

DN ICE YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual Meeting of National Secretaries Berlin, 2-3 May, 1992

Present: The European Commodore and representatives from Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Latvia, Siberia and Switzerland and their points for discussion were included in the Agenda.

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1. The Commodore opened the meeting and welcomed all those attending with a special welcome to Russia and United Kingdom who were attending for the first time.
2. The 1991-92 season was as good as could be expected in a generally mild winter. There was sailing in various countries from late October to late April. The opening event in Vikajarvi, Finland in Week 44 attracted nearly 40 sailors and the smooth, wet ice produced some fast races. This is a "fun" event with good, warm accommodation, excellent reindeer meat in several forms and barbecue evenings. The Worlds and Europeans in Sandviken, Sweden were a great success with excellent organisation for over 160 competitors. Many thanks to the Swedes for providing all the facilities at short notice and to the Commodore's own helpers who worked very hard to provide a smooth organisation.

A particular discovery this season has been the lake in Czechoslovakia at Lipno (about half-hour North of Lintz). With ice from late November to late March and excellent accommodation by the lakeside this is a most welcome discovery. Sailors are encouraged to try to visit this new ice. Some useful numbers are:

- (a) President of Yacht Club ALEXANDER JEGOROV
0042-0337-2895
- (b) Hotel Huvka
0042-337-96297.

We now have a good working relationship with North America and are fully integrated within the IDNIYRA. This has meant a degree of compromise and consensus but the give and take in discussion over the past years has accomplished a satisfactory agreement. It is to be hoped that this spirit of cooperation will continue for many years to come.

- 3,4 Until the Wim van Acker Estate is settled our true financial position cannot be accurately established. At present, without the funds awaiting this settlement we do not have enough to cover the cost of the '91-'92

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Year Book. However there is a considerable amount of money in the van Acker DN Account and we are optimistic that with the winding up of the Estate, probably by the end of Summer, the DN Europe account will show a healthy credit balance.

Ed Meijer agreed to ask for a statement of the van Acker DN accounts and a possible date for settlement.

After further lengthy discussion it was agreed that from now on DN Europe bank accounts are to be accessible by two signatories - the Commodore and the Vice Commodore - and that they are to be audited annually and published in a newsletter. The results of the audit are to be presented at the Annual Secretaries Meeting.

5. Peter Schellhorn was unanimously elected to be the European Commodore.
6. After discussion it was decided that the Assistant should be called the Vice Commodore. Bart Reedyk (Netherlands) was elected to be the DN Europe Vice Commodore.
7. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that since the updated Constitution in the 1991-92 IDNIYRA Year Book has only been issued since early '92, we must have time to consider it in detail before proposing any changes. All National Secretaries should comment to the Commodore by November 1, 1992. It is important that we identify any items in the Constitution which we consider do not apply in Europe. These will then be discussed at the next Secretaries meeting for agreement before we notify the IDNIYRA.
8. The issue of when tacking is first allowed after the start generated much discussion. It does not appear to be covered in the IDNIYRA Year Book but it is understood that in the USA there is an "understanding" that the first tack must not be made until the tacking yacht has cleared the finishing line. It is considered that an agreed rule should be established and Peter Schellhorn will send a proposal by letter to the IDNIYRA.
9. The cost of production and publication of the DN Europe magazine would lead to a heavy increase in the membership fee. In addition it is increasingly difficult to find people willing to provide time for the editorial functions.
It was therefore decided that:
(a) We will not continue with the DN Europe magazine

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(b) We will contribute European information for inclusion in the IDNIYRA Year Book. The content and quality is in the hands of the National Secretaries via the European Commodore.

(c) The European Commodore will issue **European Newsletters** approximately three times a year e.g. Septembner, January and May. (In addition to the IDINYRA Newsletters).

- 9a. Not required.
10. The Commodore agreed to discuss the content of the IDNIYRA Year Book with its editors.
11. It was agreed that since the IDNIYRA Year Book now contains the Constitution, Specifications and Racing Rules, there should be no requirement for any additional books of rules, etc. It is more important to ensure that the Year Book contains all the current rules and regulations.
12. The 1993 **European Championships** will be hosted by Sweden in Week 9. Europa Cup 27/28 February, European Championships 1-5 March 1993.
13. The 1994 **World Championships** will be hosted by Poland.
14. Insurance for racing provided a very lengthy discussion. The arrangements vary considerably between countries and although it is relatively easy and low cost in many places, for some sailors, particularly in the East, this is not the case. A lot of research has been done by Finland and Sweden and the **Swedish Secretary** has agreed to provide the European Commodore with a series of options for insurance in about two months' time. This should give us estimates for the cost of insurance for large groups of ice sailors anywhere in Europe or North America. It is emphasized that insurance of this type is only likely to cover properly licensed sailors.
15. The membership fees for 92/93 are partly related to the financial position (interim) which indicates that we do not have enough funds to pay for the 91/92 International Year Book. After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that we should have Active and Inactive Members, as defined in the IDNIYRA Year Book Constitution, Articles VA and VC (page 28). The fees for 1992/93 will be:
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| Active Members | 20 DM |
| Inactive Members | 4 DM. |

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Active Members will (a) receive the IDNIYRA Year Book
(b) receive the IDNIYRA Newsletters
(c) receive the European Newsletters
(d) (provided they are licensed and insured) be eligible to sail in National and International races.

Inactive Members will receive the European Newsletters.

Fees are payable by August 1 so that the European Commodore can pay the total European fee to IDNIYRA by November 1. If National Secretaries are paying by bank transfer, their totals should include an additional 20 DM to cover German bank charges.

16. It was agreed unanimously to continue with the Junior European Championship and that it should be an event separated from the senior championship. The 1992/93 Junior Championship will be organised by Poland but held in St. Petersburg 10-14 March 1993. Actual date to be confirmed by Poland to European Commodore.
17. It was agreed not to have a limit on the number of World Championship participants.
- 17a. A world ranking list will be produced. For numbers of sailors up to 120 the Split Fleet system will be used. For numbers in excess of 120 we will follow the IDNIYRA rules with 4 or 5 Fleets and allowing the first 15 to move up a Fleet after each elimination race.
18. It was agreed that a sail number is allocated to an IDNIYRA member. It therefore follows that when a boat is sold or lent to another ice sailor its sail and fuselage number must be changed for competition to reflect the sail number allocated to the new owner or the borrower.
19. Several of the Netherlands questions were answered earlier in the meeting. The official language is and will remain English. (An interpreter should be provided when a member of the race jury does not speak English).
- We will continue to require starting licences. These are issued by National Secretaries and are intended to signify that the holder knows the sailing rules, is sufficiently safe and experienced for national competition and holds current insurance. New licences of a different colour will be issued each season. Sweden has agreed to provide the European Commodore with an estimate for the cost of replacement

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cards. The Commodore will then decide when to implement the system of new cards each season.

When there is no ice in a country nominated to host the Europeans or Worlds, the race committee of that country should transfer to the alternative race site even if it is in another country.

20. Austria agreed to give further consideration to the runner number limitation question.

21. Sweden provided a short brief on the revival of the International Monotype XV. More information can be obtained from National Secretaries.

Russia announced an annual Open ice yacht competition in St. Petersburg. The date has yet to be decided but it will be for all types of ice yacht.

The Commodore asked all National Secretaries to ensure that their members raised items and questions for him through each appropriate National Secretary and not direct from individual members to the Commodore.

22. The 1993 National Secretaries' Meeting will be held on 8/9 May 1993 in Stockholm.