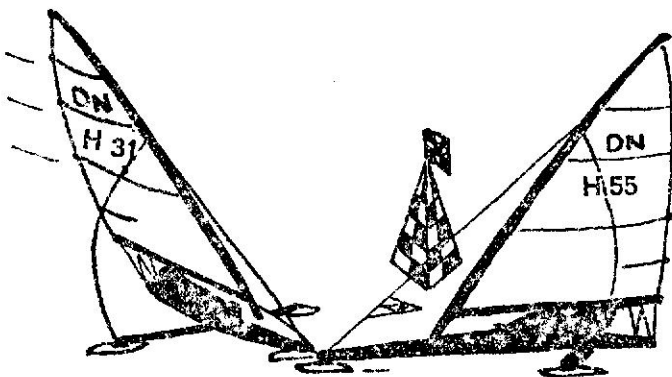


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Report on the meeting of the European Commodore, and the National Secretaries in Warsaw 6-7 May 1978.

The Yachtclub "POLSKI WARSZAWA" acted as the perfect host, by offering their boardroom as a meeting place, and by taking care of the physical wellbeing of the delegates by inviting them to breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The meeting opened at 3 pm., and was chaired by Wim van Acker as Europa Commodore and representing the secretary of The Netherlands.

Furthermore attended;

T. Duchowski of Poland (with M.G.R. Adam Piechal as interpreter)

H. Hörmann of Austria.

H. Molter of Germany.

E. Voorema of the Soviet Union.

P. Skop of Tsjecho-Slovakia.

The last two on personal invitation of Mr T. Duchowski.

The Hungarian Secretary, as we only now learned via the returned invitation, quite recently passed away, and consequently Hungaria was not represented at the meeting.

R. Andersson of Sweden was at the last moment unable to come, but had his views on the various agenda items conveyed in writing to the chairman. The secretaries of Switzerland and Denmark were absent without notification.

The Agenda:

1+8. Selection of entries to the European- and Worldchampionships, as far as they are being held in Europe, in such a way that time-consuming qualification races are avoided, or put to the minimum.

A proposal to select entries according to their raceresults of the previous season was defeated.

The following system will be put into effect for the Europeanchampionships of 1979;

The maximum number of entries will be put at 60.

This number includes as "prequalified" the National-, European-, and Worldchamps. i.e. a max. of 12.

The number of entries for each European country is put at 4% of the number of DN-iceboaters, reported by their National secretary, to the Europa Commodore, before 15 October 1978, by sailnumber, name and address, and whose dues have been paid.

Non-reported iceboaters, (though members of their National organization) cannot enter, not even as "prequalified" and are not taken into account, to arrive at the 4%.

This results are rounded off according the 4/5-rule, however values below 1 are always counted as 1.

So each country has at least two entries; one resulting from the 4%-rules, and its National Champion.

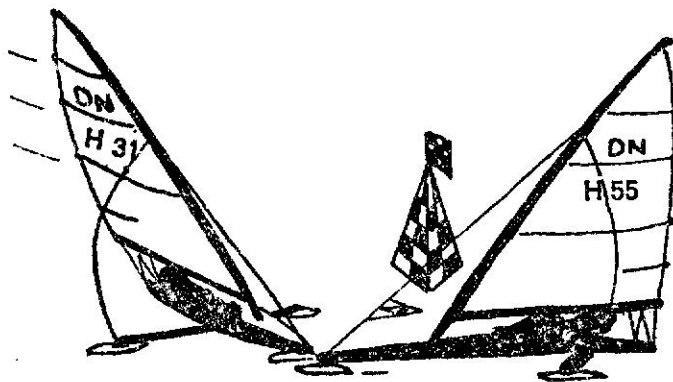
If one person has the National Championship and the European and/or Worldchampionship, his National Organization may have an extra entry, in order to maintain the numerical strength of the team.

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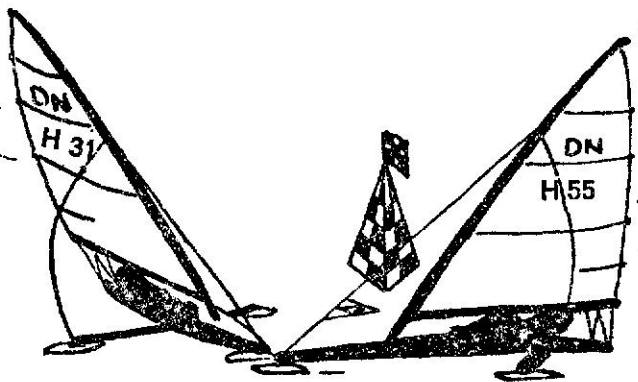
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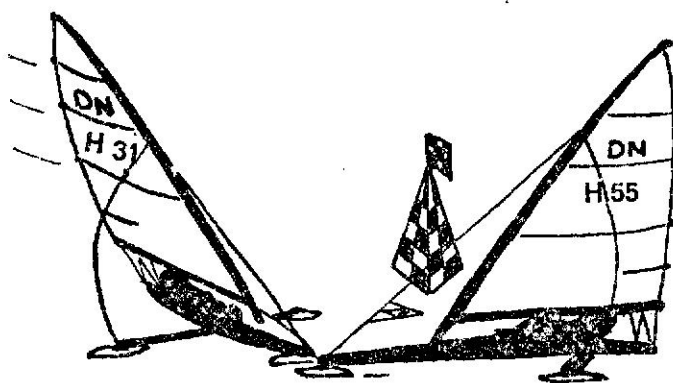
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The fact, that a protest against the racing committee was filed, and honored, does not justify negative criticism.  
Errors in noting a fast moving group of finishing iceboaters are always likely to occur.  
January 15-17 1979 Regatta at Secze near Warsaw for the Warsaw-cup.

Mr Duchowski will investigate the possibility to obtain a Polish visa for multiple visits.

Items put on the agenda for the 1979 meeting;

a. A country not entering for at least two consecutive years in the European- or Worlds Championships, can be reduced to 1 entry only next to its National Champion (so in total 2 entries).

If that country indicates (to the Europe Commodore), before the 15th of October of the year in which it again competed, its desire for a full contingency, its basic entry rights are restored.

b. The national organizations will draft a rule, where in view of the varying membership in some countries a maximum of 60 entries will be reached-

7 of these will be fixed positions for the Northamericans, one for the European-, and one for the World Champion.

Mr Folter proposed to distribute the other 51 places according the then-valid total membership list.

An incident at the Dümmersee, almost claiming human life, focused the meeting's attention to safety regulations, and -measures, especially preparations to be taken by the regatta committee. The merits of life saving equipment of various nature was considered, even helicopters, hovercraft, and (air) propellordriven "swamp"-boats were mentioned.

Regatta Committees may require your sailnumber 150mm height, on both sides of the iceboat fuselage, in contrasting colour, and in type of about 30mm.

Via next meeting it may become compulsory.

The meeting was concluded at 1 pm., and followed by a lunch, offered by the Yachtclub "POLSKY", and also attended by the Vice-President of the Polish Yachting Federation.

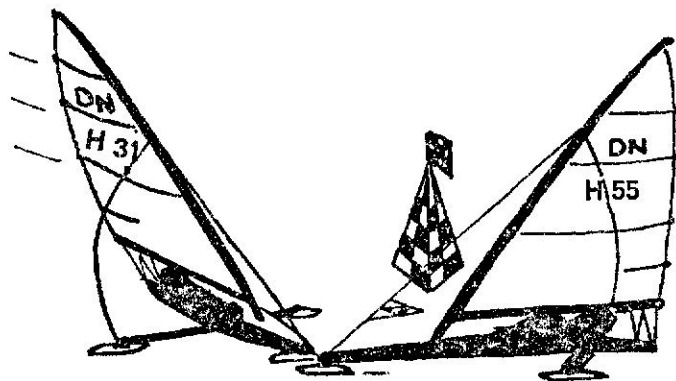
We have not heard from the Hungarians in a long time. It is our understanding that the secretary has died, "may he rest in peace".

The letter from the Swiss secretary arrived after we held our meeting.

I have received a letter from England from Chris William requesting to be a member of IDNIYRA. Since there are no rules against this we have accepted him as a member. He will be the secretary from England. His address is; Chris William, Wingham house, Bishope Waltham, Hampshire, SO3, 82, England. We wish this new member well in his iceboating and hope to see him on the ice this coming winter.

Those who wish a meeting report in more detail can request a German translation, which is much longer than this report.

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It has been a pleasure being your commodore this past season and  
I am looking forward to see all of you on the ice next season.

Best regards,

  
Wim van Acker.