



Minutes of the IDA Annual General Meeting 2022 International Committee of the International Dart Association

Venue: Arco

Date: 25.08.2022, 7 - 8.30pm

Representatives:

IDA

Nicolette	van Gorp	Chairwoman IDA
Ruud	van Gisbergen	IDA Treasurer and NED
Michiel	Fehr	IDA Secretary and SUI
Adrian	Bleisch	representing Florian Bleisch IDA

National Class Associations

Angélique	Thepaut	FRA
Olivier	Billard	
Martino	Salvo	ITA
Alessandro	Baldi	
Reinout	den Teuling	NED
Klaus	von Weitershausen	GER
Robert	Plecher	
David	Lloyd	GBR
Simon	Lakes	Thailand (online)
Tom	Phipps	Windsport (online)

Apologies:

Willem	van Putten	NED
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1. Minutes AGM 2021, La Rochelle

The minutes can be found on www.dart18class.com/official-documents/ -> AGM's

The minutes are confirmed.



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2. Reports from the nations

Thailand:

About 12 Darts out of Yacht Club near Pattaya. Many of them are expat's. COVID made things more difficult like everywhere else. They plan to send representatives for Worlds in the UK next year. In the long term they would like to organise another worlds, depending on the development of shipping rates.

Great Britain:

186 Members. Turnout had been down, but is now starting to pick up. The nationals were held in Abersoch for a whole week. Through that the turnout had been down to 26. Everything is building up to the Worlds in 2023. Brindlington is one of the two strong fleets in the north. Sailing has been generally focused on club level, which should be a good base to start from.

Germany:

Membership stable, about 20 active boats. In 2021 a lot of races had been cancelled. But at the end of the year they had a very nice winter sailing-event in Scharbeutz, organised by a German sailor. The Event will be repeated with a strong focus on the social activities. In 2022 sailing restarted. Nationals were sailed with 20 boats, won by the single hand sailor Reinout den Teuling. Before the regattas they organised training sessions for new and young people. Robert has been very active on social media. Even on ebay, where they sell sailing classes on the Dart. Through that they have motivated new sailors already. They emphasise the importance of working together with the clubs. It is very important to keep a good relationship, so they continue to organise regattas. With a selection of clubs they want to intensify their connection.

Italy:

They organised 7 regattas this season. The last regatta will be in Ostia, where they invite everyone to join and are also prepared to offer boats to people travelling from abroad. The 65 members are all more or less active. By providing old boats for less than 1000 Euros they give young sailors a chance to join the class. They also are successful in motivating sailors from other classes to join their regattas. A very nice result of their engagement is the fact that there are 15 young sailors participating at the Worlds in Arco.

Netherlands:

Membership is stable. Single-handed sailing has gained in popularity. There are 4 spots where a lot of Dart18 are still sailing. So the focus of the regattas lies on these clubs.

France:

38 to 40 active Members (non active Members don't pay the class fee). They organised a championship for single handed sailors with 15 boats. The nationals were sailed with more than 40 boats. They organised a successful training for non-regatta sailors to improve their boat handling. Thanks to that they could motivate new members.



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Switzerland:

Activity is stable at a low level. With sailors getting older it will be challenging to keep the fleet going the next few years. Regattas are organised together with other classes, which works fine thanks to a good network with clubs and classes that had been built up the last few years. Traditionally regattas in south Germany and northern Italy have been part of the Swiss regatta calendar. Unfortunately these regattas were cancelled the last few years. In spring they organised a test-weekend for sailors and non sailors with a very good turnout. Unfortunately it proved again difficult to get people involved in further activities.

3. Builders Report Windsport

As in many sectors, supply has been very hard for the last couple of years. But Windsport has secure supply chains for all the parts, even if delivery takes much longer than it used to. Therefore it is important that sailors think further ahead if they need spare parts. Cost of raw materials has been going up as well. Windsport has reduced their margins in order to keep the prize at a reasonable level. They are keen to work together with the nations and the IDA and stay in touch more frequently. The plan is to create a new promotional video for the boat, not just focussing on racing. Tom thinks that there is a target group of people that just wants to go sailing and later might join the classes. Online training sessions have been organised for UK-Sailors. This could be extended to other nations. This winter a new YouTube-Channel will go online giving sailing lessons, using a Dart18. This will also help to promote the boat and shows the strong commitment of Windsport to the DART18.

4. Report from IDA

Since the last meeting Florian Bleisch (GER) and Nigel Jupp (GBR) joined the IDA committee. The new team functions well. So the new committee looks as follows:

- Chairman: Nicolette van Gorp (NED)
- Vice-Chairman: Nigel Jupp (GBR)
- Member: Florian Bleisch (GER)
- Secretary: Michiel Fehr (SUI)
- Treasurer: Ruud van Gisbergen (NED)

It proved very helpful to have this extended group of people involved in decisions for the IDA. Especially with the difficult situation after the Worlds in Portugal did not go through and an alternative had to be found.

Ruud presents the accounts. The account holds about 1'400 Euros. Yearly costs are about 400 Euros, which are mainly ISAF-Fees. Almost all nations have paid the fee for the last two years. The outstanding payments will be done soon, too.

5. Class Rules

Rule change proposals

Nr1.

Italy proposes to allow small repairs on original parts of old boats. This reduces costs to put them back on a competitive level with new boats. For example, if the hole of the rudder



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system gets too big, it should be possible to refit it by inserting a plastic/teflon/... piece.

-> *Ruud will help ITA to set up a written proposal to the rules committee.*

Nr.2

David Lloyd suggests replacing the loops at the end of the rigging with stainless steel fittings. The existing fittings corrode very quickly in salt water. In Thailand these kinds of fittings have proven to work well and last a lot longer.

-> *David will set up a proposal to the rules committee.*

Nr. 3

France proposes a safety line system they call bob-line to help people get back up on the boat. This proves more and more important with sailors getting older.

-> *Olivier will set up a proposal to the rules committee.*

Questions:

Olivier asks about the position of the IDA on the discussion in WorldSailing about automatic safety systems on harnesses.

-> *It is agreed that we should follow WorldSailing regulations, but not make it mandatory on our behalf.*

Olivier wants to know if it is allowed to sail with two harnesses (helm and crew).

-> *This has been done at many previous championships. Nicolette will put the question forward to the rules committee to get a final answer.*

Measurement

In Arco a selection of sailors from different countries were asked to act as measurers for the event. The reason for this solution was to save costs and avoid discussions like we had in Dervio 2018 with a measurer that does not know the boat. But having sailors that do know the boat doing the checks, a few things turned up that have not been addressed at previous championships. This caused intensive discussions among the sailors.

-> *Having competitors checking the boats was not a good solution.*

-> *In order to have more measures that know the class, each nation should ask retired DART-Regatta sailors if they would take on the job as measurers and rules national advisors.*



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6. Information about the Worlds 2023 in Bridlington, England

Host Club: Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club
Dates: Sunday 30th July to Friday 4th August 2023
Location: Blyth Park, Wilsthorpe, 54°03'35.5"N 0°12'46.2"W
Races 10 with 2 discards
Prizes Top 10
Contact Joe Franks, +44 7930 860932, joe5329@hotmail.co.uk
Entry Fee £265, Youth Helm Under 25 £155
Early entry incentives to be announced.

Itinerary: Friday 28th Scrutineering and registration
Saturday 29th Scrutineering and registration
Practice Race 2pm
Sunday 30th 2 races from 12pm
Monday 31st 2 races from 12pm
Tuesday 1st 2 races from 11am
Wednesday 2nd Free Day (will sail if required)
Thursday 3rd 2 races from 12pm
Friday 4th 2 races from 11am

Social Program (All included in the entry)

Saturday 29th Opening ceremony sponsors night, Disco
Sunday 30th Evening BBQ, Disco
Monday 31st Live Band, Disco
Tuesday 1st Yorkshire Belle Cruise around Flamborough Head
Prosecco Bar on board
Buffet at the Club House in Bridlington Town Centre
Wednesday 2nd Free Day
Thursday 3rd Fish and Chip supper, Disco
Friday 4th Prize Giving
The bar will be open throughout the event.

Notes: All boats to be kept on the beach, scrutineering will be done on the beach.
The big camping field will be free and camping will be included in the entry (1 space per entry) additional spaces are available at £5 per night.
Electric points will be available but limited and may need to use splitters.
Food will be available on site throughout.

Communication

-> *Michiel will get in touch with Joe Franks, contact for the worlds*

Boat support

Windsports will be present at the Worlds with spare parts and help to make it a successful event for everyone. They also take preorders.

-> *Tom will communicate a "order by date" for pre orders delivered to Bridlington*



7. Future international Events

2024 Tarquinia

Italy proposes Tarquinia as a location for the Worlds 2024. The small sailing club where Giorgio is sailing from would work together with a big local Camping that can host all the competitors. Normally they get a reliable thermal wind.

Suggested dates:

31.08. registration
1.-5.09. Sailing

Robert suggests sending out a questionnaire asking about the dates. Options: As proposed a week later or earlier.

-> *Michiel will prepare a questionnaire about the dates for the Worlds 2024 and include questions about the Worlds 2022.*

2025

BEL and NED will consider the possibility for a proposal.

8. other business

Robert enquires about transport with container and Lorry

-> *David will provide pictures and/or drawings which can be put on the IDA website.*

Worlds 2022

Klaus proposes to give Silvia from Circolo Vela Arco a present for her big support in organising the Worlds 2022 at the last minute.

-> *Michiel organises flowers to be handed over by Nicolette.*

David thanks the IDA board to have saved the Worlds 2022

Emmenbrücke, September 2022

Sig. Michiel Fehr, IDA Secretary