

DRAFT : Minutes AGM 21 October in Marseille

Class officers present: Paul Wakelin, President. Kenneth Van Dam, Vice President. Edwin Lodder, Class Manager, Leo Sanchez, Class Measurer.

Welcome mostly coaches, but also some parents and sailors. Important to discuss together about the future of the class.

Nacra 15 Super Series

Continuing European Nacra 15 Super Series is agreed. Also we will look for the possibility to organize Super Series in other continents, like Asian Nacra 15 Super Series, North American Nacra 15 Super Series, Australian (or Oceania) Nacra 15 Super Series.

Calendar Nacra 15 European Super Series 2020:

27 – 29 February	:	International Barcelona Sailing Centre
3 – 10 April	:	UK Nationals, Pwllheli, N Wales.
21-24 May	:	Dutch Youth Regatta (Workum NED)
30 May – 1 June	:	Young European Sailing, Kiel, Germany
5-6 September	:	Belgium Youth Championships, Knokke Heist, Belgium
November	:	Critérium de la Méditerranée, Club La Pelle, Marseille TBC

Calendar Championships 2020:

25 th – 28 th June	:	Nacra 15 FCS European Championships, Foiling Week, Lake Garda.
25 July – 1 August	:	World Championships, Medemblik (NED) (to be confirmed)
17 – 23 October	:	European Championships, Club SNG, Lake Geneva (SUI)

Calendar 2021:

Goal to organize the World Championships outside Europe in 2021 and will go every 4th year outside Europe. Possible 2021 locations:

- Thailand
- Oman
- America (San Francisco / Long Beach)

Agreement in principle for Factory supplied boats to make it easy for teams to participate.

Maybe sailing only on supplied boats and create a championship based on round robin system? Or make a choice for a location/area where already are a lot of boats + supplied boats and organize container transport from Europe.

Try to organize it outside the European season because otherwise if boats must be transported, it's not possible to sail in Europe. Or teams have to buy a second boat, what we don't support because of the costs and will create a high barrier to enter the class.

Remark : In 2021 the World Sailing, Youth World Championships will be sailed in The Hague (9-17 July)

Coaches: make sure you will make a good choice qua location to create a legacy with a growing group of sailors in the country/area where to organize an event.

Class Rules:

Question/discussion: why minimum diameter ropes like jib sheet and mains sheet. Suggestion that the diameter in the class rules is too thick. A lot of resist/friction make it difficult to pull the sheets. Answer: Diameter is chosen mainly based on function and thinner ropes causing injury to the hands.

Also question/discussion about the purchase of the Cunningham. Also this is too hard and cannot be fully used during sailing.

Conclusion: The class will discuss the purchase ratio, with a possible limit of range of movement with the factory and with the coaches/sailors. General Rope diameters will be reviewed.

Addition of FCS Foiling Appendix

Consideration of addition of a mandatory tow rope, 15 mtrs x 6mm minimum.

Helmets:

Discussion about the use of helmets: Currently Class rules state helmets are strongly recommended. Most coaches now want to have the use of helmets mandatory. In some countries like Australia sailors already always must use the helmets. Others like GBR choose not to regulate due to possibility of entrapment. IN15CA can explore going to a procedure where the PRO can decide on the water (by raising a flag) or possibly make helmets mandatory.

Communication / website

We will upgrade/ renew the website to make it more easy and better to communicate, present new information, Q&A page, Technical information, membership and payments, event entries & payments, historical database with results etc.

Also we want to create a monthly newsletter.

We want to work with a closed Facebook-group forum with members only to discuss point.

Budget / Income

Until now it's very difficult to create a good budget for the class. Income is based on:

- Membership fees
- Event Entry class fee (€ 60,- per boat at Worlds and Europeans)
- Nacra factory fee
- New boat fees: August 2019 Nacra factory and IN15CA introduced the class fee per boat and sails to give some income for the class.
- New boat Fee inc WS Plaque Fee 140 Euro
- Mainsail Class Fee 25 Euros
- Spinnaker Fee 25 Euros
- Jib Fee 15 Euros

- Sponsoring

We are looking how to create more income:

- Raise the membership fee which is currently € 25,-
- How to get more "paid up" members?
 - o Possible introduction of coach membership (all coaches agreed with this)
 - o Possible Introduction of a parent membership
 - o To minimise transfer fees, National Class Associations will look to collect the International Class Membership, combine and forward to the IN15CA
- Sponsorship

Discussion about Nacra Racing

- During the Nacra Racing summer event in Como, the Nacra Racing Association collected membership fees to participate in their event. Some participants thought they were paying the International Nacra 15 Class association fee. Nacra Racing is the class association for all Nacra classes except Nacra 15 and Nacra 17. Nacra Racing may have given the impression they were also for the Nacra 15 because they organized the event.
 - o In our calendar in future only events organised by IN15CA
 - o Clear communication needed
 - o Agreement to be confirmed that IN15CA membership allows participation of Nacra Racing events.

Closing

Everybody thanks for your attention and open discussions. Feel free to send us any comment/suggestions any time.