



International Nacra 17 Class Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2019

DECISIONS:

- a) Approval of spec change for Nacra Sailing to change the bearing bolts to a bolt plus eye design. This will allow sailors to better secure the daggerboard lock down line, and prevent some bearing failures.
- b) A Working Party to be formed consisting of Ben Remocker, Peter Vink, a member of the Technical Committee and up to 5 other Class members. Aim to add one WP member with experience in design, ideally someone from Morelli and Melvin. The WP to report back to EC by March 15 on recommended updates to the Nacra 17 specification for the 2021-2024 quadrennial.
- c) A Safety Working Party to be formed consisting of Marcus Spillane, Ben Remocker and up to 7 other Class members to discuss and review safety initiatives, like protective clothing and/or trapeze systems etc . with the aim of making recommendations to the Executive Committee by the 2019 Europeans
- d) Approval of a 2-week delay on the decision to change, or not, the Nacra 17 elevator until after testing of the new elevator can be conducted in Vilamoura. Another Executive meeting scheduled for February 22, 2019

Call for Specification Working Party Members

The Nacra 17 Executive is forming a Working Party to recommend spec changes for the 2021-2024 Quadrennial. We have 19 months until Tokyo, and wish for any spec changes that might come for the 2021-2024 quad to be in place by the time the 2020 games are concluding.

The Working Party will be made up of Ben Remocker, Peter Vink, a representative from the Technical Committee, and up to 5 other members. If you are interested and willing to serve on the WP, please write to Ben Remocker.



While work like this might normally be done by the Technical Committee, that committee has been burdened heavily this year managing all of the class rule changes. That work seems likely to need to continue, and therefore we are striking a separate working party for this piece of work.

For the next 4 weeks, we will meet weekly to review options, and produce a report to the Executive Committee. The Executive will then present a plan to the class and Nacra Sailing at an open forum ahead of Palma. Ultimately, it will be up to Nacra to receive this report and implement design changes as they see fit, as they are the copy right holders.

People are welcome to suggest changes in the comments section below as well.

Call for Safety Working Party Members

The Nacra 17 Executive is forming a Safety Working Party to oversee safety related initiatives for the class.

The Safety WP will be a working party of the executive, and will be chaired by Marcus Spillane and have up to 7 other members. If you are interested and willing to serve on the Committee, please write to Ben Remocker.

For the next 3 months, we will meet weekly to review options, and produce a report to the Executive Committee. The Executive will then present the report and any initiatives to the class and Nacra Sailing at an open forum ahead of the Europeans.

People are welcome to suggest changes in the comments section below as well.

Update on the Current Elevator

The executive voted to delay any decision on the current elevator for two weeks, in order to get on water feedback on the updated elevator design. There is currently one prototype in Vilamoura and a second prototype will be sent this week.

All class members are reminded to be diligent and professional in their approach to their trapeze systems. Many of the rudder strikes that have occurred have been through failure of some part of the trapeze or harness, so please ensure you are each doing all you can to spec and maintain your trapeze systems.

Why are we discussing Elevators?

- 3 X injuries requiring 30+ stitches
- 2 X injuries between 5-30 stitches (10 stitches, 7)
- 20+ confirmed rudder/elevator strikes resulting in bruising, sometimes very heavy.
- 19 months of sailing from July 2017 – January 2019
- 140 people sailing for an strike rate of 1 strike per 10 person per year



- 19 more months until the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

What other options have been reviewed?

- Avoidance of line of fire
 - kick up rudder options
 - adding racks to the outside of the platform
 - moving the rudders inboards
- Reduction of Harm
 - Blunter Elevators
 - Mandatory Cut Resistant Clothing

Members Vote?

- Members were asked to choose between two options
 - Change to blunter elevator asap of same size as current
 - No change until after Tokyo
- Votes open from Jan 26 - Feb 2
- Received ~70 Votes – 53 against and 17 for
- 76% selected to make no change before Tokyo 2020

It was reported to the executive that people remain concerned about the safety of the current elevators, but are unsure that the proposed change would work well on the water and can be implemented in a suitable timeframe. Therefore, the executive decided that we would wait two more weeks to gain additional information from on water testing and to give Nacra Sailing a chance to present a firm roll out plan to the executive. We will meet again on February 22nd.