

International Formula 18 Catamaran Association. Technical Committee minutes Saturday 5th December 2009.

1. Welcome by General Secretary (10h00).

2. Participants

Present:

Greg Gooddall builder
Pierre Charles Barraud Chief measurer
Olivier Bovyn President
Emanuel Boulogne builder
Observers : Florence Delory (FRA)
James Baeckler Gen Sec
Thomas Pierlet Vice President
liesbeth Osterhagen Dutch F18 Class

Apologies for absence.

john.e.williams measurer USA
Peter Vink builder/sail maker
Pablo Soldano sail maker

Absents

Darren Bundock
Regattawart representative
Hobie Cat representative
Northsails representative
Philippe.Neiras

3. Technical Committee organisation

Prepare for July 2010 WC a proposal (Gen Sec) taking in account the following recommendations:

- Organisation,
 - Once a year, on one day, during registration days at Worlds, (*next on 3rd July 2010*) after sailing time.
 - To provide December WC meeting with clear proposals, based on technical advice.
- Minutes process,
 - to issue unanimous decisions asap.
 - in case of dispute, then to circulate the contested point for WC information and final decision.
- Member nomination.

- Limited number of members with designation through WC
- No activity or no feed back would lead to status withdrawal
- 2009 nominated members:
 - IFCA President,
 - IFCA Vice President,
 - IFCA Gen Sec,
 - IFCA Chief Measurer,
 - John E. Williams,
 - Greg Goodall,
 - Emmanuel Boulogne,
 - Pablo Soldano,
 - Peter Vink,
 - Hobie rep.

4. Class Emblem

Recall about F18 class emblem use. Proposal for the design of an F18 emblem affix over nationality sail number when sails are delivered without a builder emblem.

- A Sail maker is producing sails with class emblem without certification process:
(website : <http://forward-sailing.fr/>)

Decision:

An official letter will be address to the sailmaker as last warning.

- Some sail makers are using for advertising the wording “F18 class emblem or class insigna” in product list.

Recall:

The F18 class emblem or logo designates the logo affix to the main sail at clue point.

Decision:

The wording “F18 class emblem or logo” shall not be used by sail maker in product list.

Recommendation:

For main sails produce without a builder emblem, sail makers may affix a logo over national letters with respect to class rules and wording. This logo may be - F18 – but different as the class logo.

5. Cloth list review and update

Request from AHPC:

Add in the cloth list: Dimension Polyant cloth for mainsail and jibs; PE05–3mil

Decision:

The TC agrees on the proposal from AHPC, and suggests for Dimension PEO5 – 3 mil to be added on the Official sailcloth List.

6. Spinnaker reinforcement definition and allowed cloth.

The new set of rules (SCR) will as the current set refer to the appendix for the cloth list.

In the SCR each sail will refer to a dedicated part of the cloth list.

The cloth list use for jib will be in Jib cloth list,

The main sail cloth list will be in Main cloth list,

The spinnaker cloth list will be in cloth list.

- Question: Is the spinnaker cloth list include all material used in the spinnaker including reinforcements?

Decision:

In order to not have in near future spinnaker made with laminated cloth TC suggests that for primary reinforcement on spinnakers, to use material from the sailcloth list and apply ERS rule for spinnaker reinforcements (*ERS limits size of reinforcement*).

7. Class rules crew weight

Technical committee recommendation for concerning class rules crew weight change (The proposal was presented by F. Delory).

In order to present to the July 2010 WC a weight submission change, a technical committee advice is issued:

To suggest the French Association, which agreed on the principle, to go on further testing, and to bring new evidence to WC in July 2010.

Decision :

In favour: EB (BCM), GG (AHPC),

Concerns: PCB, OB further test and checks needed. Amount of corrector weight,

Against: TP (BEL), LO (NED), JW (USA),

Abstain: Pablo Soldano.

8. Rig

Technical committee recommendation to WC in order to improve the rig reliability following 2009 Belgium Worlds last day racing.

Life duration for 3mm cable rig: All the taking parts are concerned even if the causes and explanations seems different.

- Forestay/Shroud: Greg Goodall recommends minimum 4 mm with only 1/19 wire cables which is cheap and available easily, Emmanuel Boulogne disagrees, the main point being at the fixing end.
- Rig attachments (on hull and mast) : French Association to put a submission in order to prohibit any textile in rig connection to hull and mast.
- TC suggests no textile to be used (except for bowsprit).
- Trapeze wire with textile: GG suggest to look back at Dynema©, and to possibly alter the rule according to a submission.

9. Any other business.

No other business, the meeting closed 13h00.

James Baeckler
Gen Sec