



International Star Class Yacht Racing Association
Scarlino, Italy
16 September 2023

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

IGC Chairman Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 1818pm. He thanked all for attending.

President's Report: Tom Londrigan gave a brief report on the recent meetings of the IGC and CMC and what the two committees cover. He spoke briefly on Christian Nehammer's report on a long-term study and that the Class plans to have a balanced budget for 2023. He touched briefly on various U30 initiatives to encourage younger members to the Star Class. Tom thanked our 2 Class sponsors: SLAM with Enrico Chieffi and Robline with Rainer Wilhelm. Both approached the Class and gave generous support with jerseys for all paid members and financial assistance with our Robline Regatta Manager position to keep consistent regatta management.

Reports of officers:

Western Hemisphere

Doug Smith read a report submitted by Paul Cayard: Membership in the WHC grew this year with the Class promoting growth. New competitors are being seen at regattas in Miami and Southern California. The Vintage Gold Cup will have 32 boats this year and South America continues to grow with plans for a new builder in 2024 in Argentina. Bacardi remains a strong Class supporter. It's sad to note the loss of Commodore John Chiarella a few months back. In 2024 Miami will host the WHC with the NAs in Newport Beach followed by the Worlds in San Diego.

Eastern Hemisphere

Tom Lofsted reported that a strong EHC was recently held in Warnemuende with U30 teams finishing 4,6, 7 & 10th. The EH will plan on events in 2025 close to Split and another in northern Europe.

Ratification & Revocation of Fleet charters: The list of fleets who had not made the minimum boats was posted on August 16 on the website. The IGC/CMC encourages all fleet officers to ensure that all members register as members annually.

Reading of the minutes: Motion to dispense with the reading and accept as published on the website. Motion seconded and passed

Reading of Names of Star Sailors who have passed in the last year was done and a moment of silence was held.

Unfinished Business - none

Proposed Resolution:

#1 - IGC supports

#2 – was withdrawn

#3 – discussion was held and an amendment proposed, but the resolution was withdrawn.

New Business:

The floor was open for general topics:



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- Class must repopulate with new, younger sailors
- Please add younger sailors to the Board
- Improve fundraising and connection between the Legacy Foundation and ISCYRA with a plan to assist youth sailors
- Promote the Class through events in other parts of southern Europe (ESP, POR) with a possible winter circuit
- Upgrade social events
- More communication to assist in developing youth sailors
- Use invitational events (with various classes) to expose other sailors to the live Star
- Have a class marketing manager; commented that the Class is looking for a volunteer to help with this and coordinate with Rachele Vitello and the Class office
- Focus on spending funds for U30 wisely and not a one-time event for sailors who may not continue with the Class.
- Ask the TAB to look into reducing the weight of the Star, possibly a 2-part mast and other ways of reducing cost. A report in 12 months would be ideal.
- Enrico Chieffi suggests trial sailing with 3 people in local events to possibly expand the target market
- 2024 Worlds - need shipping & transportation assistance to get boats from Miami to San Diego.
- Suggest dues be collected more at the fleet level
- Request for a copy of the 2022 YE Balance Sheet & Financial Statements. Comment that these are available on request from the Class office.

Meeting adjourned at 1908pm