

**WORLD COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 9, 2013**  
**Lewes Yacht Club, Lewes, Delaware, USA**

**World Council Members Present:**

Paul-Jon Patin (President), Paul-Jon Patin for Andres Santana (Past President), Paul-Jon Patin for Ned Jones (Vice President), Terry Beadle (Secretary), Patricia Manning (Treasurer), Rob Eberle (Chief Measurer), Paul-Jon Patin for Andres Santana (ISAF Representative), Larry Mass (Membership Chair), Guillermo Cappelletti for Chris Williams (Advisory Council Representative), Guillermo Cappelletti (Advisory Council Representative), Patricia Manning for Richard W. van der Wal (Aruba), Malcolm Smith (Bermuda), Andrey Quintero for Andres Eduardo Herkrath (Colombia), Patricia Manning for Niet Kort (Curacao), Paul-Jon Patin for Samuel Mendoza (Dominican Republic), Jonathan Martinetti (Ecuador), Jacobo Margules (Mexico), Juan Carlos Suarez H. (Peru), Paul-Jon Patin for Peter Stanton (US VI), Paul-Jon Patin for Richard Chapman (USA), Rodrigo Favela (Venezuela).

**Roll Call:**

President Patin called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Each recognized NSCA was entitled to one vote. The USA with 948 members was entitled to one additional vote, making their total two votes.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published by email to the World Council members after last year's meeting.

**President's Report:**

President Patin reported a breakthrough with LP that provided sails for this year's Worlds. We will have sails for next years Worlds and possibly new Sunfish boats. He hopes having the Worlds in the USA will not deter people from coming.

He stressed the need for a good regatta chairperson who must have the ability to put their arms around problems and solve them.

New sails are a key issue at the Worlds and the youth are key to the Sunfish Class.

President Patin mentioned that Measurer Eberle has been working with a group to create a set of guidelines for major championship regattas. There was a lot of discussion concerning safety, wind speeds, rules and guidelines with many opinions. The guidelines are almost ready to be reviewed by the Councils and others who may have important information to offer.

President Patin has some major concerns about the level of competitors at the Worlds. He feels we need to make some changes in how we invite sailors to the Worlds. He does

not like the Wild Card situation. The Worlds needs to be more inviting to the non-US sailors. He will be working on this and he needs any input the council members can give me.

**Vice President's Report:**

Vice President Jones has been working with LP on the new sail issue for some time. He will continue to work with LP on the Sunfish Class issues. He is also working on a bid package for World Championship events.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Manning passed out the financial reports. She noted that ISCA lost money this year due to the publication of the first issue of the Windward Leg since early 2010. See attachment TREASURERS REPORT.

It was moved and seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed.

**Advisory Council Report**

Acting Chairman Cappelletti delivered a summary of the Advisory Council Report. See attachment ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT.

The following rule changes approved by the Advisory Council need to be accepted or rejected by the World Council.

**Proposed Rule Change #1**

Current rule:

3.6.5. Size and Shape. The numbers must be easy to read, rounded in shape and of the following dimensions: Height: 10± 1/2", (254± 13mm), Width: 7± 1/2" (178± 13mm), and Thickness: 1 3/4± 1/4" (45± 6mm).

Proposed new rule:

3.6.5. Size and Shape: Per ISAF Rule G1.2 (height minimum of 300mm or 11 13/16".) All sails put into use after 1/1/2015 must comply with G1.2 . For sails put into use before 1/1/2015, the following size and shape are permitted in addition to ISAF Rule G1.2: The numbers must be easy to read, rounded in shape and of the following dimensions: Height: 10± 1/2", (254± 13mm), Width: 7± 1/2" (178± 13mm), and Thickness: 1 3/4± 1/4" (45± 6mm).

Rationale: The current 10 inch numbers are hard to get outside the US. 12 inch numbers are a global standard and readily available in the US and elsewhere. Our numbers will now also comply with the ISAF rules for size.

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**Proposed Rule Change #2**

Current rule:

3.6.5. Placement. Placement shall be as shown on the Measurement Diagram for the sail. Sail numbers shall be placed parallel to and  $1 \pm \frac{1}{4}$  inches ( $25 \pm 6$ mm) from the center of the seam just below the Sunfish emblem, centered under the emblem, with the number on the starboard side placed above the seam and the number on the port side placed below the seam. Space between adjoining numbers shall be  $2 \pm \frac{1}{4}$  inches ( $51 \pm 6$ mm).

Proposed new rule:

3.6.5. Placement. Placement shall be as shown on the Measurement Diagram for the sail. Sail numbers shall be placed parallel to and  $1 \pm \frac{1}{4}$  inches ( $25 \pm 6$ mm) from the center of the seam just below the Sunfish emblem, centered under the emblem, with the number on the starboard side placed above the seam and the number on the port side placed below the seam. Space between adjoining numbers per ISAF rule G1.2 (Minimum 60mm or 2 3/8".)

Rationale: Conforms with ISAF rules.

Proposed Rule changes 1 & 2 were combined and discussed as one rule. The word "Minimum" was added to the last line of Rule 2 just before "60". A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended change. The motion passed.

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### **Proposed Rule Change #3**

Current rule:

4.2 ISAFRR 45 'Hauling Out; Making Fast; Anchoring', shall not apply to the International Sunfish Class unless specifically required in writing in the SI's of a race or series of races.

Proposed new rule:

Rule 4.2. Rule deleted.

Rationale: Per ISAF Rule 86.1 (c), class rules may not delete ISAF rule 45. Further, no one knows why our rules would want to delete rule 45.

Here is ISAF rule 86:

#### **CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES**

86.1 A racing rule shall not be changed unless permitted in the rule itself or as follows:

- (a) Prescriptions of a national authority may change a racing rule, but not the Definitions; a rule in the Introduction; Sportsmanship and the Rules; Part 1, 2 or 7; rule 42, 43, 69, 70, 71, 75, 76.3, 79 or 80; a rule of an appendix that changes one of these rules; Appendix H or N; or ISAF Regulation 19, 20, 21 or 22.
- (b) Sailing instructions may change a racing rule by referring specifically to it and stating the change, but not rules 76.1 or 76.2, Appendix R, or a rule listed in rule 86.1(a).
- (c) Class rules may change only racing rules 42, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54. Such changes shall refer specifically to the rule and state the change.

Proposed Rule change 3 was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to delete Rule

4.2. The motion passed.

**Membership Committee Report:**

The International Sunfish Class currently has fifteen (15) "Recognized" National Class Associations, with a total of 1273 members, consisting of; Aruba (20 members), Bermuda (20 members), Bonaire (20 members), Columbia (28 members), Curacao (27 members), Dominican Republic (21 members), Ecuador (20), Guatemala (20 members), Holland (20 members), Martinique (20), Mexico (20 members), Peru (20 members), United States (960 members), United States Virgin Islands (20 members) and Venezuela (37 members).

See the attached MEMBERSHIP REPORT file for details.

**ISAF Committee Report:**

As an ISAF member we go to ISAF meetings. We are a Pan-Am Class. We are the open Class of the Pan-Am Games. We incorporate a wide range of male and female 200 pound to 100 pound sailors that can race at the World level and we have to be the voice of that. We have to keep ISAF understanding that we are playing within their rules. ISAF is a big part of what we are. The Pan-Am component is where we are going to be able to ramp up and we have to take the opportunity in the next year to grow places and get fleets to have boats at the Pan-Am games and have a mid-Winters or a major regatta there.

**Election of Advisory Council Members:**

Secretary Beadle asked for nominations from the floor. Each NSCA made its nominations and twelve nominations were made. The countries adjusted the nominations to ten which is the maximum allowed by the Constitution.

The following slate of members was elected:

- Chris Williams - USA
- James Koehler - USA
- Damian Payne – Bermuda
- Guillermo Cappelletti – Peru
- Juan Carlos Suarez – Peru
- Richard van der Wal – Aruba
- Ard van Aanholt – Curacao
- David E. Gonzalez – Venezuela
- Nicholas Hernandez – Colombia
- Carlos Abisambra – Colombia

**Old Business:**

- A. Annual Dues – Beadle  
No Action taken.
  
- B. Requirement for all NSCA's to have an up to date email address – Beadle  
Secretary Beadle mentioned how important it is for him to have an up to date email address from everyone.

- C. Measurer Eberle passed out a list of Class rule amendments that have been approved by ISAF. He explained the list and asked if anyone had seen any violations. None were reported. See attached report “MEASURERS REPORT”.

**New Business:**

- A. Venues for the 2014 and 2015 World Championships – Paul-Jon Patin
  - 2014 Worlds & Youth Worlds – Camp Sea Gull, Arapahoe, North Carolina, USA. Late September or mid October. The camp is like a YMCA for sailing.  
They serve 4200 campers in the summer. It is a summer camp to teach sailing. They use Sunfish to teach sailing. They also have golf, tennis, zip lines, etc. They have cabins on site and have motels nearby. They also have a large dining hall on site. A PowerPoint presentation was given to the World Council. This Camp Sea Gull PowerPoint presentation is on the Class website
  - 2015 Worlds – It appears that Paracus Peru will be the site. Paracus is 250 km south of Lima Peru. It is a beautiful area with tourists, hotels on the beach and it is a natural resort. It is sunny with cool waters and 8-25 knots of wind. There is no sailing before noon. A PowerPoint presentation was given to the World Council. This Peru PowerPoint presentation is on the Class website.
  - 2016, 2017 Worlds – Colombia and Ecuador are possible sites.
- B. Venues for the 2014 and 2015 South Americans
  - 2014 South Americans – Peru.
  - 2015 South Americans – Ecuador is a possibility.
- C. Honorary Lifetime Membership Nominations
  - a. Current Lifetime Members:
    - Terry Beadle
    - Don Bergman
    - Jean Bergman
    - Robert (Rapid) Buttner
    - Cindy Clifton
    - Larry Cochran
    - Joel Furman
    - Bill Haberland
    - Paul Odegaard
    - Lee Parks
    - Alex Roose
    - Andres Santana

Alan Scharfe  
Dick Tillman  
Will White, III

Patricia Manning was nominated and awarded a lifetime membership for her long time service as Class Treasurer.

D. Windward Leg Status

For now the Leg will continue in print form only. We will be reassessing it's future over the winter months

E. Website Status

The Class will be switching to a different server to speed up the site. Eric Woodman is creating a proposal for an email system that will send emails to members when there has been an update to their region's page or any national page. Members may opt out of this if they want by replying to one of their emails.

F. Handbook Status

No plans for a class handbook at this time. Is there interest? If there is interest and money available to do it, Gail may be interested in taking on the project.

G. Next Years Worlds Problems

No action taken due to the possibility of new boats being available for charter.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. Beadle  
ISCA Secretary