

News from the NFIA Board



On November 12, 2020 the regular autumn Board meeting took place. It was held virtually via MS Teams.

Attendants from the Board were Chairman Michael Fehlandt (GER), Vice-Chairman Per Buch (DEN), TC-Chairman Lennart Magnusson and Treasurer/Secretary Harald Koglin (GER).

TC-members Simon Osgood (UK), Heinz-Werner Aping (GER) and Lars Bræstrup (DEN) were on the video conference as well.

In summary the following items have been discussed:

General Matters

According to CR 9.01 and 9.56 only one spinnaker is allowed onboard while racing in national fleets using spinnakers. NFIA received a request from the Finnish association whether it would be possible to have two spinnakers onboard while racing rather than one. The TC does not see any problems in amending CR 9.56 accordingly.

Further NFIA has received a wider question from the Finnish association about the use of spinnakers in international races, i.e. Gold Cup/Sessan Cup. The Board decided to discuss this issue again as a general question during the Annual General Meeting 2021 being held in Tallinn / Estonia in connection with the Gold Cup 2021.

Financials

The preliminary Income Statement and the Balance Sheet show NFIA in a good financial position.

Technical Matters

The Technical Chairman's report 2019-20 was presented, discussed and approved. CR changes/amendments will be brought up in the next AGM for approval by the NNFA's.

The discussion about weight distribution popped up again. Once again it was decided that tip weighing is too complicated to use on Nordic Folkboats.

A rumor was heard that it is allowed to drill holes in the ballast keel and replace the cast iron with other material.

For the avoidance of any doubt CR 4.10 points out that:

The ballast keel shall be cast iron. Uneven surfaces, blow holes or bolt pockets shall not be filled with lead, but may be filled with any material not heavier than cast iron. Fairing shall not alter the general shape, curvature or rounding of the iron keel. The shape shall be in accordance with the keel drawing. The keel bolts may pass through the keel or may be threaded in.

In other words: Drilling holes is not allowed and is not within the spirit of good sportsmanship.

Events

The Gold Cup 2021 will be organized by Kalevi Jahtklubi in Tallinn / Estonia and is planned for time period from July 24 to July 29, 2021. A website (<https://goldcup2021.folkboot.ee>) has already been established with the possibility to pre-register.

Eckernfoerde might be willing to stand in again in 2022 due to the cancellation of 2020 caused by Covid-19. Lynaes Sejlklub has also sent an application for 2022 or 2023.

Sessan Cup 2022 will take place in The Royal Lymington Yacht Club. More info can be found on <http://www.folkboats.com/association>. A separate website with the cup's history will be established and maintained by the UK Folkboat Association.

Hangö Segelförening HSF along with the Finnish Folkboat Federation are applying for the GC 2023; alternatively for 2024

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 18, 2021 again on a virtual platform.