

International 29er Class Association
Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the World Council
July 25, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm by President Gerardo Seeliger at the WPNSA, Weymouth, Great Britain. Mr. Seeliger welcomed all in attendance including those of the 49er Executive.

Executive Committee members in attendance:

Gerardo Seeliger	Spain
Scott Babbage	Australia
Jerelyn Biehl	Executive Director
Barry Johnson	Chief Measurer

Apologies for absence:

Dave Bernal	USA
Martin Billoch	Builder's Representative
Ian Bruce	Builder's Representative

Representatives of the following National Associations:

Jørn Lang	Denmark
Christian Kramer	Germany
Kaj Bocher	Netherlands
Paul Perera	Great Britain
Juha Kotamies	Finland
Ross Whitburn	New Zealand
Ariane Jaques	Switzerland
Zack Maxam	United States
Pepe Bettini	Argentina

Guests

Dave Hall	Ovington Boats
Julian Bethwaite	Bethwaite Boats
Peter Cooper	Great Britain
Mark Collingwood	Great Britain
Matt Noble	United States
Genny Tulloch	United States
Marcus Spillane	49er CEO
Malav Shroff	49er President
Jen Glass	United States

2. Minutes of the 6th World Council. Julian Bethwaite moved and it was seconded and the minutes were passed as distributed by e-mail.

3. Administrative Issues

Constitutional Changes. It was noted that the original Constitution was written for a new & developing class and that after 7 years, changes were needed. A summary of the changes was presented to all and approved by the passed by all in attendance. The new Constitution will be submitted to ISAF and posted on the 29er website and communicated to all National Secretaries.

Membership: Proposal to move from boats to individual members. Discussion was held regarding the National Class Association and those countries without a NCA. Marcus Spillane of the 49er Class explained that the 49er class will collect all fees and revert fees back to the NCA for their portion. GS confirmed that each NCA will receive the exact membership fees as in the past. Discussion also included membership in national vs. international class. A dual registration with a membership number to be included in on-line registration.

Proposal by Scott Babbage: each individual member who is a 29er sailor must be a member of the International Association. Motion seconded by Ross Whitburn, NZL. 10€per member proposed as the new dues fee. Motion passed.

Governance: The following proposals were made concerning Class governance:

- proposal to merge “officers” with “Executive Committee”
 - proposal to add the Chief Measurer to the Executive Committee
 - proposal to add a 29erXX Representative to the Executive Committee
 - proposal to give the title “National Secretary” to each country representative
- All proposals were seconded and passed unanimously.

Roles and Responsibilities: The following proposal was made concerning Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee:

Vice President, Europe:

1. responsible as liaison between European countries & Executive Committee
2. Sets EuroCup schedule for year: 2 EuroCup schedules:
 - a. Northern: DEN, FIN, SWE, NOR
 - b. Southern: FRA, ITA, ESP, GBR, SUI, GER

Vice President, Australasia:

1. responsible as liaison between Australasia countries & Executive Committee

Vice President, North America:

1. responsible as liaison between North American countries & Executive Committee
2. Sets North American calendar schedule for year

Member at Large

1. responsible for development of 29er in new countries

All the above proposals were seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Finances

a. Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2005 were presented with minor questions answered sufficiently.

b. Financial Statement for July 15, 2006 was presented with no questions. A budget will be prepared for the remainder of 2006 based upon the first 6 months. Prior to this, it was not feasible to provide a budget as a 15-month statement was handed down from the previous administration.

5. Submissions from National Class Associations and Executive Committee

Members:

1) German 29er Class Association

Concerning: Case packings

Extract from the 29er Class Rules

C.2.3. MODIFICATIONS

(c) The daggerboard and rudder blade non-alloy ends may be sanded, filled or painted in order to maintain their original supplied shape. Centreboards and Rudder Trunks may only be packed with a soft carpet or felt material. Such packing shall not extend less than 20mm or more than 100mm from the top and the bottom of the trunk and maybe fixed with glue or tape. Such packing shall not extend less than 20mm or more than 100mm from the top and the bottom of the trunk and maybe fixed with glue or tape.

Our proposal: replace “...*Centreboards and Rudder Trunks may only be packed with a soft carpet or felt material*” by the wording of the 49er class rules, to read as follows:

(c) “... *Centreboards and Rudder Trunks may be replaced by any compressible material, defined as being capable of conforming to the pressure of a thumbnail.*”

Discussion was held including comments from CM Barry Johnson. It was felt that the German Association may have been referring to the older set of rules. The German Federation withdrew the motion.

Concerning: Compass

In our opinion, digital compasses conforming to such requirements (as e.g. the Tacktick Micro Compass) should be permitted and the former item C.2.2 (d) should be replaced or deleted.

Reasons:

- They are easy to read
- About the same price as analog compasses
- Using two compasses on the 29er doesn't make sense
- "electronic non-programmable devices" (as item (d) says) just do not exist on the market
- the only additional feature is that the readings whilst tacking are always the same so that the sailors can fully concentrate on their tactic, no need to remember numbers

Extract from the 29er Class Rules

C.2.2. OPTIONAL

(d) Maximum two compasses with brackets, removable for weighing.
(Electronic, non-programmable compasses are permissible)

Our proposal: change (d) as follows:

(d) *“A digital compass and/or device displaying heading and time is permitted, provided it does not have directional memory features and is removable for weighing.”*

Barry Johnson supported the proposal. Motion passed unanimously. Intent is clear. Barry Johnson will work out exact wording.

3) President Gerardo Seeliger

Concerning: 29erXX

The incorporation of the 29er XX into our organization. The addition of the 29erXX Representative to the Executive Committee and proposal of 29erXX added to our rules was proposed and passed unanimously.

29erXX – Jen Morgan Glass and Dave Hall discussed the 29erXX. 10 charter boats and rigs will be available for the 29erXX Open Cup with 30 teams registered. Practice will be held on Saturday with races held on Sunday and Monday. 49er Europeans will be held in Palma during the ISAF Conference and the 29erXX will be invited to help work on the platform to develop this class. Jen is working on more boats/rigs and financial help to move the boats around the world.

6) Nominations for Officers Standing for Election

a. Nominations

President – Gerardo Seeliger

Vice President- Europe – Paul Perera

Vice President – Australasia – Scott Babbage

Vice President – North America – David Bernal

Member at Large – Pepe Bettini

29er XX Representative – Jen Morgan Glass

Chief Measurer – Barry Johnson

Executive Director – Jereilyn Biehl

Slate carried effective July 24 until the World Council meeting in Sydney in 2008.

7) Bids

2007 Worlds – January 18-28, Argentina

Pepe Bettini described the situation of the Championship, hosted by San Isidro.

20 charter boats will be available. Pepe Bettini is expecting 80 boats. The website: www.29erworlds2007.com.ar is already active. A pre-worlds, possibly Nationals and/or South Americans will be held prior to the event.

2007 Europeans – August 8-12, Gottskar, Sweden

Paul Perera and Gerardo Seeliger will contact Sweden and possibly visit and report back.

2008 Worlds – January 2-9, Sydney, Australia

Combined with the 49er class.

2008 Europeans –

Interest received from Kiel, Germany and Lagos, Portugal. Gerardo Seeliger and Paul Perera will investigate.

2009 Worlds –

Interest received from NED, DEN, POL, BRA, ESP

There is a potential if the 29er is chosen for the 2009 ISAF Youth Worlds, that the charter boats would be available for the 29er Worlds.

2009 Europeans –

Finland, Portugal and Italy to be considered.

2010 Worlds –

Combined with 49ers possibly in Garda, Italy.

GS discussed a EuroCup schedule for the coming year, which would fall under the position of Vice President, Europe.

8) The next World Council Meeting to be held in San Isidro, Argentina, Tuesday, January 23, 2007,

9) Youth Trials and Clinics: Ross Whitburn NZL discussed countries holding youth trials in other boats. GS discussed a proposal to hold a coaches clinic in Denia, Spain in March 10-17, 2007 to train and introduce skiff sailing. Christian Kramer GER encouraged a training manual for coaches to be developed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jerelyn Biehl
Executive Director
International 29er Class Association