

August 2019 e-Starlights

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*Honoring the Past, Leading the Future*

**From the President**



Dear Star Sailors,

Here we are back after a short summer break.

I will start with an exciting outlook in the near future: in less than 6 months we will sail our World Championship 2020 in Nassau/Bahamas from February 3rd-8th. Montagu Bay is one of the best sailing venues in the world: whoever was sailing here before, will come back again and everybody else should enter this fantastic event as well! Beside the sailing, Nassau Yacht Club will organize great social events for us. Check out the program on our preliminary website, which will be updated continually.

One month later in March 2020, Star sailors are invited to sail the prestigious Bacardi Cup in Miami, so don't miss the chance to sail these two regattas in the world's best sailing venues in a row.

Looking back this season, we sailed our World Championship in Porto Cervo/Italy and are very proud to celebrate the new World Champions 2019 Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Bruno Prada, who won with all kinds of wind conditions. Vice world champions are Augie Diaz with Henry Boening ahead of Eivind Melleby/Joshua Revkin. Our big gratitude goes to Yacht Club Costa Smeralda for hosting this

Championship perfectly so everybody enjoyed the racing and the social events in the beautiful club area!

The record number of 90 Star-teams took part in the combined European Championship/SSL Breeze Grand Slam in Riva del Garda. Racing against the best sailors in the world in 13 races and windy conditions presented by a great media coverage made this a pinnacle event of the season! In an exiting final race the European Championship title went to RobertScheidt/HenryBoening. Second was Xavier Rohart/Alexis Ponsot and third Paul Cayard/Arthur Lopes. Many thanks to the Star Sailors League and the Fraglia Vela della Riva!

Shortly after, the 2019 Star Western Hemisphere Championship was sailed at the prestigious San Diego Yacht Club. The desirable Silver Star went to Carl Buchan/Jamie Buchan followed by the team of Brian Ledbetter/Magnus Liljedahl and Eric Doyle/Payson Infelise.

Beside the racing ISCYRA was working hard to improve the quality of our measurement process. A measurement clinic was organized in Arco, Italy and our chief measurers Jim Ryan and Guido Sodano were instructing a group of four measurers during several days. Star boats were measured the traditional way and then with a new laser techniques (see article below). Jim and Guido were also visiting the Folli, Lillia and Carlsson boatyards. At the Folli and Carlsson yards, routine measurements of the boat production were done completed. Measuring one boat in this high accuracy still takes 2 days and so is very time consuming, but ensures now that the new boats are all exactly within the rules. For the future Guido and Jim will work on modern techniques to develop a faster measurement process. The Star Class owes big gratitudes to Jim Ryan and Guido Sodano for their many, many hours of work behind the scenes!

**Finally I want to draw your attention to the [2019 Eastern Hemisphere Championship](#) at Union Yacht Club Attersee/Austria (60 entries) and the [2019 North American Championship](#) in Toms River Yacht Club (34 entries) taking both place in the beginning of September. In November, the famous Club Nautico Olivos will host the [2019 South American Championship](#).**

**Beside these Silver events our fleets and clubs are organizing great regattas and championships you can find on our website and social media.**

**There is still the option for a late entry (EHC and NAC) so get your Star ready and don't miss the chance to meet and race with your Star friends!**

**I wish you all good sailing - stay tuned!**



**Hubert Merkelbach**

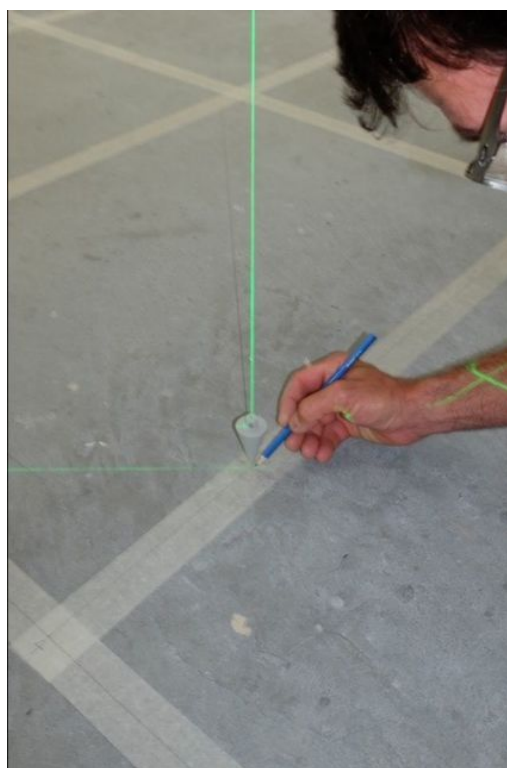
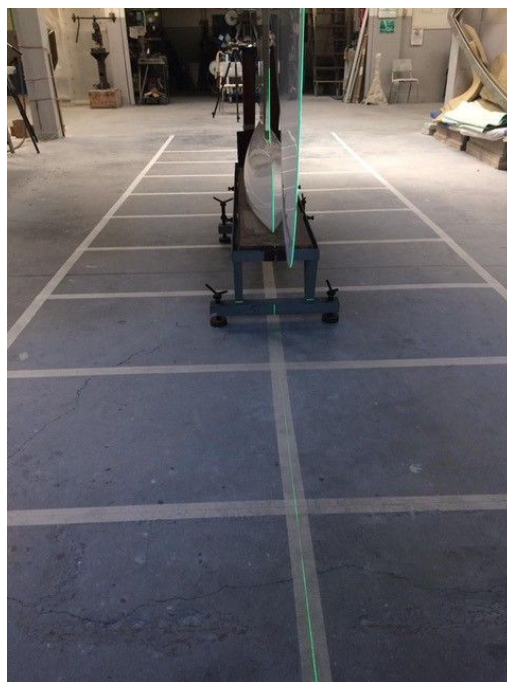


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## MEASUREMENT CLINIC SUMMARY

held in Arco, Italy May 2019

By Guido Sodano



A seminar for ISCYRA Measurers was held in Riva del Garda, Italy from 27 to 30 May. The last time a Measurers seminar was held was in 2005 so it was time. The objective of the TAB represented by the Co-Chief measurers Jim Ryan and Guido Sodano was to establish a unique procedure for measuring the hulls and transmitting the execution modalities to the measures in order to adopt the same measurement techniques and boat set up.



The seminar was also attended by:

- Peter Moeckl
- Roberto Ravaglia
- Davide Battistin
- Carl Hakan Lindqvist

Two recently built boats made by Carlsson and Folli builders were made available by the owners on which some measurements were made explaining the technique used and the procedures to the participants.

The traditional measurement system, currently the only one approved by the rules, involves a long preparation for the correct boat positioning on a dedicated measurement grid with the hull set on a specific level. The keel centre line, Sheer and Chine distances to a specific base line are measured using an optical level to guarantee a proper accuracy under  $\pm 0,5\text{mm}$ .

The Star rules do not contemplate tolerance on the hull measurement only a gap between min. and max distances express in mm, therefore the construction is to be maintained within the limits.

A full boat measurement requires that a hull, deck, cockpit , keel , rudder , skeg and rigging inspection. Measuring a full Star, with actual approved rules, is a quite complicated and time consuming process, which requires 2 days with 2 people working for a single boat.

Boat designers and consequently the builders, with the help of new technologies such as 3D drawing and hydrodynamic resistance studies (CFD) tend to explore the limit of the measures imposed by the rules, consequently the Class must equip itself to be able to assess whether the project falls within the Class rules, considering that 0.5 mm is the portion that must be detected.

The orientation of the TAB, supported by the President, is the exploration of new measurement techniques to obtain a more accurate and rapid system. Currently, laser levels are being used, purchased by the Star Class, which combined with the traditional measurement system, allows for better accuracy but does not solve the reduction in time required for proper measurement.

The use of 3D scanners is also a possibility to explore to evaluate a more modern measurement system but involves higher costs for tools and in combination with the traditional way of measurements is uncertain.

Each competitor should be sure that all participants compete with boats that comply with the regulation.

The Class must therefore monitor compliance with the rules by offering support to builders with qualified and well trained measurers and measurement techniques that follow the evolution of technology



## 2020 for 2021 RESOLUTIONS

Dear Star Sailors;

The deadline for submitting a Resolution for an ISCYRA rule change is due in the Central Office by 1 October 2019. Resolutions submitted on time will be dispersed to the Class Management Committee, the Judiciary Board and the Technical Advisory Board within 5 days of the deadline.

If you have a good idea for a rule change please get with your fleet officers and get a resolution together for presentation to your fleet. Once your fleet has agreed to go forward your fleet officer should submit the form with a statement of the Fleet meeting where your Resolutions were discussed including Fleet members in attendance.

We look forward to input from you and your Fleet on moving our Class forward!

The 2020 for 2021 Resolutions will be presented to the Fleets at the 2020 Annual Membership meeting on 1 February 2020 at the World Championship.

The Resolution form can be found on the link below.

Best regards,  
Jon Vandermolen  
Executive Director

[Resolution Form](#)



## Regatta Wrap-up

The Star Class around the world is having a summer full-on with different regattas around the world. Between the Star World Championship 2019 in Porto Cervo, Italy, last June and the Silver events in September in Austria, with the Eastern Hemisphere, and United States with the North Americans, there have been plenty of great opportunities to sail, compete and have fun.

August particularly has proven to be quite attractive to Star sailors around the world, with so many events on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

In Sweden, about mid-August, the Sune Carlssons Regatta Center hosted the **International Open Swedish Starboat Championship 2019**, considered by many the general rehearsal of the 2020 Star European Championship that will coincide with the SSL Lake Grand Slam. It was held in Baggensfjärden outside Saltsjöbaden, the winner of the regatta and International Swedish Champion is Tom Löfstedt with his crew Edoardo Natucci from Italy!

Danny Cayard, a third generation Star sailor, summed up the event:

*"We had a great fleet of 21 boats with the likes of Hubert Merkelbach/Markus Koy, Thomas Allart/Erik Veldhuizen among a few others coming in from other countries to participate in the open regatta. Once again Sune Carlsson sailing with Benny Nilsson was out there to challenge all of us each day and putting up quite the fight for most of us. It is so spectacular to be sharing the race course with a legend like him.*

*Over the three day event we had varying wind conditions and directions testing everyone's mental toughness to decipher the always difficult Baggen.*

*The podium was closely fought over the entire weekend between local sailors Tom Löfstedt with Edoardo Natucci, and visitors Merkelbach/Koy, Allart/Veldhuizen. Eventually Löfstedt/Natucci were able to grab hold of the overall lead after the second day. After the final races on the last day in shifty conditions it was the local skipper who was able to take the overall regatta win.*

*However, this being the Swedish Championship, both members of the yacht needed to be living in Sweden to take the title of being Swedish Champion. That honor goes to the always fast combination of Calle Schröder sailing with Henrik Glimstedt.*

*As always the hosts put on a great event providing great food and a great atmosphere. A huge applause goes out to them and all of their efforts. Things are certainly going to be great next summer for the SSL Lake Grand Slam!"*

Second were Star Class President Hubert Merkelbach and Markus Koy from Germany and in third it was Thomas Allart with Erik Veldhuizen from The Netherlands.

On the same weekend, on the West Coast of the United States in the state of Washington, the **Star District 6 Championship 2019** took place at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle. Nine teams attended and the best one was the one skippered by Brian Ledbetter with crew Erik Brentzen, followed by Allan Cullen and Dave Martin, with Derek DeCouteau and Jamie Stewart in third.

More recently over this past weekend of August 16th-18<sup>th</sup>, the **District 13<sup>th</sup> Championship** was held in Malente on Lake Keller in the North of Germany, hosted by Segler - Vereinigung Malente-Gremsmühlen.

A nice fleet of 21 boats participated to the District regatta, won by Danish skipper Jørgen Shönerr and Jan Eli Gravad. They had a two point advantage over the German Heiko Winkler and Uwe Thielemann, followed closely by another Danish team, Flemming Sørensen and Niels Thrysøe.

The **District 17<sup>th</sup> Championship** will anticipate next weekend the **2019 Eastern Hemisphere** that will take place from September 2 – 8 in Attersee (Lake Atter) in Austria, followed by the **2019 North American Championship** the following week (September 9 – 14) in Toms River Yacht Club, in the State of New Jersey.



## 2020 Worlds Preview



Make your plans to attend the 2020 Star World Championship to be sailed February 3-8 in Nassau, Bahamas. The NOR is now published and more information can be found on the website link below. Plan on shipping your boat to Miami following to sail the Star Winter Series.

[WEBSITE](#)



VINTAGE GOLD CUP



2-5 Oct 2019  
Gull Lake, Michigan

Final preparations are underway. Newly restored vintage boats are being packed for transport. The competitors list will include sailors from 7 nations competing in 28-30 boats (depending on final restorations). If you cannot sail in the event, come join us for the social events. Great times for the class.



Vintage Gold Cup Website



## 2019 Upcoming Silver & Gold Events

*click on the logo for more information*



North American  
Championship  
2019



South American  
Championship  
2019

Eastern  
Hemisphere  
Championship  
2019



## 2019 Dues

The new database is up and running.

- **Star Class members** - [click here](#) and follow the instructions for ***Returning Star Class Members***. *As this is a new database, you will need to first send yourself a new password, then access the database, renew/pay your dues and update your profile.*
- For **NEW** members - [click here](#) and follow the instructions
- Check Membership through this [link](#)

### Dues remain at:

- Active & Isolated Active: \$90
- Associate & Isolated Associate: \$35
- Junior Active (20-30 or under 20 & skippering): \$45
- Junior Member (under 20): \$22.50



## Boat Registration Update

The new Star Class database is giving the office a chance to clean up past records. Many Star Class owners have noticed missing or incorrect information in the 2018 LOG. If you need to make changes, please use this [link](#) to update the Star Class records, or through your member profile.



## 2019 & 2020 Fixtures List

*Approved Events for your calendar*

Eastern Hemisphere - September 1-7, Attersee, AUT

North Americans - September 9-14, Tom's River, NJ, USA

South Americans - November 14-18, 2019, Olivos, BsAs,  
Argentina

### 2020

World Championship - February 3-8, Nassau, BAHAMAS

Western Hemisphere - June 14-21, Lake Sunapee, NH, USA

Eastern Hemisphere - May 3-8 (tbc), Cannes, FRANCE

European Championship - September 2-5, Stockholm, SWEDEN

South Americans - Nov (tbc), Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL



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