

## International iQFOiL Class Association Executive Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

**Date and time:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 18h00 CET

**Place:** Online via the Zoom conferencing system

#### In attendance:

##### Executive Committee

Ronnie Meir (ISR) - President, Peina CHEN (CHN), H  l  ne Noesmoen (FRA), Nicolas GOYARD (FRA),  
Barrie Edgington (GBR), Lorand Utassy (HUN), Adrien Gaillard (MEX), Ewa Jodlowska (POL), Piotr Myszka  
(POL)

**Class' Manager** Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

**Class' Executive Secretary** Val  rie Boutet-Massonneau

#### UPDATE OF THE CALENDAR

Two events have been added to the calendar:

- 23' U21 World Championships & iQFOiL International Games – Silvaplana – 21<sup>st</sup> > 27<sup>th</sup> August  
<https://2023iqworldssilvaplana.sailti.com/en/default/races/race>
- 23' iQFOiL International Games #5 – Torbole – 10<sup>th</sup> > 15<sup>th</sup> October

#### CLASS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Some nations are still not up to date with their Class annual membership fees.

However, the Model NoR does state in Article 4.8 that: "A competitor shall be a member of a National Class Association (NCA) or a Member National Authority (MNA) which is a registered member of the International iQFOiL Class Association (ICA). Class member-ship formalities can be completed at the event venue at registration."

Organising to collect memberships at the iQFOiL Open European Championships in Patras, Greece.

#### EQUIPMENT UPDATES - Market launch of reinforced sails and their approval on iQFOiL events

It was decided to allow the use of reinforced sails in September, after the major events of the summer of 2023. Both old and new versions of the sails will be allowed to compete: there will be no limitation on the sails.

It is also pointed out that special attention should be paid to the bottom batten. This may need to be reinforced as it is under strain from the foiling tacks.

#### DEBRIEFING OF THE WORLD CUP EVENT IN PALMA

##### GENERAL RACE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- Two race areas needed: non-negotiable given the iQFOiL fleet size,
- The iQFOiL have dialogue with the Organiser to ensure that the iQFOiL Race Management Policies & Guidelines are applied;

Why not write a Play Book for clubs organising iQFOiL events?

#### SLALOM RACES MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Practical Slalom starts thoughts how to ensure we reduce recalls and lose less time:

- Longer line. With longer first reach,
  - Different first reach angles,
  - Reduce the focus on favored ends,
  - Leeward end filming,
  - Ensure race team are ruthless and pull all over early boards.
- Question of the competence of the pinhead boat + videotaping at the pin mark,
- Reduce the size of heats

#### MEDAL RACES MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- Always try to race with an upwind U course MR course etc to take pressure off the start and first mark positioning

#### SLALOM STARTS THOUGHTS

During the discussions, several hypotheses were considered.

The general opinion is that the consequences of an OCS need to be bigger.

One suggestion is to have a standard penalty after the 3rd BFD in Slalom races only.

At the same time, thought should be given to tools that could facilitate the identification of OCS sailors.

For example, it would be beneficial to have unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) / **drones** to detect the starting line. This would assist the Race Committee in seeing the starting line more clearly, which can help in making more accurate decisions.

- This will be tested at the iQFOiL Open European Championships in Patras, Greece.

Another possibility is to use a system such as the one proposed by **Vakaros** (see document at the end of the report)

#### ABANDONING POLICIES

In order to take into account the need to lengthen the starting line and the first reach of the slalom races, it was decided to extend the time limit for mark one from 1 minute to 1.30 minutes

It is also noted that the time limits applied by the Class are sometimes so restrictive that they lead to the cancellation of races which can be fair.

As such, the Race Management Policies & Guideline will be updated prior to the iQFOiL Open European Championships in Patras, Greece.

- <https://www.iqfoilclassofficial.org/documents>

## DISCARDS POLICY

For several events now, the iQFOiL Class has been applying a new discard system resulting from the two submissions that were voted at the 2022 AGM.

However, it turns out that the new system causes more problems than it solves.

Moreover, it is complicated to understand for the uninitiated and the media insofar as a sailor can discard a 1<sup>st</sup>. It was therefore decided to return to the old system from the iQFOiL Open European Championships in Patras, Greece and the following events.

The Executive Committee Meeting ended at 19h38

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**Place:** Online via the Zoom conferencing system

## In attendance:

### Executive Committee

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**Class' Manager** Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

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Adrien Gaillard (MEX): Could not attend

Peina CHEN (CHN): Could not attend because of time difference

## SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH WORLD SAILING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A meeting with World Sailing Technical Committee took place on 18 April from 12.00 to 15.00 to review the Class Rules changes requested and voted for at the 22' AGM.

These changes were presented to the Executive Committee who proposed some adjustments before the final release and application at the iQFOiL Open European Championships in Patras, Greece.

Updated Class Rules have been approved and are now published on the World Sailing website: <https://www.sailing.org/classes/iqfoil/#Documents>

## EGM

With just over a year to go until the Olympic Games, the iQFOiL Class would like to hear its members views on the following issues:

- Allocation of equipment to be used at the Olympic Games,
- Selection procedures for the iQFOiL World Championships,
- Race Management > Slalom race management.

Because the iQFOiL Class thinks these issues are important, it would like to have a proper vote.

However, as the iQFOiL Class Constitution stands, the Executive Committee cannot, on its own initiative, convene an EGM.

According to Article 6.4, "*An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly shall be held on demand of 1/3rd of the current iQFOiL Class Full Members*".

The full text can be found here: <https://www.iqfoilclassofficial.org/documents>

As such, the Class has asked its members by e-mail to request an EGM, if they consider the issues important enough.

But, to date, there are not yet enough responses to call for an EGM.

## THE SLALOM PRE-START ZONE RULE

The question is whether the Class should include the following rules in its NoR:

Add new pre-start zone definition as follows:

Pre-start zone: The area formed by the starting line and the extensions of the lines from the first mark to the starting marks. During a starting sequence, the pre-start zone is part of the course area.

Add new RRS rule 23.4 as follows:

In the last 30 seconds before the starting signal:

(a) all boards shall sail in the pre-start zone in the direction of the starting line;

(b) a board approaching from outside the pre-starting zone is not entitled to room or mark-room and shall keep

clear of boards inside the pre- start zone;  
(c) a board that stops, slows down significantly, or one that is not making significant forward progress shall keep clear of all others, except when accidentally capsized.

This issue has divided the members of the Executive Committee, because, for some, these new rules seem to be difficult to argue in front of a jury panel.  
However, it is recognised that the solution is certainly not to go back to a worse rule.

It was therefore decided to incorporate these rules. However, pending validation by World Sailing, the use of these rules depends on the agreement of the Federation hosting the event.  
Thus, for the iQFOiL Open European Championships in Greece, these rules will not apply because the Greek Federation does not allow it.

## UPDATE OF THE CALENDAR

It is confirmed that no iQFOiL event can be organized in Marseille in September. The clubs are already very busy with the Paris 2024 Test Event and the organization of the Olympic Games and therefore do not have time and staff to dedicate to other competitions.

To give the National Teams the possibility to organize coaches' regattas in Marseille in September, an iQFOiL Game is confirmed in Torbole from October 10th to 15th.

## UPDATE OF iQFOiL CLASS RACE MANAGEMENT POLICIES/GUIDELINE

Following debriefings after each iQFOiL event and in-depth discussions to improve race management for future events, the iQFOiL Race Policies & Guideline have been updated.  
All documents are available at: <https://www.iqfoilclassofficial.org/documents>

## REFLECTION ON THE BFD POLICY FOR MEDAL RACES

Following the iQFOiL Y&J Games that took place in Campione, Italy from 5 to 8 April, where 6 out of 7 riders were BFD in the quarter finals, the discussion started around the position the Class would like to have if this situation happens again.

A summary of the facts:

In the U19 boys' quarter finals, 6 out of 7 sailors were BFD.

When it came to deciding (very quickly) what to do next, three possibilities were considered:

1. Move the only sailor who was not BFD to the semi-final and "save" the highest ranked of the other sailors,
2. Have the only sailor who was not a BFD move on to the semi-final and have him run the quarter-final alone again: It is indeed conceivable that he will do a BFD on the new start, he could also have broken some equipment and retired etc...,
3. Have the only sailor who was not a BFD move on to the semi-final automatically without making him run the heat alone.

In this event, the third alternative was applied

During the Executive Committee meeting another position was expressed:

1. All BFD on quarter => we qualify the 4 & 5 of the of the week's ranking for the semi
2. All BFD in the semi => we keep the 2 & 3 of the week's ranking for the final
3. All BFD on the final => The race is being run again

A step-by-step approach seems to suit the majority of the Executive Committee members. All of them will think about it further and the subject will be discussed again at a future meeting.

The Executive Committee Meeting ended at 20h45

# RACESENSE



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# ATLAS 2

Accurate, connected, scalable

The Atlas 2 is the most capable sailing instrument on the market, and is used by sailors around the world on boats ranging from a Laser to a Maxi.

- L1+L5 dual band 25 Hz GNSS for sub-meter position accuracy
- Magnetic compass accurate to 0.1°
- Long-range radio for mesh communications
- 100+ hour battery life
- Data logging at up to 10 Hz
- LED array and speaker
- Sunlight readable, polarized lens compatible display with red backlight for use at night



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## What is RaceSense?

- OCS detection
- Automatic timer sync
- Live-broadcast pings
- Finishes
- Data aggregation
- Live tracking
- More to come

# How does it work?

RaceSense is entirely self sufficient: no dependency on unreliable LTE signals. This means that you can run your event anywhere, regardless of cell signals.

Atlas 2's create a local mesh network to offer nearly unlimited range and stability. What does this mean for sailors? A stable, strong system to run better races.

Devices talk to each other, while a 'control' Atlas 2 on the Race Committee boat allows RC to broadcast messages, track OCS, and more.





# M32 Winter Series #3

## Race 3

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71

19

62

# CONTROL VIA TABLET

View OCS status, start timers, and run your regatta through Race Control



M32

### Race 36

M32 1 > M32 > M32

63%

#### Participants

Catapult  
022800313B  
971.30m

OCS

Convexity  
022800301E  
813.47m

OCS

Dingbat  
0228002E0D  
1169.12m

OCS

Gravedigger  
02280027EA  
1260.20m

OCS

Pursuit  
022800309F  
672.37m

OCS

#### Time

13:06:58

#### Race Time

T+3:58

#### Current Flags

#### RC Devices

Control  
0228002EB5

Marks  
022800309D

Repeaters  
UNASSIGNED

RC ACTIONS

# Competitors know their status immediately.

Minimize general recalls. Don't wait for slow hails. Restart, and race.



OCS  
individual  
Recall

HARALD

spinlock  
SURGE



