



**International A- Division Catamaran Association
World General Meeting. 10.00 UTC 28th Nov. 2020
Held via Zoom and recorded.**

Minutes.

The meeting was opened at 10:00 UTC

Present were;

Charles Bueche – Chairman
Bailey White – IACA Secretary - USA
Graeme Harbour – committee member and international measurer
Philippe Muyzers – committee member, finances – BEL
Paul Larsen – committee member, chairman TC
Gordon Upton – Minutes
Abdón Ibanez – ESP
Alex Welter – BRA
Bo Hasseriis – DEN
Brent Harsant – NZL
Harald Wigerstedt – SWE
Jacek Noetzel – POL
Laurent Stéphany - FRA
Marco Gaeti and Steffano Sirri – ITA
Paul Neeskens – AUS
Rainer Borher - GER
Robin Maeder – SUI
Rutger Krijger – NED
Struan Wallace - GBR

Apologies from Michael Modelhammer – AUT and Andrew Landenberger AUS
Also absent were ARG, CAN and IRL.

1. Presidents Report. Charles Bueche – see attachment
2. Secretaries Report. Bailey White – see attachment
3. Technical Committee Report. Paul Larsen – see attachment

Paul reported that considerable effort had been put into the definition of the Classic and it's elements required for the submission to World Sailing as a separate discipline within the 'A' Division class.

4. Finance Report – see attachment

Graeme Harbour reported that the Association was in a good position considering this year seeing some trying times. The current balance as of November 2020 is €52'674. Graeme announced he will be stepping down after 8 years in the role of finance auditor and was thanked by all. A replacement will be appointed in due course.

5. Association Reports – See attachment.

6. Election of committee and officers

It was decided that the role of IACA President and Secretary be extended by another 4 years due to the unprecedented events currently being undergone and to change horses at this time would be unwise. It was also proposed that Jacques Valente FRA join the IACA Committee as a member. The whole team was elected.

The Technical committee would now be considered a permanent feature. Currently they are led by Paul Larsen AUS, and comprise of Sandro Caviezel SUI, Bruce Mahoney USA, Graeme Harbour AUS, Andrew Landenberger AUS, Tymoteusz Bendyk POL.

It was also suggested that Albert Roturier, French measurer, was voted as an additional member of the Technical Committee.

7. Fees

It was proposed that the fees of €10 per association member for the 2020 year be suspended until 2021. This was passed by 81 for, 12 against, with no abstentions. *

*Votes based on National Association membership number allocations.

8. Major Event Venues

There was some discussion around the 2021 European and Worlds events as to whether they would be taking place. The European Championship event in Cadiz has been suggested be moved to possibly the 3-10th July at request organising club. This was because there is a major Optimist class championships taking place at the same time and this would put pressure on various facilities.

The USA Worlds, due to be in November 2021 may have to be cancelled as it was considered possibly still too risky for overseas sailors to travel as they may require considerable notice to get their boats shipped and the situation is still too problematic.

It was then suggested that the following events are scheduled;

2022 – FRA Toulon Worlds

2023 – USA Florida Worlds

2024 – ITA Punta Ala Worlds. Although this may change.

The change of dates for Euro and World are not decided yet and subject to further discussions with clubs and national associations.

9. Proposals

9.1 – The AIADCA proposal to amend Championship Rule 16' (Radio Communication) to allow GPS at World & European Championships, failed to achieve the 2/3rd majority required for a Championship rule change so is rejected. The vote was 52 for, 41 against and 11 abstain.

9.2 - 'IACA committee proposal to create the Classics discipline' was passed by a substantial majority. For 101, against 3, no abstentions. As this is a modification to the class rules, the next step are a world -wide ballot among members and final approval by World Sailing.

10. Regulatory and Technical Affairs (Alterations in the I.A.C.A. Constitution, Championship Rules, Ballots etc.)

It was explained that a full list of national association member email addresses be provided for communication purposes.

11. AOB.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 12h10 UTC.

Gordon Upton – IACA Editor 28-11-21

WGM held on Zoom

President's report for the IACA World General Meeting 2020



Dear presidents and representatives of national associations,

I'm writing this message right after the Swiss Government is again pulling a few annoying rules on us: stay at home, do not meet, do not go to fitness, work from home, wear masks, etc. During the summer of the northern hemisphere we had the impression that things were returning to some form of normality. Well, it seems normality is still not here, and seeing how things evolve on other parts of the world, it might take a fair amount of time until that bridge is crossed. One can hope the researches conducted everywhere will at some point find a way to solve this problem for good. We can then go back to sailing, have a beer together and forget this whole COVID affair.

On the sailing front, many have hoped we can save the second part of the season. Still, many events have been cancelled. The only major event happening in Europe was run in Hellevoetsluis, Netherlands, where more than 50 boats found their way. Given the positive reports this must have been a memorable regatta. Congratulations to the Dutch Team for having been able to get so many people on the water !

The IACA Committee and the Technical Committee have not slept in. In the last months, we have conducted a large amount of work on multiple aspects of the class. First comes the Classic Discipline, then as follow-up the proposal of the Australian association to modify rule 16 to allow GPS, several technical committee discussions, relations with World Sailing, etc. As such I'm very happy to be able to rely on the IACA Committee : thank you Graeme, Paul, Landy, Philippe and Bailey !

I often get asked about the program for 2021 and beyond. What if the COVID mess is not solved ? what if people can't join ? What if events are canceled or closed with financial losses ? In those uncertain times, we act like everyone : we do our best to take decisions with the elements we know. We try to work in the interest of the class, with the help of national associations, organizing clubs and passionate sailors all over the world. Organizing a major event is already a costly affair without the COVID risks. Without a clear solution to the health problem, it will become hard to find clubs willing to put the effort in a major event. When it goes to taking financial risks, uncertainty is the least thing people want. As such, organizing a major event is becoming a risky gamble. That uncertainty might cause further delays, program changes and cancellations. We work in collaboration with everyone involved and try to make the best out of the situation, be ensured it is not an easy task. Neither for IACA, nor for the organizing clubs.

At some point, we will go back to normality. It will take some time but I'm certain we will get there. Meanwhile I wish our friends at the southern hemisphere a fantastic sailing season, and

those in the north hemisphere, well, watch the videos send by the Aussies and Kiwis, call friends to «talk sailing», cherish your family and take care for your health.

Before ending my report, I shall thank all who help the class and IACA, namely the presidents of national associations in their respective countries, the members of the technical committee, the members of the IACA committee, Thomas Paasch as webmaster, Gordon Upton as editor and the passionate builders and sailmakers for providing us our fantastic boats, rigs and sails !

Sincerely Yours,
Charles

Charles Bueche
date: 25.10.2020

Secretary's Report:

The communication tools are continuing to work well with most organized in Google Drive and Google Groups for easy access and administration. I would be happy to add additional owners to the Presidents and Measurers groups should anyone else like to be able to add or remove members of these lists. Charles and Graeme have been particularly helpful in keeping the records up to date and supporting the annual filings I make with World Sailing. Thank you to both of them for always being at the ready to help.

Bailey White, IACA secretary

2020 IACA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

My aim and belief in the objective for the technical committee (TC) is simply to focus on the quantifiable technical aspects of a situation as it is presented to us. The output of those quantifiable TC decisions are then up for subjective discussion by others. This approach should cover both the hardware on the boats and in some cases, interpretations and possible modifications of the rules.

As some of us are also on the IACA committee then we can often add our TC understandings into the greater discussion.

Our first question this year was with respect to the curvature of the classic foils and whether increasing curvature would create more lift and whether we believed the curvature could be accurately measured. We determined that “yes”, within the classes allowed limits, more curvature would create more lift. This was/is a hot topic and whilst there were many opinions as to the effect of this on the class, the TC belief was that it could potentially create more lift and thus make the ‘Classics’ more prone to flying. What that means later is for IACA to discuss.

I discussed at length with Graeme in his measurers context as to potential issues with measuring curvature. I simply raised some aspects that needed consideration but he didn’t believe they warranted any adjustments to any measuring guidelines already given.

The second question involving the TC was regarding the eligibility of the new Exploder rudder appendages. With solid feedback from those at events and the manufacturer, the TC determined that they were eligible under current rules.

We try and emphasize to designers and builders to show us any concepts that they feel might come into conflict with class rules or definitions. This should be done before they commit to production as this greatly helps avoid the inconvenience to all of conflicts at events.

It has been very helpful to have TC members “on the ground” at most big events and to get their feedback on events as they unfold. We have a great cross section of the fleet with respect to location, experience, disciplines and types sailed. I thank them all for their input. I must give thanks to Graeme for his considerable input on any aspect concerning rules and measurements... not to mention the history of some of the decisions and processes already embedded.

As it stands, all members and myself are happy to continue our roles into the next year.

Cheers, Paul

Argentina Report

I agree with you that these are difficult times, and were a bit more, as 215 days of Quarantine, derived in a huge economic crisis, so I've been extremely busy at work.

Despite the above the Class grew a lot this year, prohibition to sail in pairs for 2 months after 5 months of total sailing prohibition, problems with crews and foiling, made most F18 sailors acquire A Class boats. In November 5 new D3 are arriving as replacement for actual A sailors that already sold their previous A's to new sailors, so we are growing.

Ian Rodger, A Class President, Argentina

Australia Report

Report to IACA 2020 Annual General Meeting 28 November 2020
From the Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association Inc -
(AIADCA)

1. 2019-20 Australian Championships.
Paynesville Victoria 4th to 10th January 2020.
46 Boats entered with 10 boats unable to attend due to the catastrophic eastern Victorian bushfires. As the venue was directly adjacent to the bush fire disaster zone, some races were abandoned due poor visibility and air quality. In the end a successful 10 race regatta was completed of 20 Classic and 16 Flying entries with Andrew Landenberger and Darren Bundock being crowned Australian Champions in each fleet .
2. 2020-21 Australian Championships
Port Stephens NSW 30th January - 5th February 2021.
In January 2020 the Association decided to delay the National Championships a month to maximise the opportunity of A Class sailors to return from the (now postponed) November 2020 World Championships in Florida USA. With the COVID-19 restrictions in Australia steadily easing we are hopeful that we will be able to have a genuine National Championship in February 2021.
3. 2020 State Championships
 - a. Victoria – March 2020 Westernport YC Vic
 - b. New South Wales – March 2020 – Port Stephens SC NSW
 - c. Queensland – Scheduled for Easter 2020 and postponed due to COVID 19.
Rescheduled to be held on 5/6 December 2020 in Hervey Bay QLD.
4. 2020 AIADCA Annual General Meeting.
This meeting held during the Nationals in January 2020 saw long serving President Ian Johnson step down as President and the election of Paul Neeskens from Hervey Bay QLD as the new AIADCA President.

5. Ian (Storm) Johnson

In October 2020, Ian was awarded a Lifetime Achievement award from Australian Sailing for his substantial years of service to sailing. Ians contribution to State, National and International A Class catamaran associations is well known and appreciated by many. He continues as a member of the National committee.

6. Overall

Interest in A Class catamaran racing remains strong with about 50/50 Classic vs Flying competitors.

Paul Neeskens, President AIADCA

Belgium Report

In the year 2020 we had 4 new sailors (now we are 21), unfortunately no regatta authorized this year due to covid. But we were able to participate in the four nation cup in the Netherlands. Ten Belgians made the trip, sadly 4 of us had the equipment stolen in the trailers. Our annual trip at the end of season (the french championship) was canceled at the last minute (we where 3 already onsite). In short, a year to forget as in all countries I suppose.

Philippe Muyzers, president Belgian Association

Brazil Report

Majority of boats, only Classic, are located in Guarapiranga lake, close to São Paulo city in the State SP. Brazilian Championship was conducted in Búzios (North of Rio). After 7 races with moderate winds results where as follows:

CAMPEONATO BRASILEIRO
Dias 20, 21, 22 e 23 de ABRIL de 2019
CLASSE A
Resultado Final

Clas.	Velejador(a)	Cat.	Barco	Clube	Numeral	Total de pontos	
						S./Desc.	C./Desc.
1	Alex Welter		Flycat	YCSA	22	10,0	7,0
2	Alian Lowy Jr		Strike	YCSA	23	19,0	16,0
3	Marco Belda		Taiama	CCSP	20	28,0	21,0
4	Alberto Kunath		Nimbusui	YCSA	21	30,0	24,0
5	Ricardo Lowy		Duka 7	YCSA	28	30,0	24,0
6	Ronaldo Fernandes		Chocante	BVC	2	31,0	26,0



Picture of participants in front of their boats, on Manguinhos beach during Brazilian Championship 2019. In the background the facilities of Búzios Vela Clube, host of the regatta.

In 2020 unfortunately no A-Class racing activity in Brazil due to Covid-19.

Alex Welter, president Brazil National Association

Denmark Report

The annual meeting took place in conjunction with Highlander Cup ind Skovshoved Havn on 8th august. 2020. Chairman of the association, Bo Hasseriis, bid 12 sailors welcome, and it was concluded that the annual meeting was beeing held according to the rules of the association.

Chairmans minutes:

We are more a few more active sailors then in 2019. But we are also a few fewer members of the association. It is more or less a status quo, but we notice a few more boats with active sailors.

Skovshoed is still the place with the largest fleet, but Lars Schrøder has established a small fleet in the western part of Denmark, and they are using Gamborg Fjord and the flat water there as their area.

Even though corona has made it almost impossible to hold a regatta, we arranged a training session for all members at Gamborg Fjord. It is our ambition to make this a tradition, so we will be arranging two annual session, east and west.

Several of the members of our association is developing foiling.dk, which has the overall purpose to develop all foiling sailing in Denmark. Unfortunately the Danish Sailing Association (DS) has a hard time distinguishing between classes and interests, and this year DS har schosen to give money to Filing.dk and not to the C-Class. It does not represent any major problem, since our economy is fine.

The chairman also noted, that the situation around covid-19 probably would stretch into 2021, and we therefore needed more local training venues. On a larger scale it is worth noting that the largest danish club, KDY; is taking a large interest in foilæing as such, and has asked several of our active sailors in the A-Class to help them out. In

return KDY has arranged two regattas: Highlander Cup in august, and Wessel and Vett cup in september. These are planned for 2021 also.

Accounting:

Tom Bojland is our treasurer, and since 2019 is a very slow year, we have money in the bank. It was concluded that the class can spend money on training sessions and other relevant activities. The budget and Accounting was approved.

Budget:

We will continue with same subscription fee as previous years.

In 2021 we are likely to receive a small amount of money from DS to encourage new sailors into the class. Budget was approved.

Board and chairmen:

Election to the position as chairman: Bo Hasseriis

Morten Kohlenberg was elected to the board as well.

Treasurer and accountant:

Tom Bojland was re-elected as treasurer. According to danish law, we need to control functions for accounting. Lars Schrøder and Christian Nygaard was both elected.

International relations

Chairman informed about the international discussions, namely the discussion abouts GPS and the rules for classic sailing.

Bo Hasseriis, president

France Report

This year's catastrophic record for the French association is marked by the membership of only 71 members, compared to 117 the previous year.

Many regattas were canceled, only four could be run (Toulon, Maubuisson, Cazeaux and Plobsheim).

Only 22 members were able to participate in these regattas. It should be noted that 4 French people were present at the only international event, the Quadrination in Holland, with one person in open, Emmanuel Dodé (2 °), and three others in classic.

The French fleet is still mainly made up of classic, at 84%.

It should be noted that the acquisitions of foiler boats are not always intended for the practice of regatta, a form of recreational sailing is developing through the fun side of flight.

In this particular period, we do not observe any major changes in the average age of practitioners. We will have to wait until the end of the crisis to study the renewal of members between those who quit and the new ones who arrive.

The French association is now more involved in the relationship with the French Sailing Federation (FFV) by being an affiliate member. It turns out that our class is the most dynamic for multihulls.

Communication tools continue to be developed with a website offering technical sheets and advantageous commercial offers, as well as the FaceBook page which is often updated by publications, which can generate up to 3400 views or shares.

For the steering committee, Denis Brendel, President AFCCA

Germany Report

We have 121 members, the number remains roughly constant. The number of regatta participants is low. This year only 29 sailors competed in one or more regattas. There were still 47 sailors in 2019.

The majority of them sail a foiler, only a few sail a classic boat. Two regattas took place in the north of Germany in autumn. No regattas were held in southern Germany. The clubs did not receive any support from the administration regarding corona security. Several regattas in Italy and Netherlands were attended by Germans. The 4NationsCup in Helevoetsluis/Netherlands as our Germans, Dutch, Belgian and British Nationals was a great international event, despite Corona, which prevented the British from coming. Remarkable, that a considerable international Classic fleet was at the starting line. A 2 day training session on Lake Garda and one training session in Kiel , both perfectly organized and with a professional trainer, were, in addition to the few regattas, the highlights of the season. Despite Corona, we have created an annual ranking list. One for the overall ranking and one for the Classics.

Matthias Dietz, chairman VDAC

Italy Report

2020 has been a very difficult year, as everywhere in the World. The COVID-19 pandemic stopped all activities until the beginning of June. Then only major events started and we had the possibility to sail regularly from the beginning of July only.

Italian Nationals was scheduled in Riccione – Adriatic Coast but it has been cancelled and postponed to end of June 2021.

Despite of this situation we were capable to organize four main events in Bracciano (Rome), Dervio (Como lake), Porto Potenza Picena (Adriatic coast) and Calambrone (Tirrenian sea). The regatta scheduled in Campione has been switched to Italian Nationals. All races, except Dervio, counted from 25 to 30 competitors. Italian National counted 39 sailors with many competitors coming from Germany, Switzerland, Holland and other countries. We still suffer a very low mobility level of local fleets, but we're working on it.

Unfortunately the participation of some Italian sailors at Swiss Nationals in Toulon in September has been canceled due to the increase of COVID-19 disease in France in that period.

For 2021 we planned 9 events including Italian Nationals in Riccione, June 24-27. As usual we will involve closer National Associations to find some events to sail together in order to have bigger fleets and to increase the sailing skills of all sailors.

About relations with the UACC (Italian Classic Association), we tried to organize regattas together, but no way to find a solution. Anyway we are improving personal relationships and many sailors are members of both associations. We are pushing Italian Sailing Federation to work for a reunification of the A Cat fleet. We strongly hope that the definition of Classic Discipline and the new International Class Rules will help to solve this problem.

Italian fleet counts around 60 financial members now, and is equally divided 50% classic and 50% foiler. Anyway this mix changes a lot by locations; more classics at the sea clubs and more foilers at the lake clubs except in Bracciano where we see a large majority of classics.

Marco Gaeti & Stefano Sirri

Netherlands Report

Events

In 2020 all Dutch events were organised by Hellecat in Hellevoetsluis, but were limited to only three due to corona.

July

Therefore the first event was held on the 25th & 26th of July with 22 registrations, of which only 15 foilers competed because of the weather conditions. Mischa Heemskerk wins overall after 9 races with 6 bullets, 2 bullets for Thijs Visser and 1 bullet for Rutger Kriger. Five classics would have competed in lighter conditions. Results: <https://www.a-catned.nl/Media/Juli2020.pdf>

August

The second event was held on the 8th & 9th of August with 15 registrations, but only 13 competing in 7 races. Mischa Heemskerk wins with 4 bullets, 2 bullets for Rutger Krijger and one bullet for Pieterjan Dwarshuis. Results: <https://www.a-catned.nl/Media/Challenger.pdf>

September

Hellecat organized the 4 Nations Cup with great success, including Nationals for Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. Great Britain intended to compete as well, but were ordered to stay at home by Boris Johnson, due to corona.

With 24 classics and 39 foilers registered, the 4 Nations Cup was the biggest event in Europe in 2020.

- 4 Nations Cup movie: <https://youtu.be/MSriilYWB48>
- 4 Nations Cup foiler results: <https://www.a-catned.nl/Media/4NCF.pdf>
- 4 Nations Cup classic results: <https://www.a-catned.nl/Media/4NCC.pdf>
- 4 Nations Cup report by Christian Stock: <https://a-cat.org/?q=node/1634>
- 4 Nations Cup report by Jaap Straakenbroek: <https://a-cat.org/?q=node/1620>

Members

At the end of 2020 32 members were registered: 29 male and 3 female. There are 22 members with a foiler; 10 members with a classic. The interest in the Classic is back, because some Dutch sailors converted their foiler to a Classic. No contribution requested in 2020 due to corona.

Board

Rutger Krijger is chairman since late 2016. Kees Krijger (uncle of Rutger) is secretary and the treasurer is Wim Plokker.

Media

<http://www.a-catned.nl> plus Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dutchaclass?ref=hl>
Facebook is very successful with 1420 followers. During the 4 Nations Cup we had 13400 visitors (never seen before) in the period 3 september – 30 september.

IACA proposals :The members of DACA agreed to change rule 16 and agreed to the new definition of the Classic. Results were sent to Charles Bueche.

Conclusion

2020 proved the Dutch fleet is still very active, despite corona
Rutger Krijger / Kees Krijger / Wim Plokker
NED 14 / NED 15/ NED 93

New Zealand Report

On behalf of the NZADCA, I'd like to thank Charles and the committee for doing such a wonderful job in this un natural global situation. We have had a pretty good season, with only two of our final regattas being canceled due to the C19 pandemic.

Members : we are holding steady and have currently 30 active members in our association.

2020 Nationals

Our nationals were held in February at the Waitangi Yacht Club, Bay Of Islands. We had a good fleet (15 total, 7 classics, 8 foiling) participating. Yet again....Dave Shaw showed his magic to win his 6th Nationals title in a row.

2021 Nationals

Will be held from the 4th - 8th February at the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club. So far we have received 20 entries for the regatta.

NZADCA Happenings....

I'm very pleased to announce that we have our very first female (classic) active member, Danielle Haylock. Danielle has done very little sailing and to own one of the most dynamic classes of yachts in the world, it's a great credit to her.

Sadly Danielle's boat ownership didn't start off very well. On her way home with her newly purchased A Class Catamaran it got written of by a speeding driver trying to evade the police. But Danielle kept her head high and managed to find and buy another A Class. Every regatta that she attends she asks questions, always working and tuning her boat and is always smiling. Danielle is a huge credit to the class.

After a couple of years in members converting their platforms to foiling, the fleet has finally stabilized. We are still 50 / 50 in foiling - non foiling which makes fantastic competitive sailing at our regattas.

2024 Worlds

The NZADCA is still very keen to put in a bid to host the 2024?? A Class Catamaran Worlds. We have been speaking to a couple of potential host Yacht Clubs and they are very keen to come onboard. Once we are able to confirm in what year we can host the worlds we'll start putting a proposal together.

The Americas Cup syndicates are all here now. Its very impressive watching these 75 foot foiling mono hulls flying around virtually on top of our waters. As you know there are quite a few A Class Catamaran sailors crewing on these amazing boats.

Go ETNZ!

Brent Harsant, NZADCA President

Poland Report

In 2020, we did not have a numerical increase of A-class in Poland. The number of sailors fluctuates around 30 people all the time. About 20 boats regularly compete in the Polish Championships and the Polish Cup Regatta. Most are Open Class and some Classic. 3 competitors left the fleet due to injuries during sailing and damage to the equipment. They changed the class to Moth. About 5 events a year for A-class take place in Poland each year. The main center is Sopot. There are no more new people due to the cost of equipment and the difficulty of sailing.

We would like class rules to be more vital and to simplify construction and sailing. We would also like fewer boats in the fleet, e.g. 50 and three laps, to race in the sailing area during the championship regatta. When there is more, a lot of people are doubled and it is not known who is in the front and who is behind, and where who is sailing. It's dangerous.

Jacek Noetzel

Poland

Sweden Report

Sweden has around 7-9 active sailors who are paying. We have lost quite a lot of sailors the last 3 years because of no apparent reason. We usually have 1-2 regattas a year, last year made a regatta with some other classes like the F-18, Windfoil and Moth. Unfortunately, this year no regattas were held. Interest of going to international regattas are big.

Harald Wigerstedt, Swedish association

Switzerland Report

This rather special year begins with a great start to the season in February! Despite the Corona, I have rarely sailed so much as the weather conditions have been good this year. In terms of regattas, only 2 Swiss regattas were able to take place thanks to the great dedication of the organizing clubs. The situation in Switzerland has made the organization of a sporting event much more complex than before. So I had to take the lead in organizing one of the 2 regattas this year that we were able to place a weekend after the date of our Swiss championship which should have taken place in Toulon. In terms of members, the SACA is rather stable, the Corona even gave our Class an advantage in my opinion (alone on board), because I received a lot more requests than usual ...

Compared to the Foiler and Classic, we all sail together, and congratulate the best in each category. It gives our Class a good spirit and I am very satisfied with it. I sincerely hope that we can meet again on the water for some great regattas next year!

Robin Maeder, President SACA

United Kingdom Report

Dear Charles and fellow World A-Class presidents.

What a strange situation the World is in, I hope you all and your fellow sailors are safe and well.

Here's a brief rundown of the UK A-class scene for 2020.

The UK sailing centres, clubs and venues were effectively shut from the beginning of March 2020 till Aug, with all planned opens and club sailing closed. Some area of the UK managed to open following strict Covid-19 rules in September and the UK, A-Class association managed to join in on two pre-arranged cat opens. Numbers were down on all classes, and the event restricted the number of boats that could attend due to the current pandemic.

Our UK membership numbers are down, with sailors not renewing due to no sailing/racing going on in 2020. There's been a few boats changing hands from older sailors to new members looking to try out the A-class which bides well for the next year 2021 season. Fingers-cross we can get back to some normality soon. As I write this, the UK is back in lockdown till December but already talk of being shut till next January.

Struan Wallace, UK A-Class president.

USA Report

2020 has been a very tumultuous year. Sailing has been a welcome relief though we have not been able to organize the larger events we like to run. We were pleased to try a virtual event which we expanded to more than top speed runs with competitions for best and worst rigged boat, helpful videos, etc.

In terms of actual events, we just canceled the third try for Ben Hall's well attended annual regatta this year due to risk associated with a larger event. We see smaller events as more viable now. These challenges have led us to re-evaluate the viability of a true World Championship in 2021, and I believe this will be discussed more. We wish to host the Worlds but do not believe it is viable in the USA currently and believe maximum attendance during these uncertain times, when a championship does go forward, would be in Europe, particularly with a camp site format that allows more social distancing.

In preparation for the 2020 Worlds, we established a website structure and domain which the class could use for World Championships going forward if hosts would like: <https://aworlds.com>. The logo is also available for repeated use if you would like to use as is or to adapt it.



In terms of active, paid members, we currently have a roster of 79 sailors. We are seeing some sailors of all ages joining the fleet. We have imported approximately 80 boats for the class since 2014 and have had about 430 boats since USACA began to administer sail numbers.

Bailey White, USACA president

Financial report for year 2019 – Graeme Harbour

Dear President and IACA Committee,

In terms of IACA Constitution Rule 7.1.5, please find attached both Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for period 1/1/19 to 31/12/19 and Budget for 2020. The class showed a healthy profit this year of 4110 Euro, a stark contrast to last year's loss of 4130 Euro. A number of factors contributed to this with member payments showing a large increase due to many late payments for 2018 not made until early 2019. The USA making two years payments (1750 Euro) made a significant impact on this.

The 2019 Worlds in England resulted in no President's airfare or travel payment to our IACA Editor. No European Championship support and a previous one off payment in 2018 for our classic trophy resulted in a saving of 5619 Euro on the previous years expenses. Many of these payments only apply when Worlds are outside Europe.

A one off expense of 500 Euro was made to our IACA editor Gordon Upton to assist with his campervan loss from fire when he was on the water on IACA's behalf at the Weymouth Worlds. This together with the personal contributions to Gordon from nearly all the competitors present demonstrated the unity of the World A Class family.

Overall we closed off the year with a healthy balance of 56042 Euro, up 4110 Euro from previous 2018 balance of 51931 Euro and nearly identical to the 2017 balance of 56062 Euro.

Budget presented for 2020 is conservatively based on membership numbers of 850 members (843 members in 2019) and known expenses including extra fees this year covering assistance for both World & European titles, Presidents airfare to Florida and assistance to IACA editor to attend these events as part of his financial arrangement with IACA. This gives a nearly break even position for the year (520 Euro) which is more than acceptable.

My thanks to Charles & Philippe for keeping all the finances on track.

After 8 years as IACA auditor I am stepping down from the role this year. I thank IACA for the trust shown in me and hope I have lived up to your expectations.

Regards

Graeme Harbour

IACA Auditor

3/2/2020.

PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT 2019

Acc. No	Description	2019	2018	Difference	Remarks
6	INCOME				
6001	Member fees	9'903.34	6'501.85	3'401.49	a
6003	Sponsoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6102	Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6201	Bank interests	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6202	Event income	0.00	780.00	-780.00	
6203	Other income	0.00		0.00	
6204	Gain on exchange rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total INCOME	9'903.34	7'281.85	2'621.49	
4	EXPENDITURES				
4101	World Sailing Fees	234.98	230.33	4.65	
4102	Support National Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4103	Support events	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4104	World Championships	2'054.70	2'000.00	54.70	b
4105	Continental Championships	0.00	1'000.00	-1'000.00	
4108	Sponsoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4201	President expenses	0.00	1'334.43	-1'334.43	
4202	Secretary expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4204	Other member expenses	0.00		0.00	
4301	Bank Fees	28.26	14.18	14.08	
4401	Mailing / phone	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4402	I.A.C.A. homepage	2'000.00	3'000.00	-1'000.00	c
4403	Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4501	Purchases	489.97	488.32	1.65	d
4601	Other expenditures	500.00	195.20	304.80	e
4701	Loss on exchange rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Web Costs	0.00	31.00	-31.00	
	Classic Trophy	0.00	1'782.72	-1'782.72	
	Event Income	0.00	780.00	-780.00	
	IACA Insurance	485.02	556.00	-70.98	f
	Total EXPENDITURES	5'792.93	11'412.18	-5'619.25	
				0.00	
	Profit / Loss	4'110.41	-4'130.33	8'240.74	
				0.00	
	TOTAL	9'903.34	7'281.85	2'621.49	

Remarks;

- a Comprises late payments from 2018 Euro 2637.
Current payments 2019 Euro 7266.
- b IACA assistance for Weymouth worlds.
- c IACA home page editors fee.
- d IACA gifts for organising committee Weymouth worlds.
- e IACA donation to Gordon Upton following van fire at Weymouth Worlds.
- f Third party & liability insurance for IACA & TC members.

I.A.C.A. Accounting

Bookings 01.01.2019 - 31.12.2019

Currency: EUR

Date: 3rd February 2020

BALANCE SHEET 31.12.2019				
Acc. No	Description	2019	2018	Difference
1	ASSETS			
1000	Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
1001	Banque Raiffeisen	56'042.13	51'931.72	4'110.41
1300	Transitories	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total ASSETS	56'042.13	51'931.72	4'110.41
				0.00
				0.00
2	LIABILITIES			
2001	Provisions events	0.00	0.00	0.00
2300	Transitories	0.00	0.00	0.00
2800	I.A.C.A. equity previous yea	51'931.72	56'062.05	4'130.33
	Total LIABILITIES	51'931.72	56'062.05	2'758.68
	Profit 2019 / Loss 2018	4'110.41	4'130.33	8'240.74
		Profit	Loss	
	T O T A L	56'042.13	51'931.72	4'110.41

BUDGET 2020

Acc. No	Description	2020	2019 real	Difference	Remarks
6	INCOME				
6001	Member fees	8'700.00	9'903.34	-1'203.34	a
6003	Sponsoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6102	Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6201	Bank interests	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6202	Event income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6203	Other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total INCOME	8'700.00	9'903.34	-1'203.34	
4	EXPENDITURES				
4101	ISAF fees	250.00	234.98	15.02	
4102	Support National Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4103	Support events	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4104	World Championships	2'000.00	2'054.70	-54.70	
4105	Continental Championships	1'000.00	0.00	1'000.00	b
4108	Sponsoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4201	President expenses	800.00	0.00	800.00	c
4202	Secretary expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4204	Other member expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4301	Bank fees	60.00	28.26	31.74	
4401	Mailing / phone	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4402	I.A.C.A. homepage	3'000.00	2'000.00	1'000.00	d
4403	Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4501	Purchases	500.00	489.97	10.03	
4601	Other expenditures	0.00	500.00	-500.00	
	Web Costs	70.00	0.00	70.00	e
	Classic Trophy	0.00	0.00		
	Event Income	0.00	0.00		
	IACA Insurance	500.00	485.02	14.98	
	Total EXPENDITURES	8'180.00	5'792.93	2'372.09	
	Profit / Loss	520.00	4'110.41	-3'590.41	
	T O T A L	8'700.00	9'903.34	-1'203.34	

Remarks:

- a Based on 850 members plus late payments from 2019 received to date.
- b IACA allowance for European Championships
- c Presidents airfare to Worlds in St Petersburg Florida
- d Increase in Editors fees for attending Worlds in St Petersburg Florida
- e Two year of web costs, 2019 not paid and included in this amount