



**AGM International Class Association
Friday 30th May 2014
1700hrs
Aquavitesse, Bruinisse, Netherlands**

Present

Frans Boer (Chairman NED), Mark Hainsworth (GBR), Ally Jones (GBR), Ian Jameson (Technical Rep GBR), Jon Partridge (RS Representative), Lucy Jameson (Secretary/ Minute Taker)

Apologies-Paul Handley, Sue Ormerod, Cathy Aviernos

Minutes of previous meeting proposed by Mark Hainsworth and seconded by Ian Jameson.

Present

Matters Arising

It was discussed that the Age restriction of 12 and over imposed on children wishing to compete in the Pro Fleet at World Championships was proving to be unreasonable. This is not a class rule but something that has been written into the Notice of Race over the last 2 years. It is felt that children grow and indeed mature at different rates and therefore should not be held back due to their age and so rig choice should be down to the individual. It was recognized that this only affects very few competitors each year but it has impacted sailing to those children. It was then discussed that competitors could choose their rig size according to conditions but it was explained that entry to events such as World Championships and Europeans would closed up to one month prior to the event. In the UK there is a understanding that children only transfer to Pro rig when absolutely ready to do so and there should not be any swapping rigs after, it is recognized that in both instances it would be seen as gamesmanship to change rigs according to weather and there is a strong belief that sailing in the Tera Class should be fair and fun for all. To overcome this issue it was discussed that it could be clearly stated in the Notice Of Race that a competitor could not change their rig after entry has closed.

Proposed by Ian Jameson

Seconded by Frans Boer

Treasurers Report

Up to date accounts for all of 2012 - 2013 presented in the Minutes, Ruth Lewis had completed these earlier in the year and handed over to the new treasurer. The current Treasurer has not yet managed to take over fully and has asked that we find someone to take over- Suggestions were made and noted and will get to work on finding a suitable replacement

Action: Lucy Jameson to appeal to the membership for a volunteer.

**2014 World Championship in South Africa
28th July to the 2nd August 2013**

Cathy is working hard in South Africa to build the numbers attending the event, an offer has been made to the top 4 (2 girls and 2 boys) European Championship Sailors for free entry, accommodation and transfer from the local airport.

Entry is very low from the UK and Europe, this is mainly down to cost and people not having the money to be able to travel.

2015 World Championship

Will be held in the Netherlands and the host club will be Aquavitesse, Bruinisse. This is the same venue as the European Championship

Organizing authority- it is hoped that it will be Royal Maas Yacht Club.

Dates

The event needs to run Friday to Friday to work with the local hotels etc.

Friday 24th July – afternoon Registration and Scrutineering

Saturday 25th July - Registration and Scrutineering. Practice Race in the afternoon

Sunday 26th July – Racing Day 1

Monday 27th July- Racing Day 2

Tuesday 28th July – Racing Day 3

Wednesday 29th July – Racing Day 4

Thursday 30th July – Racing Day 5 Final Day, Prize giving

Friday 31st July- Pack up and go home

Competitor Numbers-

If either fleets exceed 80-

It may happen, that in particular the Sports fleet could see larger turnout with the fleet increasing in numbers year on year. If numbers are high then flights will be necessary. IJ explained that when discussing this very subject with International Race Officer David Campbell- James who was PRO at the 2013 World Champs and his own experience for various UK events, that he felt that you could run no more than 80 boats on the start line, anything over that would necessitate flights. JP explained that the Sailwave program could do all the working out for this if it was needed. IJ said that we should add this into the Notice of Race to advise competitors that a flight system may well be used.

All agreed that there should be 2 day qualifier and then 3 days in gold and silver fleets if the number in a fleet (Sport or Pro) exceeded 80.

The New RS Aero

There will be RS Aero racing at the same time on a separate course as RS Tera racing at the World Championship 2015. This will be a fairly relaxed affair open to all ages and rig sizes. Start time will be 30 minutes after the RS Tera competitors go out and will end half an hour before the RS Tera competitors return.

Action Lucy Jameson and Jon Partridge – look at finding a suitable person to manage this.

The 2015 Nations Cup to be held at the RS Tera Worlds will also be sailed in RS Aeros.

Feva Worlds will run from Sunday 19th July – Friday 24th July. JP estimated a 6 hour drive from Feva Words venue Travemünde, Germany to Bruinisse. Registration for anyone at the Feva Worlds can take place on the Saturday morning prior to the practice race and by prior arrangement but would like to see most of the registrations completed on Friday afternoon.

Application to MNA and ISAF- Has to be completed by August 1st 2014

Would like to ask Peter Anink to be the International Race Officer Marieke to book

Ian J to approach Margriet Pannevis regarding Chairmanship of the Jury.

Class Rules

No changes.

International Representative Report

Frans Boer (FB) Holland

It is a struggle with getting together a Class Association in Netherlands due to their National Sailing Authority rules but there are great people working on building the class. There is a lack of 2nd hand boats which are still very expensive but it is growing slowly - the aim has been to take Tera's to clubs with Feva's. Richard and Marieke great at getting children onto the water and encouraging them into RS Tera's and previously have had positive influence on doing the same with the Feva Class. With the World Championships next year and the showcase of RS Tera at the Europeans event it is hoped that there will be more people wanting to join in and sail in the Tera.

IJ - United Kingdom.

Currently 5th in the UK Class league tables for National Championships attendance. The class is developing all over the country, transitioning sailors are experience success in other classes and current RS sailors are diversifying their skills sailing other dinghies alongside their Tera's.

Email from Cathy with RSA Class Association Report

RSA Class Association - we will be facing a challenging 2014/2015 sailing season as many of our Tera sailors are outgrowing their boats and introduction of younger sailors to the Class has been slow. We still face incredible opposition to the Tera as a "new" class and the local sailing federation are still finalising their views on junior sailing and classes and on which to support as part of their "pathway" classes. Already most of our Tera sailors sail the Laser 4.7 and are likely to move over to that class. What is very pleasing to see is that with the exception of one or two, all our Tera sailors are still sailing! The transitioning sailors are doing well in their new classes.

AOB

Email from Cathy Avierinos Vice President International RS Tera Class Association

*Europeans will **affect the support given to the Worlds 2014 in South Africa.***

The Europeans has 73 entries (to date) of which 9 are NOT from the UK!! and just a quick scan tells me that 99% are not coming to the WORLDS.

I can truly say that I am very disappointed in the lack of support that the Worlds 2014 has received from the British and European Sailors.

This was acknowledged and sadly it is a case of people simply not having the money required to attend. Lots of very disappointed children but the Europeans allowed families with limited budget the opportunity to experience an International event in 2014.

World Championships Agreements and Budget setting

The organizing club should submit a provisional budget, this should be shared with the International Class Association and RS and all aspects of the event should be discussed and agreed. Once all parties are happy a contract will be signed.

Any loss incurred at any International Championships will be the full responsibility of the Event Organizers'. When an event does make a profit from the entry it will be agreed that the profit should be shared between Class Association and Organizing Club.

A policy will be drawn up and displayed on the rstera.org website in the documents section.

Action Frans Boer and Ian Jameson to write up the policy and draft contract.

Any profit made from the RS Tera European Championships will be put towards the RS Tera World Championships in 2015.

Outgoing: Sue Ormerod –Treasurer

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 28th July 1700 hrs - Aquavitesse, La Bruinisse NETHERLANDS

Meeting Closed