk in case of a capsized.

Proposal #3, submitted by ExCo, is a temporary, 2-year rule amendment to support the participation of crew that weigh less than 135 kg (and meet the minimum crew weight) by capping the crew corrector weight to 7.5 kg.

Proposal #4, submitted by NCA USA, is to allow GPS equipment while racing.

Proposal #5, submitted by ExCo, is to set a minimum weight for boats excluding sails (instead of including, as currently is the case) to make self-certification of boats and inspection checks at event registration easier. The proposed minimum weight as per this new definition is based on measurements performed during the US Nationals this year as well as feedback received from builders and sailmakers.

Proposal #6, submitted by ExCo, is to explicitly list the forestay compression rod as a fitting. The result of this is that the general materials rule of section F fittings even more clearly apply, which means that no carbon fibre will be allowed. Note that from 2024 a compression rod will be an allowed equipment item. The compression rod will make it possible to set the jib tack below the forestay bridles apex.

Proposal #7, submitted by ExCo, is to publish the cloth list (Appendix D) as a separate document on the World Sailing website. This proposal will not change the governance of the cloth list (amendments will still require 2/3rd majority) but it will make it easier for World Sailing to quickly publish updated cloth lists. World Sailing have asked for a formal approval of the IF18CA for this change.

Proposals #8-11 are for implementation on 1 January 2025 to give sailors, builders, sailmakers, etc. more time to prepare. See exhibit #2.

Proposal #8, submitted by the Secretary General, is aimed at increasing longevity of the mainsail without compromising performance. The proposal is to increase the maximum number of plies of cloth used in a mainsail to two (excluding the window) so that heavier cloth can be used for areas that are subject to more stress, such as the luff, while the weight of the sail does not increase very much. A further note on this proposal may be distributed before the meeting.

Proposal #9 and #10 same as proposal #11 but for the jib and gennaker.

Proposal #11, submitted by the Secretary General, is to remove a current class rules on tabling width if either or both proposals 8 and/or 9 are approved.

Proposal #12, submitted by NCA USA, is to make the maximum height of the trapeze connection point to the mast a permanent rule. This class rule was initially decided as a temporary rule with the intention to decide on whether to make it a permanent rule based on the results of a technical study. This study has not been commissioned by ExCo but NCA USA proposes to now make it a permanent rule nevertheless. See exhibit #3.

As a final class rule related item, ExCo is seeking ratification by World Council of an amendment of the cloth list that was urgently executed just before the 2023 Worlds. A few weeks before the Worlds one of the larger sailmakers for F18s approached ExCo saying that it had incorrectly produced a series of sails using a cloth that had no longer been on the cloth list for approximately 15 years. With time running out to find a solution before the start of the 2023 Worlds, for which the sailmaker had supplied sails made of this cloth to various teams, ExCo agreed to add the cloth, Dimension Polyant 205SQ, back onto the cloth list after having received confirmation from DP that the product characteristics of the cloth had not been changed since 2005 and after having satisfied itself that the cloth’s characteristics are not superior to other cloths on the list.

An amendment to the cloth list is an amendment of the class rules, which requires an approval by World Council. ExCo is now seeking ratification by World Council of the amendment in the cloth list, as described above, which was published on 15 July 2023.

The ExCo members want to emphasize that the decision at the time to publish an updated cloth list was made on an exceptional basis and highly unlikely to be repeated in future.

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| 11. | IF18CA Manufacturer Self-Certification (MSC) | Approval | AN | |
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The proposal, submitted by ExCo, is to introduce the possibility of Manufacturer Self-Certification (MSC) for boats and equipment items.

In December 2021 the World Council approved the introduction of self-certification for sails. This new process was effectively introduced on 1 January 2023 simultaneously with the online registration of certificates and the introduction of pre-numbered certification marks.

Following the successful introduction of the self-certification for sails ExCo now proposes to expand self-certification to boats and equipment items for the same reason: it will enable sailors to buy certified, ready-to-sail boats directly from builders. See below part of the World Council text that was discussed in December 2021, which would also apply for self-certification of boats:

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.

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| 12. | Venue 2025 Worlds | Presentation | OB | |
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We have received a bid from Zeilvereniging Noordwijk in the Netherlands.

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