

International Zoom8 Class Association

09. January 2010

International Zoom8 Class Annual General Meeting

Attending:

Kalev Kaal – IZCA technical committee, member of executive committee, Estonia

Juha Ruskola – IZCA Treasurer, member of executive committee, Finland

Andreas Dietze – IZCA President, Norway

Anders Børresen – BB sailing, manufacturer, Denmark

Annett Petersen – IZCA Vice President, member of executive committee, Denmark

Stefan Hess – member of executive committee, Austria

Chris Winter – IZCA, International Measurer

Brigita Sepp – Estonian Zoom8 Class, Organizer WC 2010

Christian Calin – Romanian Zoom8 Class, Organizer WC 2011

1) Approval of Minutes from 2009 AGM in - Sweden

No comments on the meeting notes from summer 2009. The Minutes were approved.

2) Election of new management of the IZCA

No elections were scheduled . AGM during July 2010 will elect new members for the Executive committee.

JR: It is a potential risk, that in one election year most of the committee can change.

AD: Proposal that that AGM is held during the World Championship as well as keeping the winter meeting, to be held at the site of next year's championship.

Proposal accepted. Next AGM will be held at the Lohusalu Sailing Club or at the hotel in Lohusalu in the summer of 2010.

Action: Add to Championship Contract, that championship hosts will also host an IZCA winter meeting in December the year previous to the championship.

3) 2008 IZCA Annual General Meeting

(a) Realization of the decisions

Chris Winter explained the changes he proposed to the rules. The committee added that the appointment of new class measurers should be performed by MNA as well as IZCA. The changes were accepted by the committee.

Action: Press Release must be made in order to inform sail producers that as of a certain date no buttons can be acquired for the old sail types. The old sail types can be

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sold after that date, provided they have been measured and had a button applied before that date.

Proposal: To add to the CR that the lot number of the sail cloth shall be stamped or written on each sail.
Proposal accepted by the committee.

Proposal: To have only the Z-logo in the sail, not the sail maker label.
Proposal not accepted. 2 votes for, 3 against.

Proposal: To have Zoom8 logo and manufacturer's logo in the sail.
Proposal accepted. 3 votes for, 2 against.

For the future sail production three identical Mylar templates will be produced. Each of the manufacturers will be provided a template. If a manufacturer digitalizes the templates, the manufacturer shall provide a copy of the digitalized figures/numbers to IZCA.

It is the intention of IZCA to have:

- the templates,
- 1 sail from each sail maker approved by class measurer and OAR and
- an announcement that the new sails are in production by February 15th 2010.

CW is currently waiting for the template material. The manufacturers will be given 1-2 weeks to accept or comment the recommended measurement variation. After that the templates will be produced.

Action: Notice regarding sail changes out to sailors by February 15th, assuming that ISAF has approved the rule changes by then.

AD: The following three issues must be approved by IZCA

- the fairlead,
- the traveler and
- the choice of sail cloth.

Fair lead

Proposal: It should be allowed to take the fairlead off from the traveler cam cleats.
Proposal approved.

Action: Change to CR: Cockpit (9). 'Cam cleat can be with or without the fair lead.'

Traveler

Proposal: Since some of the Zoom8 dinghies are now fitted with travelers of other brand than RWO, it should be builders and owners choice which traveler to use.
Proposal was not accepted.

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The Class Rules remain unchanged on this topic. The traveler must be of the brand RWO.

Action: IZCA will put out a notice to inform, that the rule will be enforced and that if a sailor has bought a Zoom8 with another kind of traveler it is his or her responsibility to have it changed to an RWO before a championship.

Proposal: To change the position of the traveler.

Proposal is not accepted.

KK considers it a structural change to be avoided.

AD considers it a direction away from the one-design goal that IZCA is working toward, and proposes to allow having the hiking straps above the traveler.

AP: Propose to leave as in the current builders' manual.

Proposal: To allow leading the hiking strap above the traveler.

Proposal not accepted in order to avoid risk of knee injuries.

Action: IZCA will post a notice on www.zoom8.org, that the rule regarding having the hiking straps under the traveler will be enforced.

Action: IZCA will post a notice on www.zoom8.org to inform sailors that the plastic stopper at the end of the boom must be in place at all times.

Issue 3 closed.

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4) Financial Status

a) Status

- i) JR explained the financial status. Button fees are now in place as is the payment to IZCA from the International regattas. The following unaudited financial status was approved. Accounts were made now for the first time. 2009 IZCA revenues were made of 1) memberships fees from National Associations, 2) share of the competition entry fees from WC and EC participants, 3) share of the ISAF Plaque fees and 4) fees from the sail buttons.

2009			
Revenues			
	€ 975.00	Membership fees	
	€ 2,370.00	Championship fees	
	€ 1,186.41	ISAF plaque fees	
	€ 750.00	Sail buttons	
	<u>€ 5,281.41</u>		
Costs			
	-€531.83	Travel costs	
	-€1,521.95	Miscellaneous costs	
	-€110.99	Bank service fees	
	<u>-€2,164.77</u>		
Operating surplus 2009	€3,116.64		
Balance from previous years			
	€ 2,626.48	IZCA funds from old accounts in NL	
	€ 899.26	Opening balance 2009	
Bank account balance closing 2009	€ 4,519.38		

- b) The following budget was approved for the year 2010.

BUDGET 2010			
Revenues			
	€ 900.00	Membership fees	
	€ 1,800.00	Championship fees	
	€ 900.00	ISAF plaque fees	
	€ 250.00	Sail buttons	
	<u>€ 3,850.00</u>		
Costs			
	-€1,000.00	Travel costs	
	-€1,500.00	Miscellaneous costs	
	-€110.00	Bank service fees	
	<u>-€2,610.00</u>		
Operating surplus 2010	€1,240.00		

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- c) JR explained, that his travel cost would be paid by IZCA, also air fare and 50% of Hotel costs for Stefan Hess paid by IZCA

5) Technical committee

- a) Rules –revised according to ISAF rules. Latest revision accepted.
- b) Hull
 - i) Fair leads on cam cleats to the traveler.
 - ii) Position of hiking strap
- c) Sails
 - i) Changes to class rules as proposed by Chris Winter were accepted.
- d) Measurer/measurement
 - i) Measuring of sails will be necessary in the future. Three identical sets of templates will be produced, one of each will be given to the two sail makers and one set will remain in the possession of IZCA and will be used, when measuring sails at international events. Furthermore Chris Winter will provide a measurement guide from which it is also possible to measure sails without the templates, in the circumstances, that the templates are not available at an international event.

6) Boat License

- a) Current situation
- b) Awarding of new licenses and retrieval of old licenses
- c) Pricing of boats and replacements
- d) Builders' Manual and Owners' Manual

There was a general discussion on the topics above but no new decisions were made.

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7) International Events

One of the Europa Cup prizes from 2009 has still not been received by the sailor. AP will contact Tommy in Sweden and have him mail it to Estonia.

2010 Europa Cup Regattas

- a) Calendar of events for 2010
 - 1. 28. Mar – 03. Apr European Championship, Torbole, Italy
 - 2. 22. May – 23. May Sail Extreme, Kerteminde, Denmark
 - 3. 28. Jul – 01. Aug World Championships, Tallinn, Estonia
 - 4. 11. Sep – 12. Sep Halmstad, Sweden
 - 5. 22. Oct – 24.oct Romania

There was also a discussion and strong intention that a 3-day training clinic would be organized in Romania before the event in order to make the travel to Romania better sustainable for all sailors. Stefan Hess would co-ordinate with the organizers.

AP: Proposal to invite German Zoom8 sailors to take part in Danish training camps

- b) Number of participants in Europa Cup Events
- c) Event contract
- d) Event fees

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8) IZCA Home Page <http://www.zoom8.org/>

- a) Content
 - i) Review of current content.
 - ii) Ideas for future content.
 - (1) It was requested that the committee get password protected area for storage of miscellaneous documents as well as a closed Forum. AP will look into that. AP will see to that the old web site is closed and to clarify the old site hosting fee situation.
 - (2) Regattas and results/Events list on the front page as a link
 - (3) Back fill results for 2009
 - (4) Check contractual issues regarding front page ads.
 - (5) Update links
 - (6) Translate and adapt the Danish handbook and make it available on web page.
 - (7) Make available the international measurement form for download.
 - (8) List of all licensed builders. AD will send list to AP.
 - (9) Presentation of Romania, Logo for Europa Cup there. Date of the event. Charter info etc.

9) Marketing

- a) Specific events in countries like Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Croatia and France.
 - i) Schwerin in Germany hosts a large Optimist regatta each year. This would be a good opportunity to make a Europa Cup event there.
- b) Boat leasing at events
 - i) With the production of boats in Romania, boat leasing will be available for the first time at the Europa Cup in Romania in the fall of 2010.
- c) Presentation of the Zoom8 in clubs and associations
 - i) -
- d) Marketing materials such as videos, homepage, folders, handbook, education philosophy etc.
 - i) Sort out which good videos are available on i.e. Youtube.com and make them available on the home page too.
- e) Owners handbook

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Action: AB has a draft that he will finish and send to AP, who will make it available on the home page.

- f) Logo
- i) No changes
- g) Small sail

Action: AB is not terribly keen on the existing little sail and would like to develop a good small sail for the Zoom8. This will make the boat easier to handle for the smaller/younger sailor.

- h) Hans Petter Frederiksens trailer (6-8 boats). Could it possibly be made available for the sailors i.e. by letting a country have for a year at a time.

Action: AD will look into this with HPF