NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL 49er CLASS ASSOCIATION

In accordance with the International 49er Class Association Constitution, this Notice, dated September 7th, 2020, gives greater than the required 28 days’ notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Class.

The meeting will be held on 7th of October, 2020, at 1900 hrs UTC (2000hrs in London, 1500hrs in New York)

The meeting shall be held on the virtual platform Zoom. The meeting link will be sent closer to the date by email to the World Council representatives on file.

Resolutions

There are 3 Ordinary Resolutions, no Special Resolutions, and no Class Policy Decisions.

Any Special Resolutions deal with Class Rule Changes and, for clarity, under the Class Constitution, a 2/3 majority is required to pass.

Any Ordinary Resolutions and Class Policy Changes require a simple majority to pass.

Marcus Spillane
President
International 49er Class Association
Ordinary Resolution 1: To elect a new 49er Class President from the following 2 Candidates

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International 49er Class Association

PROPOSAL

To elect EITHER Jyrki Jarvi (FIN) OR Tina Baylis (CAN) as the 49er Class President for a term of 2 years.

REASONS

Marcus Spillane has served as the Class President for the past 8 years, and according to the 49er Class Constitution is standing down, having reached the limits of his term.

Given the current restrictions on in person meetings, and the fact that there are 2 candidates standing for election, the election will be carried out 3 days in advance of the AGM with the result being announced at the AGM. This is necessary to allow all world council members to vote using a virtual system.

It is vital to have accurate contact details for all World Council members. Please contact Ben Remocker ASAP to confirm the World Council representative for your country and the correct contact details.

PROCESS

The vote by World Council will be conducted by secret ballot using the Simply Voting electronic voting system. Each member of the World Council will get an email on October 4th with instructions on how to cast their vote in the system. The system is set up to allow a secret ballot, keep confidentiality while allowing auditability.

The vote will be open from October 4th to October 6th, closing at midnight on October 6. The scrutineers will be Carlos Debeltran (ESP), who is the head of the Nacra 17 Technical Party, and another IM from the Nacra 17 Class, and they will review and confirm the votes. The new President of the Class will be announced at the end of the AGM on October 7.

For confidentiality, only the result will be publicized. The votes themselves will remain confidential but will be kept within the simply voting system for audit purposes.

More information about the voting system is available at simplyvoting.com

QUESTION:

Do you wish to vote for Jyrki Jarvi (FIN) or Tina Baylis (CAN) as the new President of the International 49er Class Association for a 2-year term
INTRODUCTION TO THE CANDIDATES

Candidate 1

Candidate Name: Jyrki “JJ” Järvi

Candidate Nationality: Finland

I am a coach and sailing professional. My sailing background is in skiffs, multihulls and big boats. I already have experience as a Vice President of the 49er class from 1998-2000 right at the beginning. I was also the CEO and promoter of the Finnish 49er Grand Prix, where we successfully ran a commercial series with good sponsors and media coverage long before it became more common. I have a strong technical background and I know the commercial partners of the class and I have been in or around the class since the beginning. I have seen it grow up and add the FX in 2012.

I am interested in running for President because I feel that the 49er class is very relevant to the world of sailing. I believe that the class is highly respected in the professional sailing world and can launch a sailor’s career. The 49er and FX have an exceptional community around them. All this has a great significance for me on a personal level. I am passionate about the class and I believe we can make the future of the class even brighter.

Priorities for the Class

1. Maintaining and developing the 49er class as a leading Olympic sailing class and providing the best opportunities and best events for our sailors.
2. Strengthening the good relationships between the sailors and other stakeholders. I am fortunate to know most of them over the years that I have been involved.
3. Support the good development in technical and commercial side of the class. The class needs to continually improve on the one design concept. I know the challenges we have, and I know I can help improve this aspect.

Sailing and Coaching background

- 2000 49er Olympic Gold Medallist and Bronze Medallist in the Worlds
- 2018-2020 Head Coach of Chinese 49er & FX National Sailing Team
- 2018 Indian 49er & FX National Sailing Team
- 2015-2017 Japanese Sailing Federation Skiff Project 49er & FX
- 2016 US Sailing 49er & FX Youth Squad
- 2014-2016 Toyota FX and Team GulfNet FX Team (Japan)

Sailing Admiration and Management Experience

- 1997-2014 Finnish 49er Grand Prix circuit promoter/CEO
- 1998-2000 Vice President for the International 49er Class Association
- 1996-1999 President of Finnish 49er Class Association
Candidate 2

Candidate Name: Tina Baylis

Candidate Nationality: Canada

Introduction: I grew up in Toronto, Canada, racing dinghies, mostly Lasers 2s and 420s. Then in my early 20s, after moving to Santa Cruz, California, I switched to windsurfing-in the surf and in long board and slalom competitions.

When the 49er was first introduced my husband and I bought one, and I learned to drive a skiff. So much fun! Then after it became an Olympic class, we competed for Canada through four worlds, narrowly missing going to the 2000 Sydney Olympics. A few years later, after two kids, we did a short campaign in the International 14, placing 2nd in the 2006 Worlds in Long Beach.

As for work, I was co-founder/CEO of a high-end windsurfing sail company based in Santa Cruz, with production in Hong Kong and China, with my husband Trevor as sail designer. Currently I manage an investment partnership.

Priorities for the Class

1. Ensuring the equipment is as consistent, reliable and as high quality as possible
2. Helping find and select good racing venues for championships
3. Working to maintain the health of the class, and status of the 49er and 49er FX as Olympic classes

Sailing Background

- 1997 through 2000, competed in the 49er worlds (placing in gold fleet 1998-2000), as well as the 49er Grand Prix circuit.
- 2006, placed 2nd at the International 14 Worlds in Long Beach

Sailing Admiration and Management Experience

- Board Member, American Windsurfing Industries Association (1990-91)
- M.B.A. in Sustainable Management (Presidio Graduate School, San Francisco)

I would bring to the presidency my experience as a competitor in the class and my analytical and business experience in the sporting goods and financial industries. I would also bring a collaborative, supportive approach to decision making.

And lastly, as a woman who was in the rare position of racing the 49er through an Olympic cycle when it was an open class (before the FX), I would be proud to become the class’s first female president.
Ordinary Resolution 2: To re-elect Annette Duetz (NED) as a Class Vice President – 49erFX

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International 49er Class Association

PROPOSAL

To re-elect Annette Duetz (NED) as a Class Vice President - 49erFX for a further 2-year term from this 2020 AGM

REASONS

Annette has served the class well and is willing to continue in this capacity. Given that there are no other candidates standing against Annette there is no need for an election and this will be a formality at the meeting.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO
Ordinary Resolution 3: To re-elect Dylan Fletcher as a Class Vice President – 49er
Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International 49er Class Association

PROPOSAL
To re-elect Dylan Fletcher (GBR) as a Class Vice President - 49er for a further 2-year term from this 2020 AGM

REASONS
Dylan has served the class well and is willing to continue in this capacity. Given that there are no other candidates standing against Dylan there is no need for an election and this will be a formality at the meeting.

QUESTION:
Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO