

International Tornado Class Association AGM Notes 2014

Meeting started at 6.10pm

33 people are in attendance

People present

Aaron Duncan, Steve Glynn, Shaun O'Brien, Dirk Alber, Jack Rau, William Caunce, Chritine Bernsdorf, Marc Baier, Allan Gamble, Gwyn Cracknell, Paul Raymond, Roland Gaeber, Nahid Gaebler, David Beeby, Glenn Neaves, Vincente Anengual Ribas, Neus Torres Ramis, Maria Tsaousidou, Tim Lowther, Kasey Warr, Harry Winspear, Peter Gibb, Ethan Neaves, Josef Gunkel, Markus Betz, Brett Burvill, Stefan Bernsdorf, Dani Paschalidis, Sarah Jentsch, Kostas Trigonis, Jurgen Jentsch, Andrew Dowley, David Gunkel.

1. Apologies for absence

Gavin Davies

Kim Nicholas

2. Matters arising from last years AGM

Wind limit for Tornado insurance – Alan Gamble raised the problem he has with insurance in AUS with a top wind limit of 22 knots.

It was recommended by sailors at the meeting that RACQ are good insurers in Australia, Stefan has used this company.

QBE are also a good main insurer. Tudor Marine Insurance are brokers for QBE but no longer insure masts due to the A class sailors breaking so many masts.

There are no wind limits imposed by these companies, sailors in Germany and the UK have also checked their policies and there is no wind limit.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

- a. Proposer and seconder

Peter Gibb proposed the AGM minutes from 2013 and Allan Gamble seconded them.

4. Presidents Report

Welcome and thank you to all Tornado Sailors who love the boat all over the world, especially here in Australia today.

The history of the Tornado as we know goes back some 46 years, leaving behind an amazing track record in the Olympic sport as well as and now in the amateur and fun section. It remains a wonderful tough and competitive boat.

Once infected by the Tornado virus, it is hard to combat with any special remedy. Over 2500 Facebook Users follow our news daily on the ITA page. We have many fans among the 5000 Tornados worldwide.

We are proud to be able to share this wonderful occasion at the Nedlands Yacht Club here in Perth, the Nationals were a success and now the ISAF Tornado Global & Mixed Worlds 2014 have gotten off to a good start.

A very special thanks to the Australian National Tornado Association for hosting this event.

To continue spreading our positive vibrations, we need to feed the different media platforms with good images and information internationally and nationally. Reports of all our activities need to be posted on our Facebook pages, we have hungry fans that enjoy all sorts of news. News about people, long distance races and any other crazy ideas.

We would like to create a worldwide „sail a Tornado day“ , to introduce the boat and give to everyone a chance to sail with a Tornado by just dropping in at a Yacht/Sailing club near them. We should decide on 2 dates so it is compatible with seasons in the Northern and Southern hemisphere!!

Highlights/ Events 2014

The ISAF Tornado Worlds in Ibiza, at the Club Nautico Santa Eulalia, in October 2013 with 30 Tornados from 10 Nations was a great success.

World champions were: Dany Paschalidis & Kostas Trigonis, from Greece and Global Mixed Champions were: Roland und Nahid Gäbler from Germany.

At Easter 2014 , Italian Tornado Nationals in Cesenatico with 17 Boats (5 Nations) 1st were Dietmar & Nicole Salzmann, Austria.

Swiss Nationals, at Lago Maggiore, YC Ascona, (End of May)

13 Boote (4 Nations) , 1st Martin Rusterholz & Marc Baier, Zürich/Füssen.

Austrian Nationals, Lake of Constanz, YC Rheindelta, (beginning of June)

19 Boats, 1st Veit Hemmeter & Nico Lutz, Germany

European Championships – Open & Mixed/125th Travemünder Woche, Lübecker YC, End of July,

25 Boats, 10 Nations (GRE, GER, SUI, AUT, AUS, ITA, GBR, FRAU,ESP)

European Champion Open, Dany Paschalidis & Kostas Trigonis, Greece,

European Champions Mixed, Roland & Nahid Gäbler, Germany,

German Open, Lake Garda, Circolo Vela Torbole, (Middle of September)

17 Boats, 4 Nations,

1st Open Roland & Nahid Gäbler

1st Mixed Roland & Nahid Gäbler

Czech Nationals, Lake Lipno, Oktober,

11 Boats, Light Air,

1st David Kriczek & Adam Zdenek

Next Highlight was packing the Container for Perth in Pfronten, Bavaria/Germany. Many thanks to Bob Baier, who lent us the A-Cat Container and to Josef Gunkel who took care of the whole transport situation, papers, affidavits etc.,

Workshop Germany/Austria/ Switzerland, beginning of December at the YC Rheindelta, Austria.

We decided on all dates affecting European events for the coming season in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

We have decided to begin a PR-Strategy under Ms. Andrea Pinggera.

We also think it is the wisest to place all National Websites under the umbrella of the ITA. Like this we reduce hosting costs and are found on the spot.

Events 2015

European Championship Lake Lipno, 11th -15th of July.

30 -35 Boats from 11 Nations, 10-12 Mixed Teams

ISAF Tornado World Championships Global & Mixed

Yacht Club Carnac, France 5-12th of September 2015

30-40 Boats, 11 Nations, Comeback of French national Tornados Association, 10 French Tornado teams will be taking part.

Comeback of Yves Loday World champion, the winner of the Gold Medal of Barcelona, 1992, and Le Deroff, Olympian Champion 1988, Seoul.

The French Tornado Association is very motivated along with the French Sailing Federation and the Carnac Sailing Club to organise an exceptional event next September. A very big thanks to our French friend Jean Caron

Future Events

ISAF Tornado Worlds 2016, Yacht Club Italiano Genoa, Italy

I had the pleasure to meet the new ISAF President Carlo Croce, who is also President of the YC Genoa, we talked about the possibility of hosting the next worlds 2016 at his Club.

Carlo Croce loves the Tornado class, the YC Italiano Genoa, is one of the oldest and most traditional Yacht Clubs in the World, it would be a great venue.

For the Europeans 2016:

We have Offers from:

- Yacht Club Bordeaux, France
- Vele de Pasque, Cesenatico, Italy

Worlds 2017 (Ideas please):

- Ibiza, Club Nautico Santa Eulalia,
- Club Nautico Arenal, Palma de Mallorca

Europeans 2017,

Lake Garda, Torbole, Circolo Vela Torbole

I want to thank the entire ITA-Committee for the good work during 2014. Special thanks to our departing secretary Andrew Dowley. He always stood at my side for any problem solving and sharing ideas, he had a very good connection to ISAF and I am happy to say he will still support us with our online presence.

As new ITA-Secretary we propose the 25 year old Mathematician Maria Tsausidou from Thessaloniki and Tornado helms-lady. She came 3rd in the Mixed Worlds at Ibiza, last year.

Thank you to Michaela Dowley, for „lending us“ Andrew so often, congratulations to your lovely baby girl.

Thank you also to my wife Sarah, who as „Head of the ITA- Event Committee“ does her best to support the organisational committees at international events.

„fit for future“

Herzlichen Dank!

Questions

Nahid Gaebler bought up the subject of the Hurricane Class wanting to join our Europeans. The Hurricane class would like to join us in 2016. This has been an ongoing discussion between the Hurricane and Tornado classes during the year.

Greece would be the Hurricane class preferred location.

The ITA Committee need to speak to the Hurricane class association and the Greek sailing club. Greece could be an option to have the Worlds in 2017. There are a couple of options for locations in Greece.

Steve Glynn proposed the presidents report and Kostas Trigonis seconded.

5. Secretary Report

After 4 years in the role this is my final report as Secretary of the class. As usual my report is very factual.

At present we have 210 members of the International Tornado Class Association.

The committee have had a number of Skype calls throughout the year to discuss the core business of the Tornado Class and what has been happening around the World. These have been a big success and will continue into the next year.

As you will see later in the AGM we have a few changes in the committee members for 2015. We hope this will bring new blood into the committee along with new ideas.

The website we launched last year continues to grow and we have opened discussions with a number of countries about merging their websites into the ITA website.

Our social media channels are also extremely popular, exhibiting our reports, results, videos and photos. We see more fans, more engagement and more love for the Tornado with every event we hold.

Please continue to send your reports and photos in and we will help you to promote your local events.

A big thank you to all of you for supporting the class this year, please continue to do so and remember to pay your membership fees when the 2015 fees are due later in January. Please remember that everyone on the committee is a volunteer and give their time freely in support of the class.

With your support, the committee can maintain a calendar of major and international events and continue to build on the good work the Tornado class already do.

Next year we look forward to the 2015 Europeans in the Czech Republic in June and the World Championships in Carnac, France in September.

I will be handing the ITA Secretary role to Maria and supporting her over the next year. My position on the committee for 2015 will move to being a committee member.

Sarah Jentsch proposed the Secretary report and Brett Burvill seconded.

6. Treasurers Report

Treasurers Report 2013 / 2014 (24.09.2013 – 22.12.2014)

The total balance at the cut of date of 24.09.2013 was 26.219,07 € with the balance of 24.677,79 € at Raiffeisenbank Jungholz / Reutte – Austria, 1.538,28 € at PayPal and 3,00 € at Cash.

From the ITA Box Spare Parts have been sold on the amount of 550 €

The Stickers with the amount of 269,77 € have been sold.

Membership fees with the amount of 5.290,96 € have been earned.

ITA Event fee of 1250,00 € have been earned. The amount of 1.160,00 € from the WC 2013 in Ibiza is outstanding.

The outstanding amount of 620,00 € from Yachtclub Rheindelta for the European Championship 2013 was paid and agreed to be reduced to 310 €.

The main expenses have been for promotion, like photos, calendar, travel expenses for ISAF meetings, membership cards, webpage, etc. in total of 5.257,49 €.

So we can close the Raiffeisen Bank account with a balance of 27.552,99 €, the PayPal account with 798,02 € and in cash remains 14,00 €. Outstanding is 1.160 € from the Club Nautico Santa Eularia in Ibiza. This means a total amount of 28.365,01 € is available on the cutoff date 22.12.2014. Starting with a total amount of 26.219,07 € this means an income of 2.145,94 €.

The Books have been checked by Nahid Gäbler and Paul Peterson on the 28.12.2014 in Perth / Nedlands Yacht Club.

Nahid Gaebler proposed the treasurer report and Paul Raymond seconded.

7. Class Rules

It is agreed that Marstrom do not the future for the Tornado class, there have been a number of changes within their business and with the smaller quantities we are now buying the prices are increasing. We need to source alternative suppliers to keep the Tornados sailing.

Beam Section Rules

Current rule:

D.4.3 CONSTRUCTION:

(e) An aluminum bulkhead casting is permitted inside the main beam and rear beam at the position of each of the inner beam bolts.

Proposed Wording:

D.4.3 CONSTRUCTION:

(e) An Aluminum **longitudinal or transversal** bulkhead castings are permitted inside the main beam and rear beam **at any position** at the position of each of the inner beam bolts.

This allows a different way of building the beams and fixes the rule to allow all current designs.

The room voted and all agreed with this change in the rule book, there were no sailors against the change.

Rod Rigging

Current rule:

MATERIALS

- (a) The standing **rigging** shall be of stainless steel; and except for diamond stays rod **rigging** is not permitted.
- (b) All standing **rigging** shall be circular in section and shall have no fairings.
- (c) Diamond stays shall be of stainless steel rod **rigging**.

Proposed Wording:

F.6.1 MATERIALS

- (a) The standing **rigging** shall be of stainless steel; and except for diamond stays rod **rigging** is not permitted.
- (b) All standing **rigging** shall be circular in section and shall have no fairings.
- (c) Diamond stays shall be of stainless steel rod **rigging (or multistand wire)**

During the explanation of the change there was some discussion in the room. The sailors agreed to go with the below wording which allows a minimum of 3.5mm going forward but protects other sailors in a grandfathering rule for 2.9 and 3.1mm thicknesses.

Diamond Stay Rod **Rigging** Diameter 2.9 mm 3.1 mm

Shroud, Forestay, **Multistrand diamond wires of minimum 3.5mm diameter**, and Forestay Strop Diameter 3 mm

After the discussion the room voted and all agreed with this change in the rule book, there were no sailors against the change. The ITA committee will now move forward and finalise the wording with ISAF.

8. Events and class promotion in 2015

2015 – European Championships, Lake Lipno CZE – June 11th – 15th

2015 – World Championships, Carnac, FRA – Early Sept 5th – 12th

Future events in 2016

Europeans – We have options for Bordeaux or Csenatica, Italy near Rimini.

Worlds – We have an offer from ISAF president to visit his club in Italy.

Roland mentioned – did anyone go to Genoa? Roland has sailed there once and there was oil in the water.

There are two options Portinetico (preferred) or the new race centre which is near.

Genoa is easy for shipping from other locations such as Australia.

Sarah Jentsch added to the meeting that we are setting the level high for our Tornado events, we did this with Ibiza and Australia – we need to keep this on and we need to push events to be great. We are working with the team in Carnac already to ensure we have a high level event which sailors and their families enjoy.

Brett suggested that Italy is very central for everyone, would it be worth having the Worlds in Lake Garda every year?

The president of the club at Lake Garda has already offered us the possibility to have the Europeans in Lake Garda every year.

Harry Winspear asked about boats for hire because shipping his boat might not be an option. Kostas said that it would be cheaper to ship the boat from Australia. It cost Kostas 800 EURO to ship his boat to Australia, it would cost more to hire a boat in Europe.

9. Election of Auditors

Thank you to Nahid who has supported over a number of years, she now stands down from her role as auditor. Thanks to Paul Peterson who also reviewed the accounts for 2014.

Peter Gibb and Markus Betz offered to be auditors for 2015 in Carnac.

10. Election of Commodores of Honour

There were no recommendations for this position.

11. Retirement of Officers and Committee Members

Every year the ITA committee must stand down from their positions on the committee and then be voted back in if they should wish.

Standing down:

- Iordanis Paschalidis
- John Ready

We thank them for their service to the ITA

Also we have a secretary change, Andrew Dowley is standing down to be replaced by Maria Tsaousidou. Andrew will remain as a committee member.

12. The 2015 Committee

President – Jurgen Jentsch (GER)

Vice President – Kostas Trigonis (GRE)

Treasurer – David Gunkel (GER)

Secretary – Maria Tsaousidou (GRE)

Technical Committee Chairman – Leo Sanchez (ESP)

Technical Committee Member – Brett Burvill (AUS)

Technical Committee Member - Wolfgang Heinemann (GER)

Events - Sarah Jentsch (ESP)

Events – Jens Hafner (AUT)

Committee Member – Stefan Bernsdorf (SUI)

Committee Member – Peter Gibb (AUS)

Committee Member – Jean Caron (FRA)

Committee Member – Andrew Dowley (GBR)

The room voted on the 2015 committee and all were in favour, no against.

13. Any other business

Sails & Plaques

There has been some confusion over ISAF boat plaques and sail licence stickers. The ITA committee members and members of the association need to pass the message to all Tornado sailors to let them know about the rules.

Sail stickers for country

Kostas proposes that we all have sail stickers of our country at the top of the sail to help stand out. If there are crews from two nations then they would have the country sticker as per their sail number.

Aaron Duncan (NZL) said it would be a good addition and would add extra colour to the photos and would help supporters watching the racing.

This is to encourage people rather than being mandatory and it won't be a class rule.

Medal race

Kostas proposed adding a medal race into our championships, this would stand as an 11th race. The medal race would fall into ISAF rules and would be double points.

Aaron Duncan (NZL) said this should be promoted to other local clubs. It should have a commentator.

The sailors should all watch, not pack up and go but watch from the shore.

The ITA committee will think about this and see if it is possible to implement

Meeting closed at 19.40