



**Minutes of the IDA Annual General Meeting 2023**  
**International Committee of the International Dart Association**

**Venue:** Bridlington

**Date:** 31.07.2023, 7.15pm

**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**

Olivier	Billard	FRA
Martino	Salvo	ITA
Giorgio	Vincenti	
Jan-Willem	te Gussinklo Ohmann	NED
Bernd-Uwe	Meyer	GER
Kim	Philipps	RSA
Noah	Clulow	
Simon	Moruzzi	GBR
Joe	Franks	

**Apologies:**

Florian	Bleisch	IDA
Willem	van Putten	NED
Tom	Phipps	Windsport

**1. Minutes AGM 2022, Arco**

The minutes can be found on [www.dart18class.com/official-documents/](http://www.dart18class.com/official-documents/) -> AGM's

The minutes are confirmed.



## **2. Reports from the nations**

### **Great Britain**

The British fleet had been struggling to get going again after covid. The great turnout at the worlds came as a bit of a surprise. It shows that the class is still attractive to many sailors. The low entry fee, free camping and special incentives have mobilised a lot of sailors. Keeping the costs low is only possible because the club could mobilise a big number of volunteers to help on the land and on the water. Let's hope this event will give a new boost for the national events.

### **Italy**

The fleet is still growing, especially thanks to the club in Ostia. They still collect many old boats from Germany and Switzerland and bring them to Italy. Newcomers are offered a boat to start sailing and if they want to keep sailing can buy it for a cheap price. The success of this club is now spreading to other clubs. Having the Worlds 2024 in Italy will help to promote the Dart further. They expect about 30 Italian entries. The Italian class association would like to invite sailors from other countries to their events and offer a fly-and-sail service. Good boats will be provided. Italy still has a strong interest in finding a solution to allow repairs on certain parts of the boat as discussed at the previous meeting in Garda. But no proposal for a rule change has been handed in. They are of the opinion that these repairs have been done for a long time already and therefore a rule change is not necessary.

### **Netherlands**

The Fleet is growing again with former Dart-sailors coming back to the class. Single-handed sailing gets more popular as well with about 8 boats taking part in the events.

### **South Africa**

The big big problem is that the economy is crashing and exchange rates are sky high. A lot of people are leaving the country. Despite all that, local regattas are going well and the number of boats has increased. But most of them don't travel to other events.

The biggest problem is that there is no manufacturer any more and importing boats and spare parts from the UK, especially sails, is too expensive. There has to be a solution to keep the existing boats going at a reasonable cost. So there is also an interest in finding a solution for allowing repairs on certain parts of the boat in the class rules. The Sail-Issue remains unsolved.

### **France**

In many regions the feet are active. The Dart is still the strongest one-design catamaran in France. The next nationals are already set and will be in Locmariaquer July 2024. There has not been any training this year, but they will organise some fleet meetings. They now have an afi-boat that is available for young sailors to help promote the class.

### **Germany**

The biggest problem is that sailors are getting older and older. Robert Bletscher, a new sailor to the class, is doing a lot on social media to encourage new sailors to join the



events. But the step from showing interest to actually coming to a regatta proves to be quite big. In the south it gets harder and harder to get enough boats together for the events. But the sailors involved are still keen to invest in the class.

### **Switzerland**

Activity is stable on a low level. To hold events the only option is to join up with the fleet in south Germany or northern Italy. This said there are some new and old dart sailors showing interest in the fleet.

### **3. Builders Report Windsport**

Unfortunately Tom could not make it to the meeting due to personal reasons. It is great that Windsport still offers fantastic support during the Worlds! The class organisations give a big thank you to Tom and his team for keeping the production of DART's and its spares going. Everyone is well aware how vital this is for the class.

### **4. Reports from IDA**

The IDA has been in close contact with the organisation of the Worlds in Bridlington. This has worked very well and all issues concerned could be discussed with plenty of time. Online-Meetings are a great blessing for communication across countries.

All the necessary reports to WorldSailing have been handed in on time and membership fees have been paid. Nicolette is in close contact with the rules committee and Windsport.

The website has been kept up to date with the international regatta calendar and the most important news about international events. All official communication and documents can be found on the website ([www.dart18class.com](http://www.dart18class.com))

#### **IDA committee members:**

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

Nigel Jupp has stepped back from his job as vice president due to personal reasons.

Michiel Fehr had announced by email that he will hand over the job as secretary latest by September 2024.

Nicolette announces at the meeting that she will step back as president of the IDA by August 2025.

Simon mentioned that Simon Lake, UK would be interested to join the committee.

Robert Plecher, Germany has also shown his interest, but can only decide by the end of the year if he can take on any further commitments.

***Nicolette and Michiel will talk to both.***



### **Finances:**

Ruud is running the accounts for the IDA. Spendings 2022/2023 went on fees to WorldSailing, Website and the perpetual trophies.

All nations apart from one have paid the last bill. Thanks to all of you!

Please make sure you pay the current bill that was sent out at the beginning of July.

<https://us16.campaign-archive.com/?u=8a3984a37249c2625011dd1c5&id=227677a97e>

<https://dart18class.files.wordpress.com/2023/07/ida-bill-annual-class-fees-2023.pdf>

### **5. Class Rules**

Rule change Nr. 3 (Bob-Line) from the meeting 2022 has been approved by the rules committee.

Rule change Nr. 2 (Stainless steel fittings) have been handed in with a well documented proposal. Discussion within the rules committee is still outstanding.

Rule change Nr. 1 (repairs of original parts) has not been handed in. Nevertheless the issue still stands as mentioned above and the problem is not just an Italian one, but is recognised as a question to resolve for the whole class.

It is agreed that a document will be put together by next year's meeting in Italy, listing all the parts that should be allowed to be repaired and what methods will be accepted to do so.

***Class associations are asked to fill out the document on the following link:***

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xkDI2IUls\\_bHdScFUZYLSkEn\\_RML\\_rhIxoR1oEXgZNq/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xkDI2IUls_bHdScFUZYLSkEn_RML_rhIxoR1oEXgZNq/edit?usp=sharing)

### **6. Information about the Worlds 2024 in Italy**

The Worlds 2024 will be held in Tarquinia, Italy from the 6-13th september. Tarquinia has a very nice beach and generally a moderate sea breeze. A big camping spot is right near the beach. Restaurants are within walking distance. Rome is close by (70km). The dates had to be put back to September because of the camping, which is not available during peak holiday saison. For sailors from overseas rental boats could be organised in advance. A problem is that the italian federation demands a lot of safety measures (1 rib per 10 boats, doctor on site,...). This is an important cost factor. The aim is still to keep the entry fee between 350-400 Euros. They also try to get reduced prizes for the camping.

It would be important to inform people about camping etc as soon as possible so they can start planning their holidays. A website should be running by october.

### **7. Future international Events**

#### **2025 Netherlands, Zandvoort**

Jan-Willem presents the ideas for the event.



Theme: Worlds together, create occasions to get people together.

The club is a multi-sport club with 750 members. Facilities are on the beach and all the necessary facilities are available.

The idea is also to have some fun competitions with mixed crews, SUP-ing, ect.

There is no campsite next to the club. But they will try to organise an area for all the competitors to stay.

Proposed dates:

19.07. - 26.07.2025

-> this is a week too early for England's school holidays. Benefit could be the cheaper cost of ferries. ***The English will discuss this with the class and give feedback to Jan-Willem.***

The aim is to get 100 boats. But they will start budgeting with 60 boats and work from there.

## **2026**

France is looking into organising an event again. It will be decided later on in the year if this will be taken any further.

***All nations are asked to come up with suggestions.***

The decision about 2026 will be made at the IDA-meeting 2024.

## **8. Any other business**

Alcohol and drugs

At the practice race some sailors were drinking beer before leaving the beach. While having a drink and party in the evenings is part of the Dart-Family, the consumption of alcohol or other substances before racing is not acceptable. National class associations are asked to address this issue with the sailors concerned.

Bridlington, august 2023

Sig. Michiel Fehr, IDA Secretary