

DRAFT - FOR APPROVAL AT 2005 INTERNATIONALS

**July 24, 2003
Kingston, CANADA
Minutes of the International Albacore Association
Executive Committee Meeting**

- Present:** Neville Herbert (UK representative proxy for Debora Snowdon)
Peter Fontes (UK representative proxy for Jean Simons)
Richard Thorpe (UK representative proxy for Past President Derek Gibbon)
- Ken Clarke (IAA President, and CAA representative by proxy for Treasurer Raines Koby)
Heather Macnaughton (CAA representative)
- Douglas Marsh (USAA Representative and secretary)
Susan Graham (USAA Representative)
- Others:** David Weaver – IAA Chief of Specifications
Daphne Byron – Past President of IAA
Peter Duncan – USAA President

Meeting called to order by Ken 5:59 pm.

1. Submission of Proxy – proxies had been given to Ken Clarke

2. 2001 Minutes

Previously distributed to all representative by e-mail.

Heather amended the minutes to show her attendance.

Ken Clarke – asked for approval. Approved as amended.

3. Ken's comments

Thanks to:

- Heather for Chairing 2003 Internationals
- International Rules Committee [IRC] (Dave Weaver, George Roth, David LePage, and Rolf Zeisler) for its work, especially to George Roth for developing the Measurement Guide.
- Doug Marsh and others in USAA for IAA web site and getting past minutes onto it.

4. Measurement Report

Dave Weaver reported work on Measurement Guide would continue, goal being one form for all countries.

Dave Weaver reported that with respect to hull shape, wood hulls would be 100% measured; GRP hulls from approved molds would be spot checked and occasionally (perhaps 1 in 10) a boat would be 100% measured.

Dave Weaver reported there were concerns that some older Woofe's had non-conforming centerboard trunks, which had been grandfathered by RYA. Peter noted that it was unlikely UK would agree to requiring that these be corrected. IRC will continue to study this issue.

4. Approval of Specifications Changes

The following proposed rule change had previously been approved by NAA, CAA, and USAA:

PART B, 11. HEADSAIL POLE

11.1 The overall length of the headsail pole including fittings shall not exceed 1830mm. *(This constituted the entire previous rule 11)*

11.2 A headsail pole may be used to sheet the headsail to windward or to leeward. The outboard end, when in use, shall be attached to the clew of the jib and no part of the headsail pole or its fitting may extend more than 50mm outside of the headsail clew.

Rule 12.4 is deleted *(Previous Rule 12.4 stated "Headsail barber haulers or their equivalent may not be sheeted to a point outboard of the sheerline.")*

The following rule change has been mandated by the Copyright holder, RYA, as needed to eliminate RYA potential liability:

PART A, 4. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE

4.4 The certificate is valid for twelve months from the date of the original buoyancy test or any subsequent buoyancy test provided it is signed by the owner with the date of the last test and that this signature is witnessed and endorsed by a person or persons in each country designated by the respective national association.

(Previous wording: "... subsequent buoyancy test provided the certificate is suitably endorsed with the date of the test and signed by a measurer or competent buoyancy tester.")

Extract from RYA legal advice.

A reasonable alternative to supervised buoyancy testing is to require owners to self-certify on an annual basis that the boat complies with its class rules in respect of buoyancy (including testing if this is a requirement of the class rules) the owner's signature to be witnessed by a club officer.

Ken made a motion that the above be approved; seconded by Doug; approved

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report had previously been e-mailed to all IAA members.

Opening balance, Nov. 15, 2001 CA\$343.93; Closing balance as of today CA\$142.12. Only expenses have been RYA affiliation dues.

Peter Fontes is still owed approx. CA\$860 for expenses paid on behalf of IAA in the mid-1990's. The plan, agreed at the 2001 IAA meeting, was that NAA would be invoiced by the IAA Treasurer, and then NAA would pay Peter. The remainder of the approx. CA\$1000 due from NAA to IAA would then be paid to IAA. The invoice had been sent, but responsibilities had changed and it was not forwarded to the correct person in NAA. Ken will ensure that this is re-invoiced *(subsequent to the meeting, Ken asked Raines Koby to send copies of the invoice to both Neville Herbert and Peter Fontes)*.

Raines proposed that "IAA invoice each of the NAAs (UK, US & CA) every two years a rate of CA\$1) per member of each association." The purpose is to fund IAA affiliation to RYA (£66 or approx CA\$160).

Ken made a motion that the report and proposal be approved; seconded by Peter Fontes; approved.

Richard asked how CAA deals with Community Clubs which own boats. Heather: the clubs tend to take out memberships equal to the number of boats they own, usually about 15 each. Some individuals also join.

6. Future Internationals

Internationals 2005 will be at Lyme Regis in Devon on SW coast of England. This is becoming largest fleet in UK with 15 new boats. Wood Albacore builder is in Lyme Regis. Many guest houses and B&Bs. Pubs all close together. Must be in either 2nd week June or 1st week Sep. (July – insufficient volunteers; Aug. too much tourism). Would conflict with usual CAA Nationals, but Heather believes CAA would shift.

For 2007, USAA is just starting considerations. Probably Chesapeake or NJ. Likely to be in Fall, although max attendance from UK would be in Aug.

It was noted that for travel to UK, US people prefer early Aug. and Canadians prefer late Aug.

7. Other

Peter Fontes noted that 2004 is 50th anniversary of the Albacore! Some celebration is in order!

8. 2004-2005 Election of Officers

UK Rep - President and 2 representative – to be determined

CAA Rep - Ken Clarke – Past President
CAAREP and Treasurer - Raines Koby
CAA Rep and Secretary - Heather Macnaughton

USAA Rep - 2, to be determined; one will be VP

New Secretary Heather to be notified of USAA and UK decisions by end of Oct., 2003

9. Meeting adjourned, 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas G. Marsh

Minutes of the International Albacore Association Open Forum

1. Opened 7:32 pm

2. 2005 Internationals

Neville Herbert discussed Lyme Regis site and dates (see above).

3. Measurement Report

Dave Weaver led this discussion. Topics proposed for further or new IRC consideration were:

Measurement Handbook (on-going development)

Centerboard measurement being discussed vis-à-vis measurement is now from pin to bottom but pin location in vertical direction is undefined.

New buoyancy rule is an RYA mandate due to liability concerns.

Peter Fontes noted that RYA requires a full re-measurement of any hull coming from North America; Dave Weaver: North American does not require this of boats from UK.

Electronics are not allowed, but some electronic compasses are less expensive. Henry Pedro: "smart" compasses would change the game and should be banned, but this could prove difficult as electronics evolve.

Peter Duncan: should window in jib be larger? Pro-easier to see other boats; con-effect on life of jib.

Heather Macaughton raised issue of buoyancy-current Ontario yachts float high making them hard to right and hard to get back on, so should changes be considered. Weaver-if tooling needs to change, this is expensive. Norm Rubin-perhaps a cubbie hole on each side would help. Barney Harris: floatation all the way to the back reduces water but raises transom; with less floatation, boats come up with more water and this makes for instability until the water is out. Ken Clarke-perhaps people should install righting lines. Rubin-air pressure method of checking hull integrity has advantages over sinking method.

4. Meeting Adjourned 8:43pm

Respectfully Submitted

Douglas G. Marsh