

Dear members,

At the begin of the New Year, we want to give you an update about what we were doing in 2020. Unfortunately, with the pandemic making it necessary to cancel the 50th world championship in Medemblik, there was no opportunity to meet in person. Further down, you find individual reports from the board members.

Despite the reduced sailing activity, we consider it important to keep things going, so we met regularly on Skype.

One of the main topics were future events. We decided to **stick to the original schedules as long as possible**, always bearing in mind that **there might be last minute changes or cancellations**. There is no point in adjusting early on to a scenario, which might be different again when the time comes. However, we already know that there won't be flights to Australia till mid '21 (possibly longer), and the Australian class has asked whether their originally in January 22 planned worlds could be postponed by a year.

The planning is now:

- 50th World Championship in **Germany** (Warnemünde) in **July 2021**
- Europeans in **Austria** (Attersee), **Summer 2022**
- 51st Worlds in **Australia** (Perth) in **January 2023**
- 52th Worlds in **Denmark**, **Summer 2023**

If possible, **worlds 2024 in America**. **Switzerland** wants to host the **2024 Europeans**, and **Italy** has signalled interest to host a **world championship** again, which might be **2025**.

Warm greetings and best wishes for 2021 !

Roberto, Simon, Jacqueline, David, Cees

MEDIA REPORT

For 2020 the ICA planned to use our own Instagram account for the first time and test its communication tools during the Worlds in Medemblik. Due to the year with only a few minor regattas and some national championships in France, Italy, Germany, and Denmark during the crisis there was not so much to talk about.

But nevertheless, we created the account and succeeded in a long "fight" to get the already used channel name "contendersailing" for our Instagram account. So, if you are on Instagram look for this channel and please follow. While still running our website, we consider Instagram as a suitable communication tool as it is easier to reach out to sailors who may never heard about the Contender, on the website you only click, if you are already interested in the class. As our sport produces great images and videos, we should not just keep them for ourselves but share them with the sailing world. As this channel needs content, I encourage you to send me photos and videos or links to those and use the hashtag #contendersailing whenever you post on Instagram yourself.

I am especially thankful for the idea of the "**12 hours challenge**" last year from our World Champion Max Billerbeck. Not only it was fun take part in a socially distanced competition, but it also triggered some attention from digital and printed journals. Even the competition is finished, let me know

when you break the **record of 97,5nm in 12h**. I appreciate every idea and content presenting our beloved class.

I also hope to receive great photos from Australia over the European winter and will again start storytelling about the last worlds which have not been covered during first lockdown, sharing youtube videos and a FAQ series.

I am looking forward to race with you again, hang loose, and keep me posted!

David

FINANCIAL REPORT

ICA Balance by Nov 30 th , 2020		
	Bank €	Observations
Account on July 12th 2019 (just before 2019 AGM)	€ 18'598	
Income:		
National Fees 2019 Australia	354	59 members
World Sailing plaque fees	581	fees from 2019Q2 to 2020Q2 (20 plaques issued)
Income total	€ 935	
Expenses:		
Banking Fees	160	€9.95 /month
Support for the 2019 French Worlds	1000	
Representation	180	Appreciation of French organisers and Chris stepping down as secretary
World Sailing Contribution	277	Contribution for 2020
Website hosting, Jan Tofaute	637	Fee for 2019 and 2020
Expenses total	€ 2'254	
Change this period	-€ 1'319	
Account on Dec 30th, 2020	€ 17'279	
Notes:		
- This period covers 18 month since last AGM in France.		
- All National Associations have paid their 2019 fees.		
- No fees were collected in 2020 to support National Associations in Corona times.		
- No costs associated with events, the Medemblik Worlds were timely canceled by the organisers avoiding unrecoverable costs.		
- No pending commitments or requests for support to associated related to past events		

ICA recognises that the current situation may present difficulties for National Associations, therefore and also due to there not having been a world championship event last year, **the ICA has waived 2020 fees to National Associations.**

Cees

Budget 2021		
	Expenses	Income
Membership fees		2700
ISAF Plaque fees		415
Youth support	900	
World Sailing 2020	285	
Banking costs per year	130	
Internet hosting per year	300	
Media (digital) production	500	
German Worlds support	1000	
	3115	3115
Support innovative promotional initiatives	500	proposal, pending AGM/NA approv
	3615	3115

Notes:

- Balanced budget to compensate for the appr. 1000 that cash reserves shrunk in Corona year.
 - German Worlds might attract a large number of youth sailors, Youth support could be under estimated.
 - "Media" is intendend to stimulate images and video productions promoting the Contender on Internet.
 - The proposed support for "innovative" promotion can be used for, e.g. making a boat available for public use.
- Since this has to come out of the ICA reserves, it is appropriate that it can only be spent with approval by AGM or majority of NA's.

TECHNICAL REPORT

Report technical Officer ICA 2020

2020 – a year with very little racing for most of us. I hope that you and your loved ones got through this crazy year ok and will continue to do so.

Apparently, the lockdown in spring has made people think about how to occupy their time. I got several inquiries from potential self-builders, and am curious to see how many home build boats we'll see on the race course soon. Furthermore, an Italian boatyard and composite specialist has asked World Sailing for a license as Contender builder.

Are you aware that we get **updated racing rules in 2021**? They bring a **new rule about trapeze harnesses (in force from 2023 on)**. It states that only **quick release harnesses** as per an ISO standard may be used. However, classes who wish this not to be applicable can change it in their class rules. This rule change is important. There are insecurities around it, and **in order to keep our currently used harnesses legal, I'll quickly initiate a rule change proposal**. I hope that we can have an AGM this year and vote on it.

Remember, a class rule change takes time, first the wording of a proposal must be approved by World Sailing, then it has to pass a 2/3 majority at the AGM, then it needs a simple majority in a postal ballot, and in the end, World Sailing has to publish it.

The pandemic has some positive side effects: World sailing held its annual conference in a series of online meetings. In the past, their conferences were in fancy places like the Bahamas, enabling only the rich classes to send a delegate. With the result, that only their interests were represented. The online version has made it a lot more democratic. Myself, I participated in the class committee gathering on behalf of ICA. It was a five-hour marathon, with a record number of classes participating. I hope that future conferences will also be held online, because this way, World Sailing can turn into an organisation who actually represents all the sailors and not mainly the rich elites.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water again, and wishing you a happy new year!

Jacqueline



(dates still to be confirmed)