

1995 IAA MINUTES

July 27, 1995
Kingston, Ontario

Notes of the Open Meeting

1. Current membership levels in national class associations are:

Canada 154+
UK 278
US 54

2. Allocation of boat numbers

35 boat numbers were released to builders in the last 2 years;
75 boat numbers were released to builders in the previous 2 years.

3. Albacore redesign initiative -Don Oakie

Don displayed a model hull that could be fabricated in 3 pieces and that would:

- cause no changes in performance
- lower the cost
- make the boat more attractive
- make the boat safer

The proposed design had the following features:

- considerably less than the present total of 1800 feet of edge to finish caused by a 7 piece design
- strong construction employing a spider-grid I beam system that could replace some of the present coring
- buoyancy in the floor, which is 1" below the water level. Buoyancy in the sides should be avoided as it causes a boat to float high after capsizing with a resulting tendency to turtle
- buoyancy consists of a single tank with a drain plug in the transom. Backup flotation would be provided by sealed plastic juice bottles permanently contained within the tank
- an open transom allowing instant drainage
- removable (floodable) side panels that permit variations in rigging schemes and that could be re-tooled to create seats for example.
- no thwarts
- 9" wide centerboard case
- recessed moulding in the foredeck to allow for prebend and ram location
- a redesigned centerboard that could be installed from the bottom and held in by its own pin. There would be no centerboard pin as we now know it
- rigging details could be highly personalized
- wooden construction is possible
- at hardware attachment points, the floor would be reinforced by insertion of a 1/8" aluminum plate at the top of the spider beam, tapped at the top.

Don could not estimate the weight of this new design or the cost savings. It currently takes 85 hours to build a hull, resulting in a price of \$4,500 Canadian in 1995 for a bare cored hull. Savings of the order of \$1,000 - \$2,000 Canadian might be achieved.

Don would welcome design assistance with:

- a good gasket system -inexpensive and low maintenance
- the centre pivot hole
- how to shim a centerboard
- mast-gate material
- an interior layout to accommodate a wide variety of rigging systems centerboards and foils
- a simple kickup rudder head

Actions on the redesign project in the last 2 years include:

- submission of a proposal by Don Oakie and Derek Ethel
- circulation of the proposal to Canada and the US for comment
- submission of comments by the Canadian and US executive committees
- receipt of cheques from the UK and Canada by Don Oakie and his return of them

Reasons for the lack of progress were given as the Kingsfield issue, the lack of a central steering committee, and ownership of the copyright by the Royal Yachting Association.

4. Albacores in other countries

- Ireland had 14+ boats 18 months ago. They have a draft constitution in place.
- In Cyprus, there is a lack of continuity as the boats are used by transient service personnel
- Boat owners in Bermuda were invited to the 1995 Worlds

Respectfully submitted by Daphne Byron, IAA
Secretary , on 7 August 1995

Minutes of the IAA Executive Committee meeting held at Kingston, Ontario on July

27th and 28th, 1995

Present:

IAA Executive members:

Rosemary Helmer (Canada)	President
Ian Rogers (Canada)	Treasurer
Peter Fontes (UK)	
Ron James (UK)	

Non-voting members (until item 2, revised constitution, was passed):

Daphne Byron (US)	Secretary
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David Wallerstein (US)

Past president

Observers:

Rick Clayton (Canada)

Chris Gorton (Canada)

Barney Harris (US)

Mike McNamara (UK)

1. Proxy:

Ken Ayrtton had appointed Peter Fontes as his proxy.

2. Revised constitution -Ratification of proportional voting proposal

Ian Rogers and Peter Fontes had submitted an amended constitution to the president dates 23 June 1995, which was appended to the minutes of the meeting (Attachment A). These amendments primarily incorporated changes to the definitions of IAA Member and Associate Member and to their voting rights, that had been separately approved by the NAA, CAA and USAA. Some additional amendments had been included by Ian Rogers and Peter Fontes.

A proposal by Ian Rogers, seconded by Peter Fontes, to accept the amended constitution of 23 June 1995 was withdrawn.

After discussion which introduced modifications into the amended constitution, Ian Rogers, seconded by Peter Fontes, proposed acceptance of a modified, amended constitution of 23 June 1995 (Attachment B. Note that the changes from the 23 Julie version are highlighted.). The motion was carried unanimously.

The modifications included:

Contents: Addition of an entry for Article XI Terms of Officers, Councillors and Delegates

Article V, item 8: Introduction of wording to clarify the sequence of approval of changes to the rules

Article VI: Restoration of the word "therefore" instead of the substituted word "henceforth"

Deletion of the phrase "as of the year 1974" in the 1981 version, because it was incorrect.

Deletion of the phrase "which agreement will not unreasonably be withheld", since it is not possible to obligate a third party.

Article XV: Deletion of "and the same must be ratified by all National Associations" in the 1981 version, since their opinions have already been reflected by their IAA councillors and voted at a General or Special Meeting.

Article XX: Restoration of the first and last items (numbers 1 and 4)

Title: Insertion of the word "Class" before "Rules"

Item 1: Replacement of the word "Council" with "Association"

Item 2: Insertion of the words "Class Rules or overall policies" after "Constitution" for consistency of scope with the title of this article.

3. Amendment to Article V

The following motion was included on the meeting agenda:

Proposed by: Ken Ayrton, NAA on 8 March 1995

Seconded by: Peter Fontes, NAA on 10 March 1995

Proposal:

"To reinstate the former paragraph 9 of Article III of the 1977 Constitution as paragraph 9 of Article V of the proposed new Constitution, renumbering the subsequent paragraphs in Article V accordingly and with the following wording:

Proposed changes to the International Rules which have been approved by the International Rules Committee may be used until the next General Meeting of the Association but not thereafter unless approved by the National Associations, the Association and the Royal Yachting Association."

Reason for proposal:

To enable the International Rules Committee to take immediate interim action where drastic changes from the spirit of the class rules, such as deck -stepped masts or scooped are being introduced.

This motion was modified slightly to read:

"9. Proposed interim changes to the International Rules which have been **unanimously** approved by the International Rules Committee may be used until the next General or Special Meeting of the Association but not thereafter unless approved by the National Associations, the Association and the Royal Yachting Association."

and carried unanimously.

4. Amendment to Article XV

The purpose of this amendment is made with the intention of avoiding the awkward arrangement to divide votes between two Councillors by lot by means of doubling the votes allocated to each Member. Ratios are identical as previously agreed.

The following motion was proposed by Rosemary Helmer and seconded by Ian Rogers:

"Article XV

1. Members voting rights at General and Special General Meetings shall be carried and exercised by the Councillors of each Member.

A resolution made at a General or Special Meeting shall be approved and passed if a majority of votes are cast in favour of the resolution provided that the majority of votes in favour must include votes cast by Councillors from at least two (2) Members. The number of votes exercisable by the Councillor or Councillors of each Member shall be in accordance with the following:

Certified Owner-Members of IAA Members Votes

15 -50 members	2
51-100 members	4
101 -200 members	6
201 -325 members	8
326 -500 members	10
501 + members	12

The motion was carried unanimously

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was postponed, as members had, not had time to review them. Members will submit comments in writing to the Secretary.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Association had approximately \$1700 Canadian in cash, having spend about \$200 in the last couple of years.

Discussion of a levy against the national associations was postponed until a need was identified.

7. Technical Sub-Committee

The following motion was proposed by Rosemary Helmer and seconded by Daphne Byron:

"That the IAA create and appoint a Technical Sub-Committee comprised of the Chief Measurers and/or Chiefs of Specifications or their designates drawn from the National Associations being prepared to contribute money to the Albacore Interior Redesign project.

The purpose of this Sub-Committee shall be to:

1. Identify the specific goals which are to be achieved by an interior re-design project of the Albacore
2. Actively solicit the opinions of existing and any other builder(s) who wish to develop interior re-design proposals
3. Identify the rule changes that would be necessary (if any) in order to the proposed re-design to conform to the standard of being an Albacore when measured

4. Provide a written recommendation to the IAA Executive regarding each of one or more builder's projects recommended for final confirmation. This recommendation shall include:

Part I:

- a) all technical specifications and requirements of the project
- b) Class Rules, if any, which will need to be changed to activate the project

Part II: If funding is required, then the following shall be included in the recommendation:

- c) the cost reductions which are expected to be achieved by the recommended interior redesign versus the builder's current interior design and the reduction in retail price which can reasonable be expected from the re-design
- d) the benefits to the Albacore class of the new re-design, including its expected ability to increase boat sales, etc.
- e) the total cost of the project showing the cost of the project by phase (including design, tooling, and prototype development, etc.) The recommended funding formula indicating the portions to be contributed by each and all parties to the proposed contract. A specific request for funds from the IAA and/or its Member national associations by country.
- f) a recommended contract for the IAA to enter into with the recommended builder(s)
- g) identification of the nature of the ownership status proposed for the copyright of the re-design by the IAA and the builder(s) for anyone project

The IAA Executive requires the Technical Sub-Committee to provide a written report to the IAA Executive via the Secretary of the Association regarding step 1, the identification of specific project goals, by September 1, 1995. It further requires that any project falling under this Technical Sub-Committee's mandate be brought forward, as hastily as the Sub-Committee and Builder(s) can comply with the reporting requirements of the requested recommendation."

A second motion was proposed by Rosemary Helmer and seconded by Peter Fontes:

"That the IAA approach each of the Member National Associations to confirm that any monies they are prepared to contribute to the recommended re-design project be transferred to the IAA for the purpose of enabling the IAA. to execute a contract between the IAA and the builder(s) recommended by the Technical Sub-Committee on the Interior Re-design of the Albacore to the benefit of the Albacore Class and the Member National Associations participating in the project. Any National Association contributing monies will have representation on the Technical Sub-Committee as

described in the previous motion."

These two motions were drafted on July 28th and finalized on July 29th. They were approved in writing by the following: Daphne Byron, Rick Clayton (for Jim Quibell), Peter Fontes, Rosemary Helmer, Ron James, and Ian Rogers. Ken Ayrton (UK) and Edmund Cole (Ireland) did not vote as proxies were not available.

At the same time, the Executive Committee members recommended the following individuals to the Technical Sub-Committee.

Ron James (UK) Chairman
Lloyd Walker (UK)
Ken Ayrton (UK)
Michael McNamara (UK)
Rick Clayton (Canada)
Jorg Pawluk (Canada)
Barney Harris (US)
Bob Harwood (US)

All but Lloyd Walker, Ken Ayrton and Bob Harwood were present and accepted appointment. Ron James would contact Lloyd and Ken; Daphne would contact Bob.

8. Election of Officers

The following were unanimously elected as officers of the IAA in a motion proposed by Rosemary Helmer and seconded by Daphne Byron:

President: Peter Fontes (UK)
Vice President: Daphne Byron (US)
Secretary: Rosemary Helmer (Canada)
Treasurer: Ian Rogers (Canada)

The following will remain as counselors:

Ron James (UK)
Ken Ayrton (UK); also Chief of Specifications
Ed Cole (Ireland)
Another (US)
Rosemary Helmer became the Past President.

Note: Both the USAA and the NAA would shortly have an opportunity to elect new IAA representatives. Thus the makeup of the IAA Executive may change.

9. Royal Yachting Association Affiliation

The following motion was proposed by Peter Fontes and seconded by Ken Ayrton:

"That for the better administration of the IAA in implementing the international class measurement rules, the IAA become re-affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association and pay annual fees accordingly, currently in the region of 36.00 pounds per annum."

The motion was carried unanimously.

10. Attendance at RYA meetings

The Secretary (Daphne) will write to Ken Ayrton, Chief of Specifications, to indicate to him that the IAA Executive wishes him to attend all RYA meetings at which Albacore issues will or may be dealt with. In the event he is unable to attend, they ask that he send an appropriate alternate. The IAA Executive also requests that he report back to the Secretary after each meeting as to the substance dealt with.

The Secretary will also advise Ken Ayrton that Mike McNamara has offered to attend such RYA meetings should Ken be unable to go.

11. Venue for 1997 Albacore World Championships

The Brits will host the 1997 World Championships in Hayling Island, Hampshire in the fourth or fifth week of July. It will be combined with the UK National Championships. A completely open event is proposed attracting about 100 boats. There is excellent launching and bunkhouse accommodation at the club. Two races per day are planned, with a lay day. The type of start will depend on conditions: light air will result in line starts; heavy air in gate starts. Sailors seeking boat charters should give six months notice.

A motion to accept Hayling Island as the venue for the 1997 World proposed by Peter Fontes and seconded by Ian Rogers was carried unanimously.

12. National Membership Categories

Rosemary will investigate different membership categories in the different countries with a view to harmonization.

13. IAA Handbook

Rosemary will put forward a written proposal for an IAA Handbook

14. All-up Weight

The Rules Committee will firm up the definition of "all-up weight" in the rules. (Rick Clayton action item)

Respectfully submitted by Daphne Byron on August
7th, 1995