

**International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
(IDNIYRA-Europe)
Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries
Vilnius, Lithuania 20 – 22 April 2007**

Present: IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

Commodore	Niklas Muller-Hartburg
Vice Commodore & Treasurer	Christian Seegers
Junior Programme Manager	Stan Macur
Secretary	Chris Williams

National Secretaries

Austria	Niklas Muller-Hartburg (representing Peter Munnich)
Estonia	Mihkel Kosk
Finland	Reko Antti Suojanen
Germany	Joerg Bohn
Lithuania	Vadimas Grigonis & Tadas Urmonas
Netherlands	Daan Schutte
Poland	Andrzej Michalczyk
Russia	Roman Khodykin & Oleg Vasilyez (representing Alexander Kopylov)
Sweden	Kjell Andersson
United Kingdom	Chris Williams

North America Ron Sherry

Junior Programme observer Irute Zickuviene

Proxy votes

Germany	for Switzerland
Lithuania	for Hungary
Stan Macur	for Latvia
Russia	for Belarus
Sweden	for Denmark & Norway

Apologies

The web master and all Nations represented by proxies.

Topic 1 Opening remarks and Review of the Season 2006/2007

The Commodore opened the meeting by welcoming all present and thanking Greta Urmoniene for all the accommodation and meeting facilities made in advance for us. A warm winter had reduced ice sailing opportunities but we had been lucky for the EC with Haapsalu probably being the only sailable ice for such numbers in Europe. The Juniors had also been fortunate with good ice on Lake Rekyva. Poland reported a quite good but late season.

Topic 2 Minutes of National Secretaries Meeting 2006

These were AGREED and approved as issued

Topic 3 Matters Arising from Topic 2 not covered by this Agenda

There were no matters

Topic 4 Letters to the Board

No letters but a significant number of Emailed points for discussion which were taken as indicated in Annex B to the Agenda.

Topic 5 IDNIYRA Europe Society Inaugural Meeting

See separate Minutes.

Topic 6 EC/ET 2007 Report

Due to the move from Sweden to Estonia this was Organised by Sweden and Hosted by Estonia and conducted by the "trial" Professional Race Committee. In challenging ice conditions the EC was

completed without major incident with over 170 DNs entering and 137 competing. The PRC was a great success and is covered under Topic 7. The Golden Runner was won by Poland who are responsible for engraving and safe keeping of the trophy and bringing it to the next EC. **Action Poland**

It was agreed that the Bank charges for entry fees etc should remain the full responsibility of the sender. The Hungarian suggestion to increase the number of races for C and D fleets during the early stages of the regatta was considered impractical and would not be tried. Both Sweden and Estonia were thanked for their work and cooperation for a successful event.

Topic 7 Professional Race Committee

It was agreed that the "trial" of the Professional Race Committee had been an outstanding success. Stan Macur and Joerg Bohn were congratulated on the enormous amount of time and work that had been necessary for such a success. The part played by Dorota Michalczyk was fully recognised and she was congratulated on her major contribution and the performance of her Race Committee. It was agreed that the PRC should continue to be employed by IDNIYRA Europe for the conduct of the EC/ET and the WC (when in Europe). A number of Email points were discussed and agreed. These were:

- (a) A diagram of the Race Course to be in the Sailing Instructions and on the Notice Board.
- (b) Measurement to be available on the day before racing for those who wish to check their boats.
- (c) Time of the last start to be on the Notice Board as well as announced at the skippers meeting.
- (d) Race Marks to be larger, brighter colours and with brighter flashing lights.
- (e) Finishing Flag to remain **up** after the first boat crosses the finish line.
- (f) Fleet flags to be in same colours as used in water sailing
- (g) Better megaphone to be provided.
- (h) Up to date scoring software to be used.
- (j) List of participants to be available at the check in for all sailors
- (k) Up loading daily race results to the web site (contact web master for advice)

ACTION PRC

Costs slightly exceeded the budget. No requirement to use ferry by the PRC kept it within reasonable bounds.

Topic 8 Host Nation and Lessons Learned

The introduction of the employment of a Professional Race Committee and the need to move countries for the EC had emphasised the need for greater clarity of responsibilities between the Organising Nation and the Host Nation. A full discussion which included several Emailed points resulted in the following: (results of Emailed points are underlined)

Organising Country responsibilities.

- (a) Prizes
- (b) Opening ceremony with National Anthems of Nations participating
- (c) Invitation and Notice of Race (with the Commodore)
- (d) Entry List and Insurance coordination (with the Commodore)
- (e) Sponsors and give aways

Hosting Country responsibilities

- (a) Accommodation
- (b) Ice Check
- (c) Security
- (d) Snow removal and access
- (e) Toilets at the launching site and electricity for motor homes
- (f) Social event

When the Regatta takes place in the planned country (No move) all the above responsibilities are those of the Organising country

The budgets and the equipment stickers (via the web master) are the responsibility of the IDNIYRA Europe Society.

Topic 9 WC/EC Junior DN and Ice Optimist 2007 report

Stan Macur and Irute Zickuviene reported a very successful Championship on Lake Rekyva, Siauliai in Lithuania in difficult ice conditions. There were a record number of entries – 94 from 9 Nations. This was 49 DNs and 45 Ice Optimists. It was particularly encouraging to have an Ice Optimist entry from the USA. The weather conditions allowed sailing on only one of the two planned training days. The Race Committee was greatly helped by Dorota Michalczyk and other members of the PRC and they and Stan and Irute were congratulated on such a successful event. The costs had been well contained with the help of considerable sponsorship from Lithuanian organisations.

Topic 10 Junior Programme report/Junior DN and Ice Optimist WC/EC 2008

Poland will organise and host the 2008 event and the dates are 12 to 15 February 2008. There will be a training day on 12th Feb with the Regatta from 13th to 15th inclusive. IDNIYRA Europe support of a maximum of 1000 euros was agreed. The entry fee will be 30 euros.

The Commodore considered that the item on the IDNIYRA Europe Junior web pages (FAQs) Describing the costs of new and used DNs was too high and misleading. Secretary undertook to review and up date.

ACTION Secretary

Topic 11 Technical Committee Report

Dag Eriksson provided by Email a short report on Technical Committee activities in 2006/2007. "After considerable discussion the Technical Committee had voted (not unanimous) the Kent style Chocks legal and that the stiffening bar is to be regarded as a part of the runner. When measuring the runner weight and dimensions the bar should be included. Clarification on the Kent chocks will be made as an interpretation in the specification. Measurement of insert runner "exposed steel" and runner cut was subject to clarification before the EC 2007. The exposed steel on insert runners is to be measured with a template (attached to these minutes) and the runner cut is to be measured with the skipper in the cockpit in the sailing position with loose side stays. A number of other questions from sailors/builders needing help in specification clarification have also been answered".

Topic 12 IDNIYRA Europe Insurance Report

No Insurance claims were reported. Ron Sherry reported that the New England Ice sailing association had stopped racing because of insurance liability issues. In response to the Danish request it was agreed that for Temporary insurance purchased at check in a receipt and summary of the cover provided will be issued. Following some difficulties before the EC 2007 the Commodore wished to repeat his Insurance points made before that event. These were:

1. Confirmation of Insurance should be in English
2. Cover should be at least 500,000 euros
3. Cover should specify ice boat event races and ice boat training races.
4. Cover should be for the region where the event is taking place
5. Cover must be for the current year
6. Cover must include ice sailing on sea ice.
7. No ice boat cover no insurance!

**Action All sailors, National Secretaries
Organising country**

Topic 13 IDNIYRA Europe NA contact report

The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting of IDNIYRA NA are attached to these minutes. Ron Sherry briefed a list of suggested Proposals from Paul Goodwin. A very lengthy debate resulted in the following:

(a) Strong support for a Measurement Handbook

- (b) Proposals 1 to 4 and 7 to 12 inclusive should go forward for Class vote procedure (where required)
- (c) A significant split in the meeting on actions for Proposals 5 and 6 between;
- (1) Those who wished the Kent Chock "Interpretation" to remain as voted by the Technical Committee and thus maintain the legality of the Chocks. Proposals 5 and 6 not supported for any further action.
 - (2) Those who considered that the Interpretation of the Kent Chocks should have been treated as a Specification change and with full and proper explanation of their alignment benefits could have been passed in a Class vote.
 - (3) Overall it was considered unfortunate that a full explanation of such a fundamental change in Runner Chock design and its potential and real benefits for much quicker and easier runner alignment was not promulgated to the Class before any "Interpretation" was considered.
- (d) In accordance with Specification Management System Article IX – Interpretations of the Official Specifications or Plans (page 60 2005/2006 Year Book)
 "Such Interpretations shall prevail as Supplements to the Official Specifications unless or until voided by a single majority vote by mail ballot" (51%) "Such a vote will be initiated in the same way that a Specification Change Proposal is made". In the mean time the Kent Chocks should remain legal and can be used.
- (e) **The majority** (not unanimous) were in favour of going forward for a vote in accordance with the Specification Management System. However it was agreed that since no member of the Technical Committee was present it would be better to let the Technical Committee and the NA Governing Board to first propose the best possible solution.
- (f) The meeting expressed concern at the way the Kent Chock issue had been handled by the Technical Committee. Many considered that such a fundamental change to Runner Chock design was much closer to a Specification Change than an Interpretation. Furthermore it was considered that the fitting and use of these Chocks had been in progress for too long before consideration by the Technical Committee. If the whole DN Class had been fully briefed on the clear benefits to the essential Runner Alignment process before any Interpretation or Specification process had been started it is likely that there would have been little problem introducing such an improvement in Runner Alignment.
 It was hoped that the Technical Committee would **take note** of these concerns and make every effort to ensure that such difficulties do not recur in any future Interpretations or Specification Changes.

Topic 14 Yearbook and Runner Tracks

Discussion revealed doubts over the European entitlement to the Year Book and Runner Tracks. Secretary undertook to review the process with the NA Secretary and the European Vice Commodore and inform all concerned of the agreed procedure for entitlement, distribution and payment.

Action Secretary

Topic 15 Internet Communication – IDNIYRA Europe

The webmaster could not be present due to illness and the meeting wished him a speedy and full recovery. He Emailed a comprehensive report on his web activities and a set of Instructions for On Line Registering Procedure (attached to these minutes).

His report covered the following:

- (a) Web site statistics can be found at <https://icesailing.org/plesk-stat/webstat/>
- (b) Considerable work with spam protection of ice report site.
- (c) Production of non regluble regatta equipment stickers.
- (d) Cleaning and updating the Forum and Rules and Specs

On Line Registering will be used as the primary method of Registering at the WC/EC 2008

Actions are required from the Sailor, the National Secretary, the Treasurer and the Commodore. It was emphasised that the first entry list through this process would be a "Preliminary" list which must be confirmed by the National Secretary of the respective country and sent to the Commodore with all Insurances.

The Official entry list would be subject to receipt of all Insurances and Money and would be controlled by the Commodore in conjunction with the Treasurer.

Topic 16 Racing Rules

The question of the start position for DSQs was raised and it was pointed out that these rules are clearly covered in the **NIA Racing Rules Part II Management of Races E.2 Starting** where it states DNFs, DSQs and DNSs shall be assigned positions at the ends of the line by the race committee.

Topic 17 WC/EC 2008 – Hosting Country – Poland

The following were agreed:

16th to 23rd February 2008. Opening ceremony 16th Feb

Racing Sun 17th to Sat 23rd Feb.

Invitation and Notice of Race to be issued by 31st Oct 2007

Closing date for entry 31st Dec 2007

Entrance fee 120 euros per entry

Junior DN entries will pay 60 euros entry fee

Boat measurement will be available on Sat 16th for those who wish to check their boats.

On Line Registration will be the Primary method of Registration.

**Action All National Secretaries
Organising Country
Commodore**

Topic 18 NA 2008

This will be hosted by the Western Region and is likely to be in the first or second week of January 2008

Topic 19 Host Secretaries Meeting 2008

Russia's offer to host this meeting in St Petersburg was welcomed and accepted with pleasure.

The Commodore undertook to set a date in April 2008 and inform all European National Secretaries, the European Board and the NA Commodore

Action Commodore

Post meeting note. Secretaries meeting 2008 will be Friday 25th April to Sunday 27th April 2008

Roman Khodykin undertook to recommend a suitable, reasonably priced hotel with all facilities needed.

Action Roman Khodykin

Topic 20 EC 2009 – Russia (St Petersburg)

Preliminary dates of 17 to 23 January 2009 were set.

A comprehensive brief was presented by Roman Khodykin. (attached to these minutes)

Topic 21 WC/NA 2009

To be discussed at the 2008 secretaries meeting and it was hoped that the dates could take account of the St Petersburg **EC** dates.

Topic 22 WC/EC 2010 – candidates

To be discussed at the 2008 Secretaries meeting

Topic 23 Over 70 Trophy

Following discussion between Daan Schutte and Bart Reedijk it was agreed that the two trophies would be reassigned to the "Rookie of the Year" trophy. The qualification for these trophies would be the highest placed DN sailor in the WC and the EC who had never been ranked in the DN Class. Although the decision was made for the WC and the EC it was felt that we needed the agreement of

the NA Board for the WC and this will be sought. Holland undertook to change the engraving on the two trophies and ensure they came to Poland in 2008.

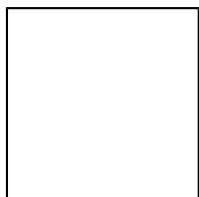
**Actions Secretary
Holland**

Topic 24 Other Business

Holland suggested that consideration be given to changing the format of the **ET** and have more races with the ability to discard a result after every five races completed. A similar format is regularly used in water sailing. Ron Sherry stated that this was being considered in NA. It was agreed that it could be considered for the next ET, probably in 2009. Daan Schutte and the Commodore undertook to prepare a proposal for consideration at the 2008 Secretaries meeting.

**Action Daan Schutte
Commodore**

The Commodore thanked Vadimas Grigonis and Greta Urmoniene for enabling us to have such a successful and constructive meeting and all present for being there and contributing to some good debates. The meeting closed at 1020 Sunday 22nd April.



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