

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Travemunde, Germany.  
on Monday 2nd August 1993

PRESENT:-

Mr. Antoine Lortat-Jacob, International President  
Mr. Leslie Everitt, International Secretary  
Mr. Jack Edwards, International Rules Chairman  
104 Members (approximately)

International President Antoine Lortat-Jacob, Antoine opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending.

1. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1992

The minutes had been distributed to National Secretaries in the usual way and no matters relating to the accuracy of the minutes had been raised. They were adopted unanimously on a proposal from the floor.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, MR. ANTOINE LORTAT-JACOB

Antoine thanked the Lubeck Yacht Club, the organising committee and the German 505 Association for all their work in running the 1993 World Championship. He then drew the attention of the members to the decreasing numbers of 505's sailed in most Countries. He would welcome comment on how this trend can be reversed.

He said that the new International Sail letters were not at all popular with the French sailors, Jack Edwards would bring this up in his IRC report at the AGM.

4. REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, MR. LESLIE EVERITT

I would also like to welcome all the sailors here at this Championship. Unfortunately there are no competitors from Canada, Japan, Singapore, Ireland, Belgium and Finland, and only one boat from America. We have a new Country, Austria represented here by Rudi Birkel. Daimond Tai from Hong Kong was entered but failed to appear.

As you will see from the agenda the International Executive Committee has proposed a new Treasurer, Peter Danby. Steve France has agreed to stand down as he is no longer an active sailor in the Class. Peter has been sailing in the Class since the middle 1950's, his first boat was No. 171 later he sailed a Finn, returning to the 505 again about 5 years ago. I feel he will be an asset to the Class.

The membership remains steady but we must do more to increase the number of Countries that sail 505's.

During the year the IRC has updated the 505 Constitution so that a new Rule book can be printed. This will be proposed by Jack Edwards, and if agreed be printed and distributed to all full members of the International 505 Class Association early next year.

With the quality and standard of new boats increasing, the average owner is now keeping his boat longer consequently fewer new boats are built. So far this year 30 boats have been registered, last year there were 55 boats registered.

The new World Championship Trophy has been made and will be presented this week. I trust it will be looked after and delivered to South Africa next year. It comes complete with a strong wooden case.

It appears that very few members ever see copies of the minutes and accounts, they are all circulated to National Secretaries for distribution. The only solution is for the International Office to mail direct to all Members.

5. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

In the absence of both Treasurer and Auditor, Jack explained the accounts circulated at the meeting which showed our financial position to be very sound with good reserves. There being no questions regarding the accounts he asked for them to be adopted. This the meeting agreed unanimously

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A proposal from Antoine to accept the 3 nominees was carried unanimously.

7. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Report from South African Association on the 1994 Championship in Durban.  
27th March - 7th April.

Nigel Milln said that copies of the Notice of Race have been distributed to all the Worlds competitors. There will be a 50% discount on the container cost when using MSC. The handling and port costs would be at the normal rate. More details of this offer will be sent to National Secretaries at a later stage. He advised members who intended to go to book their accommodation before Christmas as the Championship takes place in the high season. In answer to the security doubts of some members, he reaffirmed that if there was a possibility of serious trouble, the South African Association would contact all National Secretaries before the containers are loaded. He advised competitors to have lifting rudders.

Proposal from the British Association to hold the 1995 Championship at Mounts Bay, England. 28th July - 5th August.

Colin Merrett spoke on behalf of the British Association, the Members present agreed to this venue and asked for a detailed report at the next AGM.

Proposal from the American Association to hold the 1996 Championship at Hyannis, Massachusetts, early September.

Dave Shelton distributed a paper giving details of the area, with average weather conditions etc. Steve Taylor, the 1979 505 World Champion, will be organizing the Race Committee and overseeing all on the water activities. A decision will be made at the next AGM.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Report from Medemblik, Holland, for Championship 13th - 21 August 1994.  
As there is no Association in Holland the IEC will be co-ordinating with Hollandia. It is an extremely attractive venue, members who have sailed in the Olympic Classes will be familiar with the area and conditions.  
At least 3 National Measurers will be needed to help run the pre-race measurement. The boats will be parked on the canal either side of the Race Office.

Proposal from the Swiss Association to hold the 1996 Championships on Lake Silvaplana, near St. Moritz. 17th - 23 August.

Urs Scherrer said that because the lake was long and narrow there would need to be changes to our standard race procedure. Gate starts could not be used so all races would have line starts. The courses would have to be shorter and not necessarily triangular, with the need on some days to have two races. A mid-day start would be needed because of the prevailing wind conditions. The 1978 European Championships were held here.

A decision will be made at the next AGM.

#### 8. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE

Jack Edwards said that the IRC has principally been involved in only one project ie. the overhaul of the Constitution as requested at the Felixstowe AGM. Other matters discussed were :-

- 1 Control of hull shapes and templates. Hartwig Friederichs has been working on your behalf for a year now and has a man in Berlin who we hope will come up with the answers we require. The object of the study is to produce a reliable set of computerised offsets which can be sent to the builders, which do not put any of the existing boats out of Class.
- 2 We have been considering the all up weight of the hull and the stripped hull and are of the opinion that a reliable and durable 505 can be built with a stripped hull weight of less than 100kgs. and we wonder whether it is in the interest of Members that the boats have to be artificially increased in weight. We have considered the older boats and what happens if we reduce the all up weight and or the stripped weight. However if you look at the boats here less than 10% are below 8000 with 70% over 8300. These figures suggest that a lower stripped hull weight could be achieved over a period of years. We make no proposals but ask you to consider the long term objectives of the Class. Let us know you views.
- 3 The size of the fleet at International Regattas has been raised by several National Associations. It was suggested that a 100 boat fleet could be allowed at the Europeans at Medemblik. The Governing Committee agreed and asked the Executive Committee to see if this would be possible.
- 4 The new IYRU sail identification letters on sails are causing a few problem for Race Officials. At sea it is very easy to mistake GER for GBR for example.  
We could take off the letters altogether using only numbers, please let us hear from you with your proposals.
- 5 The British Association has a proposal to change from Category A to Category B for the Class. The IRC has a view on the subject but would leave to later when the matter is raised in item 10 of the agenda.
- 6 The IRC has considered a target of a 7 race Championship, with no lay-day. The same format for the series with one discard with a minimum 3 races all to count to have a Championship. This is not a proposal but again they would like to hear from all interested parties.
- 7 The IGC last night confirmed the reappointment of the IRC which consists of the following :-  
Jack Edwards, John Donnelly, Rob Napier, Mark Upton Brown, British Members  
Alain Bujold French International Measurer, currently the only French Member.  
Hartwig Friederichs German corresponding Member.  
Unless we here otherwise we assume that the National Chief Measurer of all other Associations is their corresponding Member.

Proposal from the IRC for the adoption of the new Class Rules.

Jack gave a brief resume of the original Constitution and other parts of our regulations, and the reasons why we need the new Class Rules, as drafted, which incorporates Constitution, Measurement, Regatta requirements, Sailing Instructions and Regatta contract. These new draft Class Rules had been sent to all National Secretaries earlier this year for comment.

The Associations of Canada and Sweden have confirmed their approval of this document.

Jack asked members for questions relating to the new draft.

The main problem of a large section of the meeting was about voting rights of Members, they felt that helm and crew should be allowed a vote on all matters.

Jack explained that all Full Members were allowed to vote at AGM's on all matters except the Constitution and Measurement. All postal ballots stipulate Boat Owners only, ie. one vote per boat. The number of Full Members who pay the International subscription of £5.00 to the International Office is decided by all National Associations. At the present time this relates to one full member per boat. How the National Associations collect their subscriptions is left to the National Secretaries. After a lengthy and often heated debate, Jack said that the New Rules, if agreed, could be amended at a future AGM.

Paul Young (UK) proposed that the new Rules be put to postal ballot, this was seconded by Nigel Milln.(SA), and was agreed unanimously.

Clive Robinson (UK) proposed that every member has a vote on all the Rules of the Class and that the IRC should consider an amendment, this was seconded by Bruce Edwards (US). This was agreed by a large majority.

9. Proposal from the German Association and seconded by the Danish Association that sail numbers shall no longer be required on the spinnakers of an International 505. Sail numbers shall only be necessary on the mainsail. Hartwig Friederichs outlined the reasons for this proposal. Jack replied with reasons why it should be rejected, also stating the the IYRU would certainly refuse to allow no numbers on spinnakers at all major International Regattas. However the members all voted that the proposal should go to postal ballot.

10. A.O.B.

Before any other items could be discussed the majority of members left the meeting. The President had no option than to close the meeting.

Les Everitt

International Secretary. Aug.1993