



International Tornado Class Association

AGM Notes 2017

Meeting started at

34 people are in attendance

People present

David Gunkel, Markus Betz, Monika Schuster, Estela Jentsch, Peter Konstantinidis, Bob Baier, Marc Baier, Alexander Tagaropoulos, Kim Nicholas, Allan Gamble, Paul Raymond, Dominika Haltmarova, Michaela Pavlisova, Vicente Amengual Ribas, Neus Torres Ramis, Mirco Mazzini, Andrea Ciavatta, Luigi Paolillo, Saverio Petruzella, Jared Eyles, Suzanne Eyles, Nikolaos Mavros, Zbigniew Piekarski, Malsarizzi Giuseppe, William Caunce, Aaron Duncan, Zdenek Pavlis, Iordanis Paschalidis, Josef Gunkel, Brett Burvill, Sarah Jentsch, Maria Tsaousidou, Kostas Trigonis, Juergen Jentsch.

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1. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

Everything is all right.

Proposer: Markus Betz

Secunder: Alexandros Tagaropoulos

2. President's Report

A warm welcome to all Tornado Sailors, members and friends of the Tornado Class on our 50th anniversary.

It's wonderful to see so many old Tornados brought back to „life“, as well as seeing a comeback with young and new teams taking part in the 49th Tornado World CGlobal, Mixed & Youth Championship.

The history of the Tornado as we know goes back some 50 years, and this year we celebrate the 50th birthday of this wonderful Catamaran class.

In 1967 we became the status of an International Class, with the Classic Tornado designed by Rodney March and Terry Pearce.

We have left behind an amazing track record in the Olympic sailing sport, as well as in the amateur and fun section.

It remains a tough and competitive boat.

The Class owes generations of great sailors, its thanks for their contribution to this Catamaran.

Some of these are: Rodney March, Sir Reg White, Göran Marström, Giorgio Zuccoli, Randy Smyth, Victor Potapov, Jörg Spengler, Cris Cairns, Darren Bundock, Glenn Ashby, John Forbes, Mitch Booth, Fernando Echavarri, Roland Hagara, Yves Loday, Poul Elvström, Le Derooff, Nicolas Henard, Roland Gäbler, Dany Paschalidis and Kostas Trigonis and the living legend Santiago Lange.

It is totally clear for me, that once infected by the Tornado virus, it is hard to combat with any special remedy.

Over 5000 Facebook Users follow our news on the ITA page. We have many fans and friends worldwide.

The press conference this week here at the Nautical Club Thessaloniki has attracted main national media of Greece, transporting our daily news nationwide and worldwide.

We need to continue spreading class highlights, to feed the different media platforms with good images. ICARUS MEDIA as partner of the class, helps us do this.



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My personal wish is; that every sailor should please support us with reports from your local sailing to your newspapers and your social media contacts. News about people, long distance races and any other stories always find interest worldwide.

2. Highlights/ Events 2016/17

The 2016 Tornado Worlds in Lindau, at the Segler Club Lindau in June 2016 hosted 28 Tornados from 11 nations.

A well-organized championship– it was a really impressive event.

There the World champions were:

Dany Paschalidis & Kostas Trigonis, from Greece

And the Global Mixed Champions were:

Brett Burvill, Australia and Estela Jentsch from Germany.

Mid-June 2016, Europeans in Cesenatico, a perfectly organised event by our Italian friends, with 27 Boats (10 nations). There the European champions were:

Nikolaos Mavros and Alexandros Tagaropoulos,

And the Mixed Champions were:

Maria Tsaousidou, Greece and Marc Baier, Germany

July 2017, Europeans in Dervio, Lake Como, Italy

The event was organised with lots of personal engagement by our Italian friends, with 22 boats from 6 nations. There the European champions were:

Nikolaos Mavros and Alexandros Tagaropoulos, Greece

And the Mixed Champions were:

Jürgen and Sarah Jentsch, Germany

2017 German Nationals at the SCFF, Segelclub Füssen Forggensee, Germany
19 Boats, 4 Nations.

The champions in both categories were:

Jürgen and Sarah Jentsch

Now I want to thank the entire ITA - Committee for the good work last year.

I think the Tornado class has a chance of further survival with the path we have chosen – to promote and support young sailors from youth classes to rub shoulders with extremely experienced sailors in the class.

Thank you very much!

3. Secretary's Report

After last year's AGM in Lindau we all together decided with a raise of hands vote to proceed in establishing the new mainsail identification. The process was as follows:



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First our committee and especially the Technical committee had to write the text in a correct formal way. This text was given to you with the form of a ballot last July. The 78% of the voters (59) voted that they accept the text as written, will 10 (22%) were the ones to deny it.

I received one comment mentioning the grandfathering of the sails despite his/her acceptance of the rule. After that, the result was sent to World Sailing who approved the change in written on the 28th of October 2016, something that made the decision final.

The same procedure was followed for our second change regarding the election of the committee members every 2 years. This change concerned the Class Constitution and it's not a Class Rule, so your votes were enough in order the change to be valid. All but one voted in favour of this change (98%).

4. Treasurer's Report (07.06.2016 – 25.08.2017)

The total balance at the cut of date of 07.06.2016 was 33.885,99 € with the balance of 31.602,65 € at Raiffeisenbank Jungholz / Reutte – Austria, 2.283,34 on Paypal and 0 € in Cash.

From the ITA Box one Selftacker 150 € has been sold.

The Stickers with the amount of 3383,00 € have been sold. (Thanks to Wolfgang, Leo and Peter for the sales support)

Membership fees with the amount of 7.208,03 € have been earned.

ITA Eventfee of 1.250,00 € have been earned. The amount of 1.050,00 € is still outstanding from the EC 2017 Centro Vela Dervio. The Club ensured the payment asap after the holiday period.

The main expenses have been for promotion, like photos, calendar, travel expenses, membership cards, webpage, etc. in total of 9.855,02 €.

The new Nationflags are sold for the manufacturing costs.

So we can close the Raiffeisen Bank account with a balance of 31.248,25 €, the PayPal account with 1.008,73 € and 500 € in Cash. This means a total amount of 32.756,98 € is available on the cut-off date 25.08.2017. Starting with a total amount of 33.885,99 € this means a loss of 1.129,01 €.

The Books have been checked by Markus Betz and Alexandros Tagaropoulos on the 31st August in Thessaloniki Greece.

Proposer: Kim Nicholas

Secunder: Kostas Trigonis

5. Events and class promotion in 2018

2018:

European Championship:

1. Balaton, Hungary

2. Yacht Club Bordeaux, France



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3. Barcelona

Tornado World Championship:

1. Margherita di Savoia (Horizont Sailing Club), Italy August or September

Please file any ideas for future event locations with us

6. Election of Auditors

Markus Betz and Allan Gamble offered to be auditors for 2018 Worlds.

7. Any other business

After commenting the point Mr. Rusterholz made in reference to the new rule of sail number, class insignia and nation placement the committee has decided to leave the rule as it is, and make exceptions if necessary.

As far as it is known there are 2 sailmakers with batten differences, for these an exception will be made as in the Europeans 2017 in Dervio, Italy.

As to the cloth type list, the list will be updated once a year if pertinent.

Austrians and Swiss should get to join the events.

Kostas spoke about the **vital** need of the class to attract the youth.

Each one of us should all let new sailors sail the Tornado and encourage people to enter our class by sharing trailers, boats and sails. Transportation would be a lot easier if it is arranged for more than 1-2 boats.

Let the world know the environment and the family spirit that we have in our championships.

Meeting finished at 8.55 pm