

SKUD 18 Forum

Rutland Sailing Club, June 11, 2010

Attendance: GBR, IRL, FRA, ITA (approx 20 sailors & coaches). The meeting was convened by David Staley.

It was noted that there were still some issues being raised with the class rules since the June update, in particular the wording of the seating clauses.

It had been proposed by Allan Smith to adopt the John Figgures wording within C.3.2.d.6 - *On canting/tilting seats, the sides shall be perpendicular to the seat base plane. On fixed (non-canting) seats, the sides shall be within 25 degrees of the vertical.*

Noted that "vertical" cannot be used as many existing seats have slightly flared sides. Possibly could say within 5° but need to gather data. John Figgures to inspect a sample of seats and provide information.

Also noted was that many are using Go-Kart seats and the sides of these are less than the stipulated 125mm.

There was concern raised that people may sit on parts of the seat other than the base (ie. armrests, back) and this could assist hiking.

Agreed that the SKUD 18 Committee should endeavour to update these sections of the class rules before the IFDS Worlds in Medemblik if possible.

DS / SKUD Ctee

There were questions about licensing of sailmakers. The meeting was advised that the IACA had undertaken to communicate with Access Sailing about licensing a European sailmaker for the 2.3, 303 & Liberty. Main issue seemed to be delivery times which may be able to be overcome with distributors holding stock. It was noted that any sails produced by newly licensed sailmakers would be using the same material and using the same electronic cut files.

Concern was also raised about the availability of spare parts. It was noted that Access Sailing have distributors in GBR, NED, GER, FRA, ITA, ESP & POR but it is not feasible for most of these to be stocking a large supply of parts. With the UK being central to SKUD sailing through to 2012, it was suggested that a range of spares and sails should be available here. Rigs are now being produced in Gosport and the intention is to have stock available. Suggested that the UK SKUD sailors contact Steve Sawford Marine to identify key items to be kept in stock.

UK SKUD Sailors

It was asked if a tuning guide would be produced. Indicated that the aim was to have the tuning guide produced by the end of the year with assistance from Ben McGrane at Selden. Suggested that this only needs to be basic and should be included in the Owners Manual.

DS

Noted that the Owners Manual was almost complete. The link to download the draft version is <http://www.accesssailing.com/default.asp?ID=30404>

There were comments that the SKUD competition in the ISAF Sailing World Cup should be open to male, female and unclassified crews. It is difficult for teams to manage a fully Paralympic eligible crew for every event. If Hyeres was open, there should be a good fleet attending. David to communicate with the Hyeres organisers to request open eligibility and to circulate information about the event.

DS

Concern was raised about making holes in the deck for the purpose of adding flotation. A request was made for clarification to be provided by the Class Technical Officer.

GH

Suggested that the SKUD webpage should be updated more regularly. It is important to keep the events calendar up to date.

DS

Contributions of photos and stories for the website would be appreciated. Email to

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All