

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL NACRA 17 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

In accordance with the International Nacra 17 Class Association Constitution, this Notice, dated October 31, 2019, gives the required 28 days' notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Class.

The meeting will be held on November 27, 2019 at 1900hrs Auckland Time.

The meeting shall be conducted at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club and only members of the World Council shall be entitled to vote.

Resolutions

There are 4 Ordinary Resolutions, 3 Special Resolutions and 1 Class Policy resolution.

Ordinary Resolutions and Class Policy resolutions require a simple majority to pass. The Special Resolutions deal with Class Rule Changes and, under the Class Constitution, a 2/3 majority is required to pass.

Marcus Spillane

President

International Nacra 17 Class Association

Ordinary Resolution 1: To Elect Carolina Werner (GER) as a Class Vice President

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International Nacra 17 Class Association

PROPOSAL

To elect Carolina Werner (GER) as a Class Vice President for a 2-year term beginning from the date of this 2019 AGM

REASONS

Carolina has served the class well and is willing to continue in this capacity.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO

Ordinary Resolution 2: To Elect Lisa Darmanin (AUS) as a Class Vice President

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International Nacra 17 Class Association

PROPOSAL

To elect Lisa Darmanin (AUS) as a Class Vice President for a 2-year term beginning from the date of this 2019 AGM

REASONS

Lisa has served the class well and is willing to continue in this capacity.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO

Ordinary Resolution 3: To elect Nathan Outteridge (AUS) as a Class Vice President

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International Nacra 17 Class Association

PROPOSAL

To elect Nathan Outteridge (AUS) as a Class Vice President for a 2-year term beginning from the date of this 2019 AGM.

REASONS

Nathan has served the Class well and is willing to continue in this capacity.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO

Ordinary Resolution 4: To elect David Campbell James (GBR) as the Chief Financial Officer of the Class Association

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International Nacra 17 Class Association

PROPOSAL

To elect David Campbell James (GBR) as the Class CFO for a 2-year term beginning from the date of this 2019 AGM.

REASONS

David has served the Class well and is willing to continue in this capacity.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO

Special Resolution 1: Change the How Sail Numbers are Displayed

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International Nacra 17 Class Association

PROPOSAL

To change how are sail numbers are displayed at elite level regattas.

RESOLUTION

To add the change the following sections:

Delete current rule C.11.3(b) and replace with the following, and amend C.11.3(d) to read as follows:

~~(c) The national letters and the sail numbers shall be black in colour and applied according to the dimensions as defined in Appendix section K immediately under batten nr. 4. The national letters and numbers shall comply with the RRS Appendix G except where specified otherwise in (b) IDENTIFICATION and in Appendix section K.~~

C.11.3 MAINSAIL

(b) IDENTIFICATION

- (i) In the International Nacra 17 Class World Championship (excluding Junior World Championships), Continental Championships and the Sailing World Cup Final, the sail numbers shall be applied to the sail, back to back, on an opaque circular background which shall be positioned no more than 100mm below batten 4 from the **head point** and within 100 mm of the **leech**.

The national letters shall be applied to the sail such that the starboard side is no more than 100mm above batten 5 from the **head point** and within 100 mm of the **luff**, and the port side is no more than 100mm below batten 5 from the **head point**, and within 100mm of the **luff**.

The opaque backgrounds, national letters and sail numbers shall be ordered and purchased from the N17ICA and shall not be trimmed or cut. This amends RRS Appendix G1.3(a) & (c).

- (ii) At other events, the national letters and the sail numbers may be as prescribed in C.11.3(b)(i), or shall be black in colour and applied according to the dimensions as defined in Appendix section K immediately under batten nr. 4. The national letters and numbers shall comply with the RRS Appendix G except where specified otherwise in (b) IDENTIFICATION and in Appendix section K.

(d) NATIONAL FLAGS

- (i) All teams when racing in the Nacra 17 World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cup Series events shall display their national flag. The flag shall be placed on the ~~starboard~~ port side of the mainsail between the 3rd and 4th battens from the head point of the sail.
- (ii) Flags shall only be ordered and purchased through the IN17CA and shall not be trimmed or cut.
- (iii) The National Flag shall be corresponding to the Country Code displayed in the sail number.

REASONS

The black numbers typically used since 2013 do not show up very well from a distance or on camera. Identifying which boat is which is a vital part of communication of our sport, and having clear sail numbers aids that goal.

The proposed sail numbers show up well on camera, and additionally help our race officials and coaches conduct their duties. While the cost of these numbers is higher than regular, unbacked, numbers, the increase in cost is minimal compared to the cost of campaigning.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO

Special Resolution 2: Change how the top 20 numbers are assigned

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International Nacra 17 Class Association

PROPOSAL

To change how the top 20 sail numbers are assigned.

RESOLUTION

To add the change the following sections:

Move current rule C.11.3(b)(1)(i) and (ii) and amend as follows to form new rule A.9:

A.9 SAIL NUMBERS

A.9.1 Sail numbers shall be any of the following:

- (a) The number shown on the ISAF/World Sailing International Class building plaque on the boat, or on any boat still owned by the crew members; or
- (b) In the International Nacra 17 Class World Championships (Excluding Junior World Championships), Continental Championships and the Sailing World Cup ~~events~~ Final; any helm or crew ever having placed in the top 25 at a Nacra 17 Class World Championship ~~previously~~, or having competed at the most recent Olympic Games shall use an ICA issued personal sail number between 1 – 99, which shall be renewed on an annual basis. Helms having raced at the previous ~~Olympic Games~~ World Championship and placed in the top 10 may use the number corresponding with this finishing position.

REASONS

Using the result at the most recent world championships is a clearer indication of the current ranking within the class than the Olympic finish. To recognize Olympic achievement, the class will adopt a policy of assigning Olympic medallists specialized sail number backings, which will include rings for Olympic medallists to designate this achievement.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO

Special Resolution 3: Change the side of the sail we put the country flag on

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International Nacra 17 Class Association

PROPOSAL

Amend C.11.3(d) to read as follows:

RESOLUTION

(d) NATIONAL FLAGS

- (i) All teams when racing in the Nacra 17 World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cup Series events shall display their national flag. The flag shall be placed on the starboard port side of the mainsail between the 3rd and 4th battens from the head point of the sail. Legacy mainsail flags and placement shall alternatively satisfy this requirement.
- (ii) Flags shall only be ordered and purchased through the IN17CA and shall not be trimmed or cut.
- (iii) The National Flag shall be corresponding to the Country Code displayed in the sail number.

REASONS

Putting the flags on port makes for better photos and live video, since the fleet is most commonly shot from the pin end of the start line and from the port side of the race course.

We need not have existing flags be replaced, but can start with new flags being put onto the port side of the sails.

QUESTION:

Do you wish to approve this resolution? Yes / NO

Policy Resolution 1: Allow All Female Teams to Race in Nacra 17 Regattas

Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, International 49er Class Association

PROPOSAL

To allow all female teams race in regattas which the Class controls; namely the World Championships (other than the World Sailing Championships), the Junior World Championships, and Class Continental Championships.

POLICY

Class championships under the control of the International Nacra 17 Class Association, including the World Championships, Junior World Championships, and the Continental Championships should specify that the Nacra 17 Events will be eligible to Mixed and Female teams. Note that ranking points, at this point, may not be available to all female teams as they are administered by World Sailing.

REASONS

Based on a female entry to the 2020 49er World Championship, the 49er class has conducted a legal review of our eligibility requirements. In recent years we have used the phrase ‘Olympic Gender requirements will apply’ to define who can participate. The legal review has revealed that there is no such thing as the Olympic Gender Requirements, and further, that it is illegal to restrict women from competing in a men’s event, even if there is an equivalent women’s event. However, it did reinforce it is legal to restrict men from racing in a women’s event. As such, we must adopt eligibility requirements stating the Nacra 17 may be raced by Mixed or Female teams.

“Failure to allow females to try out for or compete on male teams or to compete in male competitions would be considered unequal treatment and would amount to discrimination on the basis of sex. Further, refusing such opportunities would amount to denying females the opportunity to be judged on their personal merits, which constitutes differential treatment, and, by definition, discrimination.”

Until 2008, the Tornado was an Open event. In 2013, the 49erFX and Nacra 17 were brought into the games to provide high performance sailing opportunities specifically for women, with the Women’s only 49erFX and the Mixed Nacra 17. At the same time, the 49er was moved by World Sailing to be Men only, and we’ve never had a debate on the topic of eligibility.

The move to bring in the women’s skiff and mixed Nacra 17 was a tacit admission that Open sailing competitions were not providing sufficient, equal, and attractive opportunities for female sailors. This initiative has largely worked, and both classes are well supported and both classes have brought far greater opportunities to race high performance boats for women. In 2015 the same logic was applied to the Youth 29er events, which has moved from being Open, with very few female sailors, to splitting into separate fleets, and there are now strong girl fleets in the 29er at the Youth Worlds.

However, in only allowing Mixed team, we eliminate the opportunity for Female to sail the Nacra 17. Few women did take the option to race in the Tornado, the quantity hardly impacted the opportunity for men to sail the catamarans. Women do not seem to possess any sort of competitive advantage over men with respect to sailing Nacra 17.

Some might argue that equality means a hard line should be placed around genders. If there is a women's boat, then there must be a man's boat. But this logic ignores the true reasoning behind the creation of female only and mixed events. The history of our sport suggests women needed gender specific Events in order to be sufficiently attracted to these high-performance classes to dedicate their lives to our sport. But Men do not need Women to be excluded from Nacra 17 to be willing to make a similar effort.

It has been found, legally, that the concept of equal opportunity includes the opportunity to participate and compete at one's own level. This means that simply making both male and female competitions available and preventing females from competing with males simply because a female competitive opportunity is available would be insufficient to satisfy this approach to the concept of equal opportunity.

Another way to look at equality is the opportunities available to Olympic sailors, retired and active from Olympic duty. Currently, dozens of 49er and Nacra 17 sailors are getting pro jobs in AC, SailGP, TP52, GC32, and VOR. The only female sailors getting pro jobs in these boats were the mandated ones in VOR and Marie Riou, who was recruited with her regular helm, Billy Besson. It could be argued that for female sailors might gain additional respect and reputation sufficient to get a pro job through appearances or performances with or against male competition.

The Nacra 17 Class has not had any requests to have Female participants in recent years – but when we do we should aim to make them feel welcome.

Our classes should aim be an enabling vehicle for as many opportunities people want to take as possible, and restrict only when necessary. Having the Nacra 17 join the Olympic program has been excellent with so many more opportunities created for women to sail. Let's extend that spirit to the Female teams and have Nacra 17 class run regattas should be Mixed or Female as the standard.

Nacra 17 class

International Nacra 17 Class Association (Euros)

All amounts in Euros

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY19 YTD	FY20 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Championship Revenue						
European Championships	4,400	7,500	5,300	7,500	5,500	4,800
World Championships	4,400	15,000	10,000	7,500		4,600
Junior World Championships	-	1,500	160	1,500	180	360
<i>Total Championship Revenue</i>	<i>8,800</i>	<i>24,000</i>	<i>15,460</i>	<i>16,500</i>	<i>5,680</i>	<i>9,760</i>
Boat Fees	3,960	10,000	13,230	10,000	13,910	9,000
Membership Dues	6,041	7,000	3,697	8,000	3,800	4,000
Gain or Loss Exchange	21	(400)	-	(400)	2	-
Miscellaneous	-	-		-	9,251	-
Total Income	18,822	40,600	32,387	34,100	32,643	22,760
Expense						
Bank Service Charges	227		35	-	120	150
Class Promotion & Marketing	-	5,000		-	-	-
Dues and Subscriptions	257	-	500	500	-	500
Management Fee	-	12,000	12,000	12,000	9,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	1,804	-		-	-	-
Professional Fees	250	-		-	112	120
Other	172	-		-	-	-
Technical & Measurement	-	-		-	-	-
Travel	10,841	20,000	8,467	20,000	9,236	10,000
Website	-	-		-	-	-
Total Expense	13,551	37,000	21,002	32,500	18,468	22,770
Net Ordinary Income	5,271	3,600	11,385	1,600	14,175	(10)

Income Statement

Nacra 17 Class Association

#	Account	2018
Income		
4200	Gain/Loss on Exchange**	€ 0,00
4001	Membership	€ 3 696,54
4002	Sail Levy	€ 13 230,00
Total Income		€ 16 926,54
Expenses		
5520	Bank Charges & Interest Expense	€ 35,29
5001	Management Fee	€ 12 000,00
5720	Travel Expense	€ 3 639,26
Total Expenses		€ 15 674,55
Net Income		€ 1 251,99

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Balance Sheet

Nacra 17 Class Association

#	Account	Dec 31, 2018
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash		
1021	PostFinance CHF *08277	€ 70,62
1020	PostFinance EUR *08312	€ 392,60
Total Cash		€ 463,22
Unpaid Invoices		
1100	Accounts Receivable	€ 13 354,35
Total Unpaid Invoices		€ 13 354,35
Total Current Assets		€ 13 817,57
Total Assets		€ 13 817,57
Liabilities & Equity		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Unpaid Bills		
2100	Accounts Payable	€ 12 000,00
Total Unpaid Bills		€ 12 000,00
Other		
2401	Due to 49er Class	€ 565,58
Total Other		€ 565,58
Total Current Liabilities		€ 12 565,58
Total Liabilities		€ 12 565,58
Equity		
Equity from Earnings		
Net Income		€ 1 251,99
Total Equity from Earnings		€ 1 251,99
Total Equity		€ 1 251,99
Total Liabilities & Equity		€ 13 817,57

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Income Statement

Nacra 17 Class Association

#	Account	Jan-Sep 19
Income		
4003	Europeans Entry Fee	€ 5 500,00
4200	Gain/Loss on Exchange**	€ 1,88
4004	Junior World Championship Championship Fee	€ 180,00
4001	Membership	€ 3 800,00
4900	Other Income	€ 9 251,61
4002	Sail Levy	€ 13 910,00
Total Income		€ 32 643,49
Expenses		
5520	Bank Charges & Interest Expense	€ 120,30
5001	Management Fee	€ 9 000,00
5900	Other Expense	€ 111,60
5720	Travel Expense	€ 9 235,93
Total Expenses		€ 18 467,83
Net Income		€ 14 175,66

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Balance Sheet

Nacra 17 Class Association

#	Account	Sep 30, 2019
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash		
1021	PostFinance CHF *08277	€ 32,16
1020	PostFinance EUR *08312	€ 12 381,74
Total Cash		€ 12 413,90
Unpaid Invoices		
1100	Accounts Receivable	€ 4 798,78
Total Unpaid Invoices		€ 4 798,78
Total Current Assets		€ 17 212,68
Total Assets		€ 17 212,68
Liabilities & Equity		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Unpaid Bills		
2100	Accounts Payable	€ 1 785,03
Total Unpaid Bills		€ 1 785,03
Other		
2401	Due to 49er Class	€ 0,00
Total Other		€ 0,00
Total Current Liabilities		€ 1 785,03
Total Liabilities		€ 1 785,03
Equity		
Equity from Earnings		
Net Income		€ 14 175,66
3000	Retained Earnings	€ 1 251,99
Total Equity from Earnings		€ 15 427,65
Total Equity		€ 15 427,65
Total Liabilities & Equity		€ 17 212,68

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Unpaid Bills
Nacra 17 Class Association
As of September 30, 2019

Supplier	Current	1-30	31-60	61-90	>90	Total
Marcus Spillane	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 1 785,03	€ 0,00	€ 1 785,03
Grand Total	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 1 785,03	€ 0,00	€ 1 785,03

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Unpaid Invoices
Nacra 17 Class Association
As of September 30, 2019

Client	Current	1-30	31-60	61-90	>90	Total
49er Class	€ 0,00	€ 3 488,40	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 1 310,38	€ 4 798,78
Grand Total	€ 0,00	€ 3 488,40	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 1 310,38	€ 4 798,78

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