

INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS

2014 Annual General Membership Meeting

Fraglia vela Malcesine, Italy



The meeting was opened at 1815 by President Lars Grael. Lars introduced Commodore and Past President Dierk Thomsen to give the opening speech.

“Mr. President, dear Star sailors, I welcome you here at the Fraglia Vela Malcesine at the occasion of the International Star Class Annual Meeting. This meeting is the interface between our members and the Class leadership. Our grass roots are the Fleets. They can, by members vote, launch resolutions with the result to modify, correct or extend our rule system. Finally our rules are the basis how the Class will be administered.

This shows us that we are an organization governed from the basis and not from the top.

Since 1922 the Star Class provides an example to the sailing world—many sports organizations followed us in copying our rule system. We can be proud of that.

Our situation has changed dramatically. We lost the Olympic status after demonstrating high class sport. Many friends of the Star Boat will miss us at the ISAF programs.

With thanks to Bill Allen as our President for 10 years we focus now our hope on our new President Lars Grael. Lars, we voted for you with the great confidence that you and your team will lead our class into a successful future. We must react on many challenges in the Sport in general. A great job to do so. We must find our way to develop the Star class as the most spectacular keelboat Class in the World by saying: Yes, we can. Let’s start.”

President Lars Grael then introduced Claude Bonanni and Paolo Insom Vice Presidents of ISCYRA, Mark Reynolds Secretary ISCYRA, Hubert Merkelbach and Tom Lofstedt the Continental Vice Presidents, Marko Hasche Chairman of the Judiciary Board, Brian Cramer, Chairman of the Technical Advisory Board, Laura Beigel Director of Media and Marketing and Barbara Vosbury, Executive Director.

Lars gave a brief overview of the Olympic situation and that no matter what happens we (the Board) are looking to move our Class into the next 100 years in a way that is best for the members and the boats.

Lars introduced Claude Bonanni to present the Resolutions to the Fleets for voting them onto the ballots in December. Claude explained that Resolution #1 and #3 had been withdrawn by their sponsors. There was not much discussion, if any, on the Resolutions. Brian Cramer was asked to address the Jib Cloth resolution and he explained that this was the second attempt to get the wording correct and actually increase the cloth weight. #5-2014 was altered on the floor from 29 to 32. Brian explained that most of the boats were already at 30-32 and 29 would put most out of measurement.

There were 50 fleets represented at the meeting and here is how they voted:

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Beigel Vosbury
Executive Director

	For	Against
#2-2014	468	37
#4-2014	308	197
#5-2014	443	62
#6-2014	453	55
#7-2014	272	233
#8-2014	273	232