

To: IECU

Regarding: AGM 2006 - to be held in Skovshoved Denmark.

From: Europe Class Denmark (ECD), 29 may 2006.

Dear all

During the last year we have in Denmark in the Class organisation, among sailors – trainers, sail makers etc. had a lot of very constructive discussions about the future development of our wonderful boat the Europe.

It is evident for us that we have a lot of possibilities on the class rules, technical development of the boat and the “gear”, the format for int. competitions, the constitution of IECU etc.

Further on we find it very important that the class gets a better foothold throughout the world.

We do however not think that the AGM is the right forum to take these discussions in ! We find that the time used for discussions and the format it self are insufficient.

(Proposal 1) It is therefore our proposals that the AGM decides that the Board of the Int. Europeclass should form – control – and support one ore more working groups to come up with future initiatives for the class. The Working groups members should be broad and consist of sailors, trainers, boat builders, sail makers, rule experts, the board etc. The mandate for groups should be clarified at the AGM.

Following above mentioned work, the coming year will result in a transition period where every body should be prepared for and ready to major changes. In this coming year we should be very careful not to take any decisions at the AGM which can block for the future development of the class.

As input for the AGM this year and in accordance with above mentioned we propose

- 1) (Proposal 2) - A further modification of RRS 42. in our class rules in order to make the rule work with the Europe. (not destroying the fun of sailing and making it more objective for judges). As you know we have in Denmark done a lot to work with the existing rule.  
The proposal will include.  
Giving the rule “free” down to 1,5 m/sek as it is now according to the Europe Class rules above 6 m/sek.  
Modifying RRS 42.3d  
Forbidding the pump elastic.  
Abandoning races where wind below 1,5 m/sek has been measured.  
(the proposal will be presented in details and discussed at the AGM)
- 2) (Proposal 3) - Reducing the possibilities to used more than one piece of each gear at races.  
We propose that a sailor at any race or event can only use  
One piece of mast, boom, rudder, rudderstock & tiller, centerboard and probably also one sail.

Dispensations only to be given if gear is proved broken and cant be fixed reasonably.

If there are any questions please contact us at [povl.friis@mail.dk](mailto:povl.friis@mail.dk)

On behalf of Europe Class Denmark

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