



Minutes of the IDA Annual General Meeting 2024
International Committee of the International Dart Association

Venue: Tarquinia (ITA)

Date: 10.09.2024, 19.00

Representatives:

IDA

Nicolette	van Gorp	Chairwoman IDA
Ruud	van Gisbergen	IDA Treasurer and NED
Adrian	Bleisch	representing Florian Bleisch IDA

National Class Associations

Olivier	Billard	FRA
Martino	Salvo	ITA
Ruud	van Gisbergen	NED
Klaus	von Weitershausen	GER
Joe	Franks	GBR
Darren	Woods	

Builders' Representatives:

Tom	Phipps	Windsport
Brian	Phipps	Windsport
Ian	Fraser	Breigher Mouldings

Apologies:

Florian	Bleisch	IDA
Willem	van Putten	NED
Michiel	Fehr	IDA Secretary and SUI



1. Minutes AGM 2023, Bridlington

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

In contrast to the information at the last AGM rule change Nr. 3 (Bob-line) was not approved by the rules committee (see below).

2. Reports from the nations

All countries are requested to submit a written report (maximum 1 page) to be attached to these minutes.

France

afidart se porte plutôt bien

Avec près de 60 bateaux cotisants cette année et un dynamisme de la classe qui fait envie aux autres classes et nous surprends nous aussi.

Après Bridlington et le titre obtenu par Vincent et fanny 20 ans après leur précédent, la saison 2023 s'est prolongé avec

le national solitaire (victoire de François), un rassemblement au mont saint Michel pour la grande marée, la catagolfe (sous le soleil) dans le golfe du Morbihan- avec 22 bateaux et le très venté GP armistice avec 18 bateaux dont quelques hollandais qui ont fait le déplacement.

La saison 2024 est reparti très fort avec L'eurocat , un grand rendez-vous inter série de début de saison et ses 16 darts.

Ensuite cette année nous n'avons pas fait de stage mais organisé nos rencontres entre équipages aguerris et nouveaux entrants dans la série pour échanger nos trucs et faire tourner les équipages afin de faire monter le niveau de maitrise du bateau.

Et le point d'orgue cela a été le national sur le site magique de Locmariaquer avec 56 bateaux et de nouveaux équipages féminins, des jeunes dont un naviguant sur l'afiboat et un double médaillé d'or paralympique et 7 -ème du Vendée globe en famille.

les action 2024: cela fait maintenant un an que l'association s'est doté d'un bateau de prêt pour aider au développement de la classe à destination de nouveaux équipages.

on continue à pousser la participation des équipages féminin et aussi les actions vers les jeunes grâce à l'afiboat

les projets 2025

le national 2025 aura lieux sur l'ile d'Oléron au YCO du 6 au 9 juin 2025 25 km en ligne droite au sud de la rochelle, 60 km par la route



On a un projet de mondial à Carnac pour fêter dignement le jubilé (50 ans) du Dart en 2026.

Retour à Carnac 13 ans après le mondial et j'imagine que ceux qui y ont participé se souviennent encore de la qualité de l'événement que l'on avait réussi à organiser là-bas.

Le site est suffisamment grand pour accueillir 120 bateaux, avec une tente permettant d'abriter tous les équipages avec une vue mer depuis le parking et enfin last but not least Servane qui avait géré une bonne partie de l'organisation de 2013 est maintenant permanente au club YCC ce qui je dois le reconnaître va nous simplifier grandement la gestion de projet.

Switzerland

Regatta sailing is declining in Switzerland in general, and the DART is no exception. If it continues like that we will not be able to hold separate class regattas in Switzerland anymore. As we run out of ideas of how to promote the class we focus on keeping together what we have. This involves keeping in touch with sailors that have retired from regatta sailing.

3. Builders Report Windsport

Presented by Tom Phipps:

- Tom expressed his enthusiasm to attend the event and his aim to participate in more events in the future.
- Windsport is doing well; however, Dart 18 sales remain quiet.
- A new promotional website will be launched in early 2025. This will act as a showroom and include a members' area with resources for Dart 18 sailors.

Parts Supply:

- The supply chain is stable.
- Allen supplies the masts.
- Breigher Mouldings provides all tooling and owns all moulds.
- Breigher Mouldings is a holding company owned by Ian Fraser's daughters.

Future Developments:

- Tom is exploring the feasibility of 3D printing parts.
- UV resistance remains a challenge.
- Any printed parts will be tested for at least one year before being considered for a rules change.

Concerns Raised:

- Martino asked whether transport and customs costs could be reduced.
- Windsport responded that customs are beyond their control.
- They have explored the idea of a European distribution point to reduce shipping costs but no concrete steps have been taken yet.



4. Reports from IDA

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)

IDA committee members:

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

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.

Joe Franks and Adrian Bleisch offer to join the committee.

5. Class Rules

Rule change Nr. 1 (repairs of original parts)

It was agreed 2023 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.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xkDI2lUls_bHdScFUZYLSkEn_RML_rhIxOR1oEXgZNq/edit?usp=sharing

There has been no response to the request sent out on the 20.08.2023.

Martino will draft a new proposal

Rule change Nr. 2 (Stainless steel fittings)

-> declined by the rules committee

The reasons are:

- It proposes a system where there is a mixture of both methods of splicing wire;
- The current method is a system used worldwide for all splicing of wire strops in every industry. It is tried and tested;



- Anyone with a simple hand tool (f.e. <https://www.proboat.co.uk/item/1/64/160/Ormiston-Ferrule-Hand-Swaging-Tool-Small>) can make their own rigging
- The eye and swage allows a lot of movement so that the wires, the swages and the eye all line up. This doesn't happen in certain circumstances with swaged terminals, and they stress the wire to breaking point where the wire exits the swage;
- Roll swaging is very expensive compared to current methods and can only be done by specialists.

Rule change Nr. 3 (Bob-Line)

-> declined by the rules committee

The reasons are:

Whilst the IDRC is aware of the problem of getting back on board for the 'not so agile' it has never been a problem in the past.

By moving to the rear beam, which then dips to the water level as a sailor drags himself onto the trampoline. The tiller bar is not a problem as it simply rises easily. If it doesn't, then with the helm hard over there is a big gap at the inboard end of the rear beam.

The Rules committee thinks the setup should be rethought. The stress on the forestay tang, as in the proposed rule change, is not a good idea. The load will be considerable and all in the wrong direction.

As a general rule the IDRC is not going to get into issues of safety gear for the boat, that is for the organisers of any regatta to address. The simplest remedy for any (French) regatta organiser is for them to include the addition of this idea into the NOR or the Sailing instructions.

New Suggestion:

- Joe Franks proposed a new trapeze knotting method inspired by the Hurricane class to aid single-handed sailors.
- A formal proposal can be submitted via the IDA website form for consideration by the Rules Committee.

6. Information about the Worlds 2025 in the Netherlands

Event website is nearly ready to launch

Manage2Sail will be used for event management.

The local sailing club and municipality are exploring the possibility of setting up a temporary campsite within walking distance for competitors and their families.

[Event Website](#)

[Manage2Sail](#)



7. Future international Events

2026 France

- Hosted by AFIDART from 3–10 July 2026.
- Marks the 50th anniversary of the Dart 18.
- The venue has capacity for 120 boats.
- A large tent will be set up for social events.
- Good collaboration with the organizing club.
- Campsite available nearby.

2027

- Germany has been invited to explore the possibility of hosting.
- They will report back once research is done.

8. Any other business

- The French association proposed the creation of a perpetual trophy for the top all-female crew.
 - IDA and Windsport will explore this.
- A perpetual trophy for the top single-handed sailor will also be introduced.
- Next French Nationals will be held 6–9 June 2025 in Oléron, near La Rochelle.

Tarquinia September 2024, Houten June 2025

Sig. Michiel Fehr, IDA Secretary and Nicolette van Gorp