

Introduction

Welcome to the first of our IN15CA news bulletin... Its been a super busy off-season here preparing for 2020 and the topics have been building up, here goes...

General News

Membership, 2020 IN15CA membership fees, explained here: 2020-International-Nacra-15-Class-Association-Fees.pdf

Over this coming year we are reviewing the way International Class fees are collected with a consideration of a move towards your National Nacra 15 Class Membership (if one is in place) fee having an international component which is then forwarded to the IN15CA by your National Class.

In the meantime, for 2020, individual IN15CA fees may be grouped together, possibly by your National Class or indeed an individual, to save bank transfer fees, then this is a welcomed option although all individual details must be shared. Please contact Edwin at manager@nacra15class.com for further details. Our new Membership payment portal will also be on-line very soon for individual payments, again, aimed to simplify the process for all.

Class Sponsors, IN15CA Fleet and event Sponsors are always positively welcomed! We believe we can offer a great return on investment for a budget that doesn't need to shock! If that's you, please do get in touch to discuss.

Event News

Its going to be a full on, action packed 2020 season...

Entries are now open to our first event of the 2020 Nacra 15 European Super Series: <u>https://nacra15.ourclubadmin.com/</u> Co hosted by our friends at BISC, $27^{th} - 29^{th}$ February 2020.

Development of our Australian and US continental Super Series are also well underway... The aim is to promote increased entries to national events with a developing International entrant. Who knows, as friendships build we may see exchange trips between sailing families should the boats be available, the sun is always shinning somewhere!

Our 2020 event calendar has been confirmed now for some time, notably the Medemblik Worlds and Swiss Europeans October.

We think its important here to re-state a key consideration with introduction of the new Nacra 15 FCS mode. We aim to complement rather than dilute the ongoing core N15, C Foil Racing.

With that in mind, please find our 2020 Nacra 15 FCS follow-on or stand alone events: Medemblik N15 FCS World Championships, N15 FCS Europeans Foiling Week and we're in final discussions for a N15FCS start within the 49er / FX / Nacra 17 U23 World Championships at Lake Como.

Charter boats will be available for all these events through Nacra Sailing. For further information contact Max <u>events@nacrasailing.com</u> We will also compile a listing of private charter options if they are available.

2021 Worlds!! We are currently in developed discussions with Alatimos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, California to bring the Nacra 15 Open World Championships to the US in 2021. Right now we're looking at an August, school holiday, date. ABYC will also be the sailing venue for the 2028 Olympic Games.

2022, very early but positive discussions with Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy, UK, more info to follow...

We are openly inviting offers and ideas of venues to host future World and European Nacra 15 Championships.



Rules News

There will be a number of enhancements to the Nacra 15 Class rules to come into effect on the 26th February 2020.

Notably, the move to make helmets mandatory for all Nacra 15 racing, as per the N17 Rule. Basically mandatory but with the opportunity of the Race Committee to fly a flag T indicating that the helmet rule may be suspended.

Tow-line to become compulsory, 15mtrs x 6mm min.

No kites to be used upwind, Nacra 15 C Foil or Nacra 15 FCS.

As ever its worth highlighting current safety rules of each sailor is to carry a knife & whistle on their person.

A proposal was made at Marseille for the downhaul to be upgraded to 16:1. IN15CA is in discussion with Nacra Sailing exploring the option to create an improved purchase ratio whilst having a system in place to limit max tension applied to keep within material tollerences. This is on-going and we will keep you up to date with progress and/or a final outcome. The current postion is max 8:1 downhaul purchase as per class rules.

Full N15 FCS Class Rules are being developed. We are also exploring the option of the FCS rudder pintle position being considered to be legal for C Foil Racing. This will minimize the conversion process. What we are exploring to confirm is whether there is any tangible positive, negative or no difference in performance.

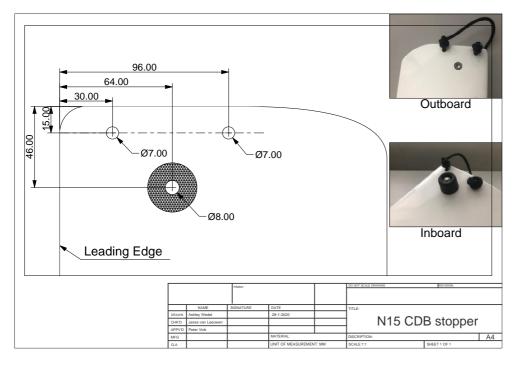
Technical News

National Flags!! Super sticky, double sided, further improved National Flags are now available direct from Nacra Sailing. We have been working together to improve both the visual representation and the process required to correctly apply the flags to last for the long term.

May we just again highlight that it is a requirement within the class rules that a National Flag is present for all racing. <u>Link to Class Rule, Note C.11.3 (d) and Section K.</u> The class rule accommodates both the original single sided flag for those that have worn well and of course the new Double sided flag. It is not the intention to have the new double sided flag split and only applied to one side of a sail.

Please find the National Flag Placement and Application Instructions on the separate PDF and via the class web-site: http://www.nacra15class.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Nacra-15-Flag-Manual-2020.pdf

Nacra Sailing have been working hard to improve the handle area of the daggerboard. A solution of a rubber stop has been developed whilst ensuring original working board length is maintained. This is now available on all new Nacra 15 daggerboards with both original and new boards being class legal.



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