

2022 International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Date and time : 3rd November 2022 – 19h00 CET
Place : On site during the Youth & Junior European Championships
 And, Online via the Zoom conferencing system

In attendance :

Executive Committee

Ronnie Meir (President), Marcos Fernandez Igelsias (ESP), Farrah Hall (USA), Marja Hoveling (ARU), Pawel Kowalski (POL)

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Class' Executive Secretary Valérie Boutet Massonneau

Paid Members' Delegates

PRESENT AT THE 2022 AGM :					
Y&J 22AGM DELEGATES			Y&J 22AGM DELEGATES		
1	ARU	Marja Hoveling	14	ISR	Kfir Duldner
2	AUS	Ian Fox	15	ITA	Mauro Covre
3	BEL	Johan BROUCKE	16	JPN	Yasuko Kosuge
4	CYP	Andreas CARIOULOU	17	LAT	Janis PREISS
5	CZE	Milan Hajek	18	NED	Robbert-Jan van Velzen
6	DEN	Nikolaj Kruppa	19	NZL	JP Tobin
7	ESP	Marcos FERNÁNDEZ IGLESIAS	20	PER	Nicolas Schreier
8	EST	Matthew Rickard	21	POL	Pawel Kowalski
9	FRA	Stéphan Roche	22	SLO	Matevž Malej
10	GBR	Jeremy Hawkins	23	SUI	Raoul Marty
11	GRE	John Papaspirou	24	SWE	Robert Klang
12	HKG	Crystal Man Ka-Kei	25	TUR	Jaroslav Miarczyński
13	HUN	Loránd UTASSY	26	UKR	Mendelenko Oleksandr
			27	USA	Farrah Hall

Persons present on site

Emilio GALINDO BARQUIN (iQFOiL Class – Slalom Course Rep), Javier BLANCO GOMEZ (iQFOiL Class' technical Committee), Milan HALEK (CZE – Coach), Ferran CORNUDELLA (ESP - Coach), Joan Carles CARDONA (ESP - Coach), Stephan ROCHE (FRA - Coach), Pierrick WATTEZ (FRA – Coach), MAN Ka Kei Crystal (HKG - Coach), Mauro COVRE (ITA – Coach), Dario PASTA (ITA - Coach), Roberto PIERANI (ITA – Coach), Kfir DULDNER (ISR - Coach), Henry BLOODWORTH (GBR - Coach), Alistair MASTERS (GBR – Coach), Robbert-Jan VAN VERZEN (NED), Maciej DZIEMIANCZUK (POL - Coach), Oleksandr MENDELENKO (UKR - Coach).

Persons present on Zoom

Marja HOVELING (ARU - ExCom), Ian FOX (AUS), Johan BROUCKE (BEL), Andreas CARIOULOU (CYP), Nikolaj KRUPPA (DEN), Marcos FERNANDEZ IGLESIAS (ESP - ExCom), Matt RICKARD (EST), Diederik BAKKER (GER), John PAPASPIROU (GRE), Lorand UTASSY (HUN), Ronnie MEIR (ISR – Class' President), Ivan OPRANDI (ITA - Coach), Janis PREISS (LAT - Coach), Bernt BLANKHOLM (NOR), JP TOBIN (NZL), Nicolas SCHREIER (PER), Pawel KOWALSKI (POL – ExCom), Mateuz MALEJ (SLO), Fabio FUMAGALLI (SUI), Robert KLANG (SWE), Farrah HALL (USA - ExCom), Lenny (?)

According to the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class' Constitution, delegates and postal votes together must represent a minimum of 1/3rd of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members.

The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class has a total of 38 Full Members.

1/3rd from 38 Full Members is 13.

There were 27 Members represented, which represents 71% of the iQFOiL Class fully paid Members. The Quorum requirements at a General Assembly were met as per Constitution 6.8 and therefore was declared valid.

Class' Executive Committee

Ronnie Meir (ISR – President)
Pawel Kowalski (POL)
Farrah Hall (USA)
Valerie Boutet-Massonneau (FRA)
Marja Hoveling (ARU)
Tommy Maenhaut (BEL)
Flavia Tartaglini (ITA)
Marcos Fernandez Iglesias (ESP)

6 of the 8 members of the Executive Committee were present at the General Assembly

Chairman of the AGM - (Const. #6.5)

Ronnie Meir (ISR – President)

Moderating & Votes counting

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Class' Executive Secretary Valérie Boutet Massonneau

Welcome by the President of the Class

The connection with **Ronnie Meir** was poor so the introduction to the meeting was cut short. Ronnie welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Approval of the 2021 EGM's Minutes, held on line 29th of November 2021.

The 2021 EGM's Minutes have been approved.

President's Report

The connection with **Ronnie Meir** – President of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association was poor.

Ronnie however underlined the good progress of the Class with many young people present throughout the year in all the competitions.

Class Manager's Report

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel - Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association

- Update on the Class activities since last meeting: **Mast Carbon exchange**

Following the decision of the EGM, the Class with the support of Starboard proceeded to the exchange of the aluminium masts for carbon masts for the riders having an active iQFOiL practice on the international circuit.

The Class has organised this exchange on all iQFOiL events of the season until the Youth & Junior European Championships which is currently taking place in Brest (29th October – 5th November 2022).

All the sailors benefited from a preferential rate helped by Starboard of 290€ + VAT.

All exchanged aluminium mats were recycled.

- Events Calendar '22:

iQ Games Cadiz (Senior + Youth & Junior - March), iQ Games Campione (April), The Hague WS World (July), iQ Games Torbole (July), Silvaplane Worlds (August), Brest Europeans (October/November).

- Events Calendar '23:

iQ Games Cadiz (Senior + Youth & Junior - March), iQ Games Campione (April), Europeans Torbole (July), iQFOiL Nordic Championships (July), Worlds Cadiz (October)

Class Accounts and Financial Statements

Registered Office & Headquarters

Hottingerstrasse 21
8024 Zurich SWITZERLAND

The Association's Bank Accounts

Wise account – 90.435,79 EUR

PayPal – 19,368.13 EUR

TOTAL 109.803,92

Note : The Class still have to pay the local organiser (Europeans) and several salaries from this year.

2021 Class Accounts & Financial Statement

INCOME	2021
1. Memberships	7200
1.1. NCAs	7200
1.2. Individuals	0
2. Championships	84571
2.1. Worlds Entries	53861
2.2. Europeans Entries	30710
2.3. Other Continentals Entries	0
3. Sponsorships	0
4. Other Income	15000
4.1. Manufacturers Royalty Fee	15000
4.3. Other	0
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>106771</u>

EXPENDITURE	2021
1. Administrative Expenses	4250
1.1. WS Memberships	250
1.2. Class Officer's Travel & Subsistence	3000
1.3. Media Projects	0
1.4. ENP Program	0
1.5. Website, server, IT	500
1.6. Executive Office	500
1.7. Other	0
2. Championships	48285,5
2.1. Worlds	26930,5
2.2. Europeans	15355
2.3. Other Continentals	0
2.4. Other regatta expenses and salaries	6000
3. Employment Costs	39900
3.1. Office employees	34400
3.2. Accountancy Fees	1000
3.3 Social Media	4500
3.4 Lawyer	3000
4. Bank Charges	1000
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>93435,5</u>
<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>13335,5</u>

2022 Class Accounts & Financial Statement so far

INCOME	2022
1. Memberships	7600
1.1. NCAs	7600
1.2. Individuals	0
2. Championships	210425
2.1. Worlds Entries	65340
2.2. Europeans Entries	74000
2.3. Other Continentals and iQGames Entries	71085
3. Sponsorships	0
4. Other Income	15000
4.1. Manufacturers Royalty Fee	15000
4.3. Other	0
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>233025</u>

EXPENDITURE	2021
1. Administrative Expenses	8500
1.1. WS Memberships	250
1.2. Class Officer's Travel & Subsistence	2000
1.3. Media Projects	1200
1.4. ENP Program	4800
1.5. Website, server, IT	500
1.6. Executive Office	500
1.7. Other	0
2. Championships	120212,5
2.1. Worlds	32670
2.2. Europeans	37000
2.3. Other Continentals	35542,5
2.4. Other regatta expenses, salaries RM	15000
3. Employment Costs	40400
3.1. Office employees	30400
3.2. Accountancy Fees	1000
3.3 Lawyer	3493,75
3.4 Social Media	9000
4. Bank Charges	1000
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>170112,5</u>
<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>62912,5</u>

2023 Class previsionnal budget

INCOME	2022
1. Memberships	7600
1.1. NCAs	7600
1.2. Individuals	0
2. Championships	176810
2.1. Worlds Entries	65340
2.2. Europeans Entries	74000
2.3. Other Continentals and iQGames Entries	37470
3. Sponsorships	0
4. Other Income	15000
4.1. Manufacturers Royalty Fee	15000
4.3. Other	0
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>199410</u>

EXPENDITURE	2021
1. Administrative Expenses	8700
1.1. WS Memberships	250
1.2. Class Officer's Travel & Subsistence	2000
1.3. Media Projects	1200
1.4. ENP Program	5000
1.5. Website, server, IT	500
1.6. Executive Office	500
1.7. Other	0
2. Championships	100405
2.1. Worlds	32670
2.2. Europeans	37000
2.3. Other Continentals	18735
2.4. Other regatta expenses, salaries RM	12000
3. Employment Costs	66200
3.1. Office employees	43200
3.2 Class Coach (share with senior)?	12000
3.3 Accountancy Fees	1000
3.4 Lawyer	1000
3.5 Social Media	9000
4. Bank Charges	1000
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>176305</u>
<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>23105</u>

About the iQFOiL Class Coach:

World Sailing Emerging Nations Program (ENP) mission is to increase the number of sailors participating at international major events, with the objective of narrowing the performance gap and promoting worldwide competition.

The International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association is supporting the ENP by providing an expert iQFOiL Class coach for competitors who are nationals of and compete for emerging nations.

In this respect, an application form was put online several months ago to identify coaches who might be interested in this mission.

Many applications have been received and the next Executive Committee, in cooperation with the Class' Manager and the Class' Executive Secretary, will have the task of studying these applications and defining more precisely the framework of the tasks to be given to the Class Coach.

Submissions votes

The voting system was described.
Voting will take place by filling in a form.
This form needs to be sent by email within an hour after the end of the meeting.

Submissions were voted in the following order :

YJ AGM 01-22 (FRA) – Equipment – Change 8m2 sail's shape for U19 Girls

Purpose :

Set up a working group to study the extent to which we could redesign the shape of the 8m² sail so that it is lighter and the mast pocket takes less water when the sail is in the water.

In fact, when the sail falls in the water, a lot of water comes inside the mast pocket. It then makes the sail really heavy to pick up. It's a real problem for a lot of youth girls.

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association

Ask FRA if the 70at si to design a sail with a smaller sleeve.

Can propose to Severne to study the different options available.

But then we will have a different sail for U19 Girls and Senior Girls

Farrah HALL (USA) – International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association's ExCom

Some of the senior girls have opened the velcro at the mast cap and the tail drains much more easily.

Maciej DZIEMIANCZUK (POL – Coach)

We could also think about the possibility of having a smaller sail for the U19 women, or the possibility of using two sizes of sail during competitions : 8m² and 7m²

Matt RICKARD (EST – Coach)

Stresses that more data is needed on the percentage of the female fleet that has difficulty handling the 8m² sail. Without this, it seems difficult to justify a change of equipment.

It's maybe not the best sail to learn but it seems to definitely be a good sail to compete.

Nikolaj KRUPPA (DEN)

Having different sails for the U19 and the senior women seems to be a dangerous turn to take if we want to keep continuity in girls' competitive practice.

YES	NO
52,38%	47,62%

YES : 52,38% - Setting a Working Groupe is approved

YJ AGM 02-22 (FRA) – Equipment – Harness weight

Purpose :

To reduce the maximum allowed harness weight for Youth & Junior and change the class rule C.3.3 (i) as follow :

“a harness with a maximum permitted weight of 2,5kg”

Matt RICKARD (EST – Coach)

The problem if this submission is 70at sis7 that sailors who compete on both the youth and senior circuits will have to buy two different harnesses.

Robbert-Jan VAN VERZEN (NED – Coach)

This is not a problem as a 2.5kg harness will be legal in senior

YES	NO
45,83%	54,17%

NO : 54,17% - Not approved

YJ AGM 03-22 (FRA) – Equipment – National flag in U17 sails

Purpose :

Add the national flag in the U17 sails, so that media, parents and coaches can more easily identify the competitors.

The terms of the submission are widely shared by all members present. Discussions on how best to add the national flag to the 7m2 sail. Ex. Have the flag in front of the sail number.

These aspects could also be discussed in a working group.

YES	NO
92%	8%

YES : 92% - Approved

YJ AGM 04-22 (FRA) – Race Management – Separate the U17 and U19 fleets on two course areas

Purpose :

To optimize races on continental and world championships, add in the racing policies to have 2 racing area when, at least one division (U19 Boys / U19 Girls / U17 Boys / U17 Girls) is splitted in two fleets or more. In that case, one course area will be for the U17 (Boys and Girls) fleets and one for the U19 (Boys and Girls) fleets.

This is what is currently being done at the European Youth & Junior Championships in Brest, but it is not made compulsory in the specifications imposed on organising clubs.

YES	NO
70,83%	29,17%

YES : 70,83% - Approved

YJ AGM 05-22 (FRA) – Race Management – To limit the rate of heat races at 50% of the total of races

Purpose :

Add a racing management guideline to limit the rate of heat races at 50% of the total of races because Slalom heat races do not allow all competitors to meet, that's why we have to limit the use of this format for a fair championship.

Robbert-Jan VAN VERZEN (NED – Coach)

Be careful because if this submission is voted, it means that if on the first day we do Slalom races and then the weather doesn't allow Course Racing, then the race direction will be completely blocked and may not be able to set up races at all !

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association

We now have a re-breaking system with two sets of heats which allows more mixing of fleets in Slalom. We need to be carefull because this submission may block the race management on event with very light wind.

It must also be taken into account that young sailors quite like slalom because they race with the leaders and that slalom is easier to race.

Matt RICKARD (EST – Coach)

We must be careful not to get stuck.

YES	NO
13,04%	86,96%

NO : 86,96% - Not approved

YJ AGM 06-22 (FRA) – Race Management – To limit the number of coach boats

Purpose :

For continental and world championship, limit the number of coach boats on the water.

According to the IOC's climate positive commitment and to address current environmental issues, we must be careful when traveling and during Class events. Limiting the number of coach boats is a basic action, which does not harm performance and which nevertheless allows to ensure the sailors safety.

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association
This cannot be a class rule and could only be integrated as race management

JP TOBIN (NZL)

This is a very important issue, however we cannot do without the coaches to ensure the safety of the riders during competitions.

He offers a friendly amendment : « If more than 4 windsurfers from the same nation are competing in the same course area the nation can have a supplemental Rib. »

Stephan ROCHE (FRA – Coach)

The friendly amendment is not accepted.

Bernt BLANKHOLM (NOR)

To facilitate such an evolution it would be necessary to think about having more races close to the shore

Matt RICKARD (EST – Coach)

We all agree that there are many (too many) coach boats (91 coaches for 266 racers at the Senior Worlds in Brest) on the water. But sailors need support.

Moreover, this submission may also penalize the smaller countries.

Mauro COVRE (ITA – Coach)

On championships like the one currently taking place in Brest, with really windy conditions, a boat for 6 sailors is not enough. We need to ensure safety first and foremost.

Alistair MASTERS (GBR – Coach)

If we are bringing new young sailors we need boats for even more obvious safety reasons.

Farrah HALL (USA) – International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association's ExCom

This will not be practical for mixed international teams either.

Bernt BLANKHOLM (NOR)

Not necessarily to the extent that different coaches can share the same boat.

YES	NO
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36%	64%
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NO : 64% - Not approved

Election of the President and members of the Executive Committee

The voting system was described.

Voting will take place by filling in a form.

This form needs to be sent by email within an hour after the end of the meeting.

Election of President

Two candidates have declared their interest :

Ronnie MEIR (ISR) - Candidate for re-election

Lorand UTASSY (HUN)

5 other candidates have presented their application to the executive committee :

Marja Hoveling (ARU) – Running for re-election

Nick Debo (BEL)

Stephan Roche (FRA)

Alistair Masters (GBR)

Farrah Hall (USA) – Running for re-election

The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall be composed of a minimum 5 and a maximum 9 persons, we have 7 declared candidates.

As such, all declared candidates will sit on the next Executive Committee.

The Class will be chaired by Lorand UTASSY as President for the coming year.

Extract from the votes cast :

22 Y&J AGM EXCOM FINAL VOTES				
MNA	NAME	YES	NO	TOTAL
RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT				
HUN	Lorand UTASSY			15
ISR	Ronnie MEIR			12
RUNNING FOR THE EXCOM				
ARU	Marja HOVELING			27
USA	Farrah HALL			27
GBR	Alistair MASTERS			26

FRA	Stéphan ROCHE			24
BEL	Nick DEBO			19

Any other business

At the coaches' meeting held in Silvaplana during the Youth & Junior World Championships, there was talk of ISR making a submission so that the U17s could also sail with carbon masts: what happened?

Gonzalo COSTA HOEVEL – Class Manager of the International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association
Contact has been made with Starboard to see if they will support this material development in the same way as they supported the move to carbon for the U19 last year.

Starboard believes that the package for the new comers into the sport will increase over 1000 euros and that this will damage the growth of the sport. There are a lot of new countries and emerging nations countries starting windsurfing programs and the price is very important for them. Starboard believes that the package for the age group U17 and U15 level should remain with the Alu mast keeping it simple and affordable. Knowing that, ISR didn't put the submission in.

Ronnie MEIR (ISR) - International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association's ExCom
I will try to continue the negotiations with Starboard in the next term.

2022 International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association Annual General Assembly ended at 21.47