

# The 16th Meeting of the 29er World Council | 2015

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**Monday, 10 August, 2015**  
**1 hour after racing finishes**  
**Pwllheli, Wales, Great Britain**  
**Agenda**

6:00 pm (tentative start time)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

6:10pm

**MINUTES OF THE 15th WORLD COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the 15th World Council Meeting, held on the 29 July 2014 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada have been previously circulated and all are attached to this agenda as Attachment 2.

6:15pm

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

6:20pm

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Class Development Planning. An update on the Coaching Clinics and ISAF ENP coordination on development clinics for 2015 and an open discussion of the program for 2016
- b. Technical Committee report

6:30pm

**FINANCE**

- a. To receive the accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2014. See attached.
- b. To view the current and prior budget comparisons

6. 6:50pm

**ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS FROM THE NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. Appoint Chief Measurer: Barry Johnson proposed
2. Election of Officers
  - a. President – Joan Mollerus
  - b. VP Europe -
  - c. VP Australasia – David Price
  - d. VP North America – Rob Woodbury
  - e. Treasurer –
  - f. Member at Large -

7. 7:20pm

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS FROM THE NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- a. Constitutional changes – submitted by Barry Johnson
- b. Rules changes – submitted by GBR Association

8. 7:40pm

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Spinnaker cloth specification change
- b. Proposals from Dutch & GBR Associations
- c. Reports from countries – - see attached
- d. Schedule for next 5 years

9.8:20pm

## TO AGREE THE DATE AND VENUE FOR THE 2016 WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

10. 8:25pm

### GENERAL DISCUSSION

At the discretion of the Chairman of the meeting. (No decisions can be made under this item)

Jerelyn Biehl

**Attachments:**

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1) 2014 World Council Minutes    | attachment |
| 2) Financial Statements          | embedded   |
| 3) Special Resolutions           | embedded   |
| 4) reports from Countries        | attachment |
| 5) Schedule for the next 5 years | embedded   |

## Old Business

### Class Development – Coaching Clinics

Since approval by the 29er WC in 2013, many clinics have been held in various countries. The 29er Class is hosting a 2-day pre-Worlds clinic for developing 29er country teams and their coaches prior to racing in Pwllheli. Sailors from all these countries (except POR & HUN) are represented at the 2015 Europeans and/or Worlds.

2013	dates	coach
<b>Estonia</b>	25-26 June	Duncan Hepplewhite
<b>Russia</b>	29 June-July 5	Rob Partridge
<b>Portugal</b>	3-6 July	Matt Thomas
<b>Italy</b>	26-27 Oct	Duncan Hepplewhite
<b>South Africa</b>	December 6-10	Clynton Wade Lehman
2014	dates	coach
<b>Netherlands</b>	April 30-May 4	Matt Thomas
<b>Russia</b>	June 25-29	Rob Partridge
<b>Czech Republic</b>	June 28-30 or July 3-6	Rob Partridge
<b>Estonia</b>		Duncan Heppelwhite
2015	dates	coach
<b>Poland</b>	May 22-24	Pierre Baad Jensen
<b>Hungary-ISAF ENP</b>	May 9-15	Matt Thomas

The 29er Class office and Ovington coordinated with ISAF to have 29ers at the Emerging Nations Program (ENP) clinic in Hungary where teams from POR, LAT & CZE were able to participate.

The 29er Class office and Ovington are working closely with ISAF and the YW Committee to organize a skiff clinic in Malaysia prior to the YW.

### Technical Report

#### Sail Cloth update – Julian Bethwaite

Dimension Polyant (a Germany company) is the biggest sail fabric manufacture in the world, and the base material that the 32 SCN is made from has been discontinued. Early in 2016 the availability of getting 32SCN will be severely limited. The new material being proposed, "bench tests" very well. Price-wise of the new spinnaker cloth, it can't be known yet because this live trial is critical to that process, but if it's a better cloth and longevity is up, then bang for buck is also up.

## Foil update – Chris Turner

## Financial Statements

### Treasurer's Report – Joan Mollerus

The class is in excellent financial shape, with funds available for all usual expenditures. We are grateful to Sherri Campbell for her consistent, thorough and professional work on the finances and to Jerelyn Biehl for her thoughtful guidance and management.

The fiscal year for the class runs from January 1 to December 31. The 2015 budget was approved via email in February 2015. The following notes highlight changes and additions to the budget made for 2015.

1. **Championship Support:** to support our regatta organizers and hosts, the class agreed to a new fee structure for world and continental championships. If 100 or more boats register for the regatta, the class will receive \$35 per entry; if fewer than 100 boats register for the regatta, the class will receive \$15 per entry. As of June 29, more than 100 boats are registered for the 2015 World Championship and we anticipate that attendance at the 2015 European Championships will be similar. As a result, we anticipate that this new fee structure will not affect income in 2015.
2. **Championship Support:** to support our regatta organizers and hosts, the class will share with the organizers the fees charged by Regatta Network for world and continental championships. At the time of the WC meeting, we will present an estimate of those expenses for 2015.
3. **One-time expense for 2015:** the class purchased equipment for the electronic sign-in/sign-out system to be used at world and continental championships.
4. **Coaching clinics and development and promotion:** the class increased the funds allocated to these items for the 2015 fiscal year. As of June 30, 2015, the class has spent \$23,000 on coaching clinics (over 3 years) and \$107.00 on development and promotion (for 2015).

5. **Surplus income:** we projected a surplus of approximately \$6,000 for 2015 and are on track to maintain that surplus.

International 29er Class Association  
**Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison**  
 As of December 31, 2014

	Dec 31, 14	Dec 31, 13
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
Checking - Union Bank	13,784	1,885
PayPal	2,464	1,609
Savings - Union Bank	125,214	118,458
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	141,462	121,952
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Accounts Receivable	9,579	-3
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	9,579	-3
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
Prepaid Expenses	445	3,378
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	445	3,378
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	151,486	125,327
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>151,486</b>	<b>125,327</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Due to National Associations</b>		
Due to 29er CAN	2,200	
Due to 29er DEN	2,310	3,307
Due to 29er ESP	2,340	6,500
Due to 29er USA	2,065	
<b>Total Due to National Associations</b>	8,915	9,807
<b>Future Dues</b>		
Future 29er Dues	1,210	1,890
Prepaid to DEN		55
Prepaid to ESP		520
Prepaid to USA		350
<b>Total Future Dues</b>	1,210	2,815
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	10,125	12,622
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<b>Equity</b>		
Opening Bal Equity	19,418	19,418
Retained Earnings	93,287	94,494

Net Income	<u>28,658</u>	<u>-1,207</u>
Total Equity	<u>141,363</u>	<u>112,705</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>151,488</u></b>	<b><u>125,327</u></b>

International 29er Class Association  
**Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison**  
 January through December 2014

	<b>Actual</b>	
	<b>Jan - Dec 14</b>	<b>Jan - Dec 13</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Builder Plaques	6,400	7,520
Championship Fees	4,090	4,049
Membership Dues	12,839	11,177
Merchandise Sales	0	174
Royalty Sales	62,645	40,775
Shipping Fees	<u>43</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>86,017</b>	<b>63,705</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Bank Service Charges	2,341	2,679
Championship Support	4,766	0
Coaching Clinic	8,992	10,973
Contract Labor	30,000	30,000
Development & Promotion	0	2,172
Dues and Subscriptions	314	296
ISAF Hull plaque fee	2,933	3,530
Miscellaneous	0	1,406
Postage and Delivery	224	340
Supplies	1,861	171
<b>Travel</b>		
Travel to Ch'ships,AGMs & ISAF	4,637	12,144
Travel - Other	<u>197</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>12,144</b>
<b>Website</b>		
29er Website	<u>1,105</u>	<u>1,212</u>
<b>Total Website</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,212</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>57,370</b>	<b>64,923</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>28,647</b>	<b>-1,218</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Income	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>

Net Income	<u>28,659</u>	<u>-1,207</u>
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\* includes purchase of regatta sign in/sign out system

**Approved Budget 2015**

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Builder Plaques	7,000.00
Championship Fees	5,000.00
Membership Dues	13,000.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00
Royalty Sales	60,000.00
Shipping Fees	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>85,000.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charges	2,400.00
Championship Support	5,000.00
Championship Sign out/in system	1,800.00
Coaching Clinic	14,000.00
Contract Labor	30,000.00
Development & Promotion	10,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	350.00
ISAF Hull plaque fee	3,000.00
Postage and Delivery	250.00
Supplies	250.00
Travel to Ch'ships,AGMs & ISAF	10,000.00
Website	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>78,550.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	6,450.00
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Income	<u>10.00</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>10.00</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>10.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>6,460.00</u></u>

## Special Resolutions

Proposed by 29er President, Barry Johnson

### 1. Proposed changes to the 29er Class Constitution

#### AMENDMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Below please find two sets of proposed amendments to our class constitution. I put forth these slight changes to allow the class to govern more efficiently and to take advantage of opportunities to meet and vote electronically. Our goal with all of these amendments is to help the class to engage more efficiently and effectively with the needs of the organization.

#### Proposed amendment regarding WC and Executive Committee meetings and voting

##### Section 7 World Council

Propose to **add** the following:

7.18 The World Council is authorized to utilize for meetings electronic/telephonic communications providing all participants can hear and participate in all communications.

##### Section 10 Executive Committee Meetings

10.6 The Executive Committee is authorized to utilize for meetings **ELECTRONIC**/telephonic communications providing all participants can hear and participate in all communications.

Propose to **add** the following:

10.8 The Executive Committee is authorized to utilize for voting electronic/telephonic communications providing all participants can hear and participate in all communications.

#### Proposed amendments regarding officers:

##### Section 8 Officers

8.1 The World Council of the International 29er Class Association shall have the following officers:

- (a) President
- (b) ~~3~~ 2 Vice Presidents, from at least two continents
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Chairman of Technical Committee
- ~~(e) Honorary President~~
- (f) Executive Director

##### Section 9 Executive Committee

9.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- (a) President
- (b) ~~3~~ 2 Vice Presidents, from at least two continents
- (c) Executive Director
- (d) Treasurer
- ~~(e) 1 Member at Large elected by the World Council~~
- ~~(f) 29erXX Representative~~
- (g) 2 representatives appointed by the Copyright Holder
- (h) Chairman of the Technical Committee

**Add** new section

9.4: The Executive Committee may appoint any subcommittees, and co-opt any person to such subcommittee as may be required from time to time to investigate any matters of interest to the Association.

Proposed by GBR Association

### 2. Proposed changes to the 29er Class Rules

**Reasoning:** The class rules as written do not reflect current thoughts or practice as to how our boats should be rigged, and as a consequence many would be deemed 'illegal' if the rules were strictly applied. The proposed changes aim to make most current common practices legal and clarify points where ambiguity and discussion regularly arises, while maintaining the principle of the 29er being a 'one-design' class.

The proposed changes are summarised below:

- 1) C.5.1(e) added to allow use of camera recording and race tracking equipment where permitted by NoR etc.
- 2) C.6.1(g) altered to refer to correct clauses
- 3) C.6.1(m) added to allow springs or risers of any material to hold gennaker blocks upright.
- 4) C.6.1(n) added to allow the use of thimbles and rings etc. to direct control lines and shock cord.
- 5) C.6.1(o) added to allow handles or balls to be added to the ends of control lines.
- 6) C.6.1(p) added to allow fitting of toe straps from suppliers other than the manufacturer.
- 7) C.7.5 altered to clarify that attached kicker, downhaul, and gennaker blocks are included in the hull weight.
- 8) C.9.6(x) altered to clarify that handles can be added to the trapeze arrangement.
- 9) C.9.6(xi) added to permit trapeze elastic to be directed in any way.
- 10) C.9.6(xii) added to permit use of calibration marks for kicker and downhaul.
- 11) C.9.6(xiii) added to permit use of shackle, clip, or ball for attaching halyards to sails.
- 12) C.9.6(xiv) added to permit a sailcloth loop to be added to retain the mainsheet close to the boom.
- 13) C.9.7(a) amended to acknowledge new C.6.1(n) for directing running rigging.

## **New Business**

### **1. Spinnaker Cloth: Julian Bethwaite**

The existing material in use for the 29er is SCN which has "**already 'technically' been discontinued**"  
The sail fabric manufacturer will remain Dimension Polyant who is either the biggest or close to the biggest sail fabric manufacture in the world.

The new material, has been developed between DP and Ian MacDiarmid specifically for use on 49ers, FX and 29ers and it likely to end up on a multitude of other skiffs. Our tests to date suggest it is superior to the existing material. Regarding cost, it's unlikely to rise and there could be a stabilisation in price for a year or 2,

### **2. Submitted Resolutions**

#### **Clarifying Annual European Championship – Ben Cooper, VP Europe**

**Reasoning:** to give proper weight to the World Championship while continuing to hold annual European Championship events.

The 29er European Championships are to be held annually.

The 29er Executive and World Council feel that more weight should be placed upon the World Championship and teams should be encouraged to attend this event as the pinnacle event for the 29er Class. However, the Executive realizes that travel outside of Europe can sometimes be costly and have obstacles that make attendance difficult, such that many teams opt to remain home. The Exec proposes:

- a. in years where the World Championship is held in Europe, the European Championship in that year will be a maximum of 4 racing days in length.
- b. in years where the World Championship is to be held outside of Europe, the European Championship will be a maximum of 6 racing day in length

#### **Event Scoring Change – GBR Association**

**Proposed Resolution:** To require that the scoring for all 29er racing events and series of 29er racing events recognised by the International Class is based on the performance of a skipper:crew pairing sailing together as a team.

**Reasoning:** Currently, in the 29er Eurocup series, the series scores are based solely on the performance of the skipper. The skipper may change their crew as many times as they wish, and they receive an



overall series score based on all the events in which they participate. Conversely, a crew may change their skipper as many times as they wish, win every race they participate in, and receive no series score whatsoever. We believe this is profoundly wrong. 29er sailing is a team sport, with skipper and crew performing different but equally important roles. We believe that scoring in series recognised by the class should be based on team performance, and not on the historic but (in our view) wholly wrong view that it is the skipper who is entirely responsible for the performance of a boat.

We would like to require that the scoring system of any event or series of events sailed under the auspices of the International 29er Class Association is based on the performance of a skipper:crew sailing together as a team. For the avoidance of doubt, if there is a change of either skipper or crew, then this constitutes a different team and as such this different team will receive its own separate score.

## **Event Bidding Process – GBR Association**

**Proposed Resolution:** That no International Event (such as the European or World Championship) shall be awarded without a transparent bidding and voting process in which all relevant member national associations are invited to participate

**Reasoning:** We are concerned by the apparent lack of process followed in awarding the 2015 European Championships to the Netherlands, and are keen to ensure transparency over the awarding of any future World or Continental Championship. We wish to propose the following resolution:

Before any World or Continental Championship is awarded to any venue:

- 1) The Officers of the International Class Association must invite bids from all relevant National Class Associations (“NCAs”) (e.g. all European NCAs for a European Championship, all World NCAs for a World Championship, etc.) with sufficient time given for nations to prepare and submit a bid.
- 2) The Officers of the International Class Association must allow all relevant NCAs to vote for their preferred bid after being allowed due time for consideration of the bids made.

## **Collaboration between Int Class organizations for 29ers, 49ers & 49erFX - NED Association**

**Proposed Resolution:** Collaboration between International Class Organizations for 29ers and 49ers/FX

**Reasoning:** Growth of the 9er Classes as a whole. We would like to ask the International 29er Association to seek collaboration with the 49er International Class Association in order to (further) enhance the career path of 29er sailors into the FX resp. 49er. The ultimate goal of this collaboration should be to attract sailors to the 9er classes by providing a clear path for progression as the sailor develops.

In the Netherlands and as far as we know also in other countries, many sailors struggle with the transition from the 29er to the FX and 49er. Barriers are that many FX regattas are only open to female teams, whereas the jump by male teams directly into the 49er is seen as too large. Also, many international regattas for the FX and 49er are at Olympic level, which makes it very difficult for teams transitioning in the FX and 49er to tag along.

The Dutch 9er Class Organization represents both 29er sailors and FX/49er sailors. We have taken initiatives to establish an Eurocup circuit, likewise as organized in the 29er, with events open for male, mixed and female teams for both the FX and 49er, aimed at providing a circuit for the beginning and intermediate level. However, we feel that there are mixed opinions in the International 49er Class or at least a lack of action on their side, as the focus in the International 49er Class seems to be on events at Olympic level. In our view, this hampers the attractiveness of the 29er class if a sailor takes a longer term view on his or her development. To overcome this, it would be beneficial in our view to have a stronger cooperation between the International 29er Class and the International 49er Class.

On local basis, the Dutch 9er Class is collaborating with the Royal Dutch Watersports Association.

## Participation of Mixed Teams to ISAF Youth Worlds – NED Association

**Proposed Resolution:** Participation of Mixed Teams to ISAF Youth Worlds

**Reasoning:** Mixed Teams have presently no change to participate in ISAF Youth Worlds.

The 29er Class is ideally suited for teams that consist of mixed gender. In the Netherlands, we have many strong mixed teams that do not have the change to qualify for the ISAF Youth Worlds. In order to provide the opportunity for these teams to also sail at the highest level of competition in the 29er Class, we propose to open the male event at ISAF Youth Worlds also for mixed teams, while maintaining the female class at the same event.

We acknowledge that the International 29er Class is not in the position to decide on this, however it is in the position to make a proposal for such to the International Sailing Federation.

## 2. Reports from Countries

Attached separately

## Future Regatta Venues

Major Regatta Schedule for the next 5 years

\*\* the 29er Executive voted to change the 2017 & 2018 rotation so as not to conflict with the ISAF Youth Worlds

## 29er Worlds

Year	Rotation	Venue	Date	bid
2015	Europe	Pwllheli, GBR	Aug 8-15	approved
2016	Europe	Medemblik, NED	July 25-30	approved
2017	N America	Long Beach, CA, USA	July 29-Aug 5	approved
2018	Aus/NZL/ Orient/SA	Hong Kong	Dec/Jan	approved
2019	N America			1 mo to AGM 2016
2020	Europe			1 mo to AGM 2017
2021	Europe			1 mo to AGM 2018

## 29er Europeans

Year	Venue	Date	Notes	Date bid due	bid
2015	Medemblik, NED	July 17-21	South		approved
2016	Tonsburg, NOR	June 29-July 4	North		approved
2017	Quiberon, FRA	July/Aug	South		approved
2018			North	Nov 2015	
2019			South	1 mo to AGM 2016	
2020			North		

### **ISAF Youth Worlds**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>2014</b>	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>July 12-19</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>Dec 2015/Jan 2016</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Oman</b>	<b>Dec 2016/Jan 2017</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Israel</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Texas, USA</b>	<b>July</b>