

# INTERNATIONAL 505 YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at

Hayling Island Sailing Club,  
Sandy Point,  
Hayling Island,  
Hampshire,  
England

09.00 hrs Thursday 3 August 2006

### In Attendance:

#### Officers:

President - Tom Bojland (DEN) (in Chair)  
Secretary – Peter Roos (RSA)  
Treasurer – Stephen Burwood (GBR)  
Rules Committee Chairman – Rob Napier (GBR)

Approximately ninety members signed the attendance record

### 1. Minutes of the 2005 AGM:

- 1.1 These had been circulated to National Associations and had been available on the web site since November 2005. Proposed by Jan Saugman (DEN) and seconded by Chris Thorne (GBR) that the minutes be taken as read and approved. Approved *nem con*.\*

### 2. President's Report:

- 2.1 The President, Tom Bojland, presented the following report: -

" A look back on the 2005 worlds in Warnemunde – 175 boats "alles funktioniert" I can only say well done to the German class for successfully hosting the biggest 505 event in history! We look forward to the next German Worlds and you are welcome to break the record.

With that in mind, it was possible to believe that we would have a large increase in the numbers of boats sailing internationally in Europe, but it has not been so large as inspected, so there is still room for improvement here.

In Europe the EuroCup has been updated with fewer and bigger regattas. now the Europeans and the EuroCup are combined in one series and it has been a success, in 3 out of 4 regattas we have seen increasing numbers of competitors, but it can be much better, the "big" 505 fleets in Europe still need to get their sailors to go internationally instead of staying on the local lake.

So I will recommend that you all go home and tell your 505 friends at your local club, that they should try to sail internationally.

I wish to thank the EuroCup Team Henrik Buhl and Johnny Rodholm from Denmark, Wolfgang Stuckl from Germany and Jean Baptiste for organizing the new EuroCup and I want to congratulate the first winners Julian Kleiner & Boris Herman.

More on next year's EuroCup later.

In the rest of the world it seems like the class is doing quite good despite the fact that dinghy sailing is struggling in many countries, at least the quality of the US fleet is remarkable and the reports from South

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\* Latin abbreviation for "nobody was against"

Africa are quite good, and I expect the next years worlds in Adelaide will give the Aussies a kick in the right direction.

I believe the development of the class goes in the right direction, the number of boats build the last year is the biggest for years, and we see new 505 countries popping up, The Polish Class recently had their first nationals with 10 boats, We have Luxembourg as a new 505 nation, and Croatia has shown interest in hosting a worlds in the future. The number og UK and French competitors here is the biggest for many years and we se the old heroes from the past come back in the class and we se some new guys kick their butt sometimes.

Next year we are going to Adelaide and my guess is that we have a good chance to have the biggest worlds ever on the southern hemisphere, the interest is big all over and we look forward to go. The Aussies have because of good sponsors come up with a very attractive container deal for the Class, so get your tickets and containers booked now.

The Italians are already working on the preparations for the worlds in 2007, the place looks very nice and there is interest between some very good Italian sailors for trying the boat.

We have a very good bid for the 2009 worlds and several countries have shown interest in hosting the 2010 worlds.

Last year I expressed concerns about some very long and expensive centreboards, by quite simple rule changes we have stopped this development and the class is back on the track. As you might know, new changes are proposed for this AGM, but more on that later.

This is my last term as president for the Class, at least so far. And I would like to thank you all for being good members. But you won't get completely rid of me, My plan is to stay in the Class work and continue to kick all the Europeans out on the international regattas.

And last I would like to thank Peter, Rob, Jean Baptiste and Steve for their work in the IEC and I would like to thank all the officers and class members all over the world who have worked for the 505 class this year."

2.2 The President's report was received with applause.

### **3. Secretary's Report:**

3.1 The International Secretary, Peter Roos, reported that following the two years of falling membership, numbers had increased slightly in 2004 and 2005, and that this has been maintained into 2006. Total membership for the year was around 1200 worldwide. Germany has seen rapid growth, a clear effect of hosting World Championships while South Africa and UK showed marginal increases. Most of the other countries have remained static, while USA and Canada reduced numbers. There are nineteen countries now paying subs to the international association, and this proves again that we are a truly international class.

Subscription returns and payments for 2006 are due on 1 October.. All national representatives were asked to ensure that their sections made their returns to the Secretary promptly and then paid as soon as possible after the invoice was received.

The number of new boats registered also increased, up from twenty new boats registered in 2003 to twenty five in 2004. This trend has continued with twenty-six new boats registered in 2005, from six different builders, and again to 36 boats having been registered since Warnemunde.

### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

Stephen Burwood presented the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2005, which had been circulated to those present at the start of the meeting. Patrick McCosh (ZIM) had audited and approved the accounts.

The report and figures will be made available on the website.

It was proposed that the accounts be approved by Pip Pearson (AUS) and seconded by Paul von Gray (USA). Approved *nem con*.

**5. Appointment of Auditor:**

Patrick McCosh (ZIM) had indicated that he would be willing to continue. Nominated by Pip Pearson (AUS), seconded by Chris Thorne (GBR). Approved *nem con*.

**6. International Rules Committee:**

The Chairman of the IRC, Rob Napier, gave a brief report.

The following proposals presented to ballot were approved by the IRC for 2006.

- a) Rule A 6.2 - The centreboard length was set to 1450mm maximum protrusion under the hull.
- b) Rule A 5.6.2 and 5.6.3 – referring to the requirements and restrictions for the thwart in the boat removed
- c) Rule A 4.2 – allows national authorities to make their own arrangement for sail measurement, and allows sail makers to measure their own sails.
- d) Rule B 7.1.1 – Location of secretary and treasurer amended to allow them to operate in different countries.
- e) Rule B 10.1.3 - Amendment of timetable for AGM notice and to allow for posting on web sites to be sufficient notice
- f) Rule B 10.1.4 - New rule to require all proposals to be notified to Secretary in advance

Some confusion was experienced during measurement with regard to the equipment that may be included during the championship measurements. This will be clarified by the Rules Committee before the 2007 Championships to be held in Adelaide, Australia. It may be necessary to revise the entire Championship Rules as guidelines over the next 12 months.

Rob thanked the fellow members of the Rules Committee for their contributions during the year.

**7. Election of Officers:**

The Chairman announced that the following had been nominations had been received:

**President:** Pip Pearson (AUS) – nominated by North American Association  
**Vice President:** Jean-Baptiste DuPont (FRA) – existing office holder  
Aaron Ross (USA) – nominated by North American Association

The Chairman declared Pip Pearson to be duly elected to the position of President for 2007 – 2009.

The position of Vice-President will be decided by international ballot.

**8. Proposed Rule Changes:**

None submitted by the IRC.

**9. Proposed rule changes made in accordance with Rule A.11, A.12 and A.13**

A proposed rule change made in accordance with Rule A.11, A.12 and A.13 and submitted by the North American Association:

8.2.1 The **mainsail** shall conform with the Class Rules and the measurement diagrams, except that a **sail** smaller in any dimension except batten position is allowed.

8.2.2 The **luff and the foot** shall be secured to the **mast spar and boom spar respectively** over at least 80 per cent of their its lengths. (Text underlined to be deleted)

Purpose is to allow loose-footed mains. Loose-footed mains would make the sails cheaper and easier to build and make it easier and faster to bend the main on to the boom. The proposal was **approved** with one objection from the UK representative who questioned whether changes were being made for changes sake.

The proposal approved at this meeting for amendment has to be subject to a ballot of the membership. Details of this will be issued by the Secretary, although it will be as soon as possible.

#### **10. World Championships 2007**

Pip Pearson reported on behalf of the AUS Association that arrangements were well in hand for the event at Adelaide. Accommodation was available on a caravan site adjoining the club, by billeting with club members or in local hotels. He indicated that the cabins advertised may already be filled. Adelaide is also a container port. He was also pleased to announce that SAP had agreed to be title sponsor for the event. An event web site is now up and running on <http://www.505worlds2007.com>.

It was also noted that competitors travelling to Australia must be aware of Australian quarantine requirements. Ensure that all equipment is thoroughly cleaned before packing.

Questions were asked pertaining to the weather. We were assured we would get the best possible sailing conditions available based on analysis of previous weather cycles during that period.

#### **11 World Championship 2008**

Marco Giraldi gave feedback on the preparations made for Palermo, as well as presenting a slide show showing the region and facilities. A website will be developed for further information.

Some questions were raised concerning timing and conditions, which were answered.

The decision made in Warnemunde to award the championship to Palermo was approved *nem con*.

#### **12 2009 World Championships**

Mike Holt presented a proposal for the Worlds 2009 to be hosted by St Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco. This is in line with the decision taken in Warnemunde for San Francisco to be considered as they had made repeated requests.

A detailed proposal is to be presented for ratification in Adelaide.

Proposed by Pip Pearson (AUS), seconded by Solomon Marin (USA). Approved *nem con*.

#### **13 Eurocup**

The Eurocup program was presented by Tom Bojland (DEN). The fixtures will be detailed on the Eurocup website.

Concerns were raised regarding the fixtures in northern Europe with preference shown for Southern venues.

PJM Roos

International Secretary

An open forum followed the meeting, which primarily discussed the layout of future championship courses. If any association wishes to change the courses from their present format, a formal proposal is to be forwarded to the International Secretary for inclusion in the minutes for the AGM