

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 2008
Buffalo Canoe Club

Advisory Council Members Present:

Chris Williams (Chairman, USA), Brent Richards (Builder Representative), Wim van der Gulik for Jurgen Schneider (Curacao), Guillermo Cappelletti (Peru), Guillermo Cappelletti for Guy de Chavigny (Martinique), Wim van der Gulik for Hans van der Gulik (Curacao), Andres Santana (ISAF Representative), Martin Vezina (Bermuda), Carlos Abisambra (Colombia), Tom Whitehurst (USA).

Roll Call:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Windward Leg were approved.

Proposed Changes to the Rules:

There were no proposed changes to the rules.

Old Business:

New Rudder.

The council debated pros and cons of the blade. Pros are less weather helm, especially when it is windy. The two cons discussed were the expense of racers having to buy a new blade to feel competitive with those of the current blade and the fact that the rudder kicks up in weedy conditions, such as at Brant Beach.

Last year the Advisory Council held a similar discussion and asked that a new survey of the Class be conducted after Vanguard (now LaserPerformance) provided a ballpark price for the blade to be used in the survey of the Class. However, Vanguard/LaserPerformance does not want to cost out the rudder until they know we want it. Therefore, the Advisory Council decided to proceed with the plan for the survey, using the current price of the existing FRP blade as the assumed price of the new blade. The survey will be fielded to all member countries. The objective is to complete writing the survey by October 31, 2008 and finish getting answers by November 30, 2008. The Advisory Council will work on the survey collaboratively to be sure that everyone agrees with it before it goes to the Class for their vote. The Advisory Council will then reconvene by email, discuss and vote on whether to recommend the new rudder to the World Council.

New Business:

Elect Second Advisory Council Representative.

Guillermo Cappelletti was elected as the second Advisory Council Representative to the World Council.

The Gust Adjust.

The “Gust Adjust” jens rig was presented. Since it does not require any new lines and is a safer and easier way to rig a jens, and permits it to be easily put in and taken out, the Advisory Council confirmed Todd Edwards, our Class Measurer’s, opinion that it is legal.

The Advisory Council asked LaserPerformance to consider adding a jens line to the Pro rigging package. LaserPerformance seemed open to the idea and we will provide a suggested length and diameter for the line.

Olympic Medal Race.

The Advisory Committee decided to suggest to the World Council that the World Council consider adding one additional race to the Worlds starting in 2010. This race would be similar to the Olympic Medal Race. The additional race would be among only the top 10 sailors. The other sailors would be free to start derigging their boats. The “Top 10” race would count double in points, and the race cannot be discarded. The points earned in the Top 10 race would be added to the points already earned and the winner would be the sailor with the lowest point total. In case of a tie in the results after the Top 10 race, the tie would be resolved in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the Top 10 race.

New Tiller and Daggerboard Diagrams.

The Advisory Council will have diagrams of the new tiller and new daggerboard (without the handle/hole) added to the Class rules.

Summary of Advisory Council Report:

Chairman Williams will prepare the Summary of the Advisory Council Report for the World Council meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry A. Beadle
ISCA Secretary