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International 49er Class Association 29th Annual Meeting of the World Council

The 29th annual meeting of the World Council of the International 49er Class Association was held in person, on 3rd May, 2024 La Grande Monte. The meeting commenced at 1900 hours in La Grande Motte.

Minutes

1. Apologies were received from Julian Bethwaite, David Campbell James, Annette Duetz, Jo Aleh, John Clinton, Chris Turner, Helene Naess, and Barry Johnson. Those in attendance are recorded at the bottom of these minutes. A quorum was recorded as met by having more than 18 members of the world council present.
2. Minutes of the last meeting of the 2023 World Council Meeting were accepted as previously circulated.
3. Verbal Reports of World Sailing and Executive Meetings held since the last World Council Meeting. The report from the Technical Committee is attached at the end of these minutes.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. The financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023 were approved as presented
 - 4.2. The actual vs. budget for the year to end 31 December 2024 was presented and approved
 - 4.3. The budget for the year to end 31 December 2025 was approved
5. Ordinary Resolutions
 - Annette Duetz (NED) – Vice-President elected for a 2-year term to end at the AGM in 2026
 - Emile Amoros (FRA) – VP of 49er elected unanimously for a 2-year term to AGM 2026
 - David Campbell James (GBR) – for CFO elected for a 2-year term to AGM 2026
 - Barry Johnson (AUS) – for Chair of the Technical Committee for a 3-year term to AGM 2027
6. Special Resolutions
 - 6.1. SR1 – Defeated – Fully rigged weight rule
 - 6.2. SR2 – Passed option E – First to win 3 races format – 28 votes for versus 16 votes for other option in the first round.
7. The 30th meeting of the International 49er Class World Council will be just ahead of the 2025 World Championship.
8. General Discussion and Any Other Business (no decisions can be made under this heading)

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To. International 49er Class World Council
From. Barry Johnson – Class Technical Chairman
Subject Technical Report – Year ending 1 May 2024

In accordance with the International 49er Class Constitution, I provide the following Class Technical Committee report on matters dealt with or attempted to deal with since the last WC meeting held in 2023 in Vilamoura, Portugal

Builders Event Audits As was the case in Vilamoura representatives from MacKay and Ovington Boats undertook further investigative work in Lanzarote where collected data was analysed and again compared with factory data. Data collected revealed that again little difference was found over critical stations located over the hull and deck. The results from data gathered during the Vilamoura and Lanzarote inspections can only reinforce the confidence in that the building of boats by 2 different builders on opposite sides of the World has proven to be near identical as possible. The exercise was to learn of any differences so that the builders could then rectify those differences and not use tolerances like other manufacturers classes are now doing.

If we follow others, then the 49er Class will become a Measurement Controlled class and that is NOT the intention of the design philosophy of the 49er.

Equipment Labels Equipment Serial numbered labels continue to be an issue with many requests from teams for replacement lost stickers. Efforts to identify a reputable material and supplier have again become a work in progress. Ideally it is recommended that teams keep a record of equipment serial numbers for future reference when filing their equipment registration form.

3Di Sails. The class continues to work closely with North Sails in achieving a reliable and sustainable product. North Sails representative was again in Lanzarote to monitor sails being used and respond to any questions raised by concerned teams.

Class Rules The current class rule now includes a drawing taken from the original sketch on how the forestay measurement is achieved. Along with the forestay measurement drawing a new hull corrector weight placement was approved by World Sailing.

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The new rule allows for teams to either retain the original corrector placement location and or run correctors along the kick rail.

A late submission concerning clothing weight taking into account helmets and their weight was forwarded to World Sailing in March, but the WS Technical Director disallowed the submission as he considered the proposal was close to Paris 2024 for an approval to be granted.

The above report is written and presented for and on behalf of the Class Technical Committee, Barry Johnson, Chris Turner, John Clinton, Simon Hiscocks.

In closing my apologies for my non-attendance at the 2024 AGM.

The TC passes on its best wishes to those teams who are to represent their countries at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. We look forward to following your progress throughout the Games.

Best Regards
Barry Johnson
Int 49er Class Technical Chairman
01 May 2024

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