



**Minutes General Meeting 2018**  
**International Committee of the International Dart Association**

<b>Venue:</b>	Dervio, Italy
<b>Date:</b>	26.07.2018
<b>IDA President:</b>	Martino Salvo
<b>Representatives:</b>	France: Patrice Gautier, Thierry Wibeaux Germany: Klaus von Weitershausen, Sven Hagelstein Great Brittan: Mark Robson, Sarah Stones, David Lloyd Italy: Martino Salvo, Giorgio Vincenti, Alessandro Baldi Netherlands: Reinout den Teuling Switzerland: Michiel Fehr Thailand: Jack Wylde Boat-BUILDER: Brian Phipps
<b>Minutes:</b>	Michiel Fehr

1. *Reports by the national associations:*

Italy: The fleet is growing very well, 5 national regattas, lots of young sailors (4 teams under 21 at Worlds!), youth are encouraged to step on the DART from other classes. Alessandro Baldi has built up a group of 12 boats in 2 years' time at his club!

Netherland: last two nationals with more than 30 boats, aim is to go to clubs where there are many boats, one student team still sailing, everything going well.

England: things are going well, class still going strong with good turnout at national events, try to get some "green aspects" into the fleet.

France: Memberships stable at a low level, still trying to encourage youth, French sailing federation is offering free boats to youth teams -> very difficult to promote the Dart, new teams are mostly middle aged, there is some potential in this age group.

Thailand: Interest in Thailand is growing in connection with the Worlds 2018; hope to get some Thai sailors on the Dart for the championships.

Germany: Class is stable and growing in the north of Germany thanks to Bernd Meyer, it is still difficult to get youth teams involved, the main target group would be young people in the 30's;

Switzerland: fleet is stable at a low level, national regattas can only be held together with the south german fleet, many classes are suffering in Switzerland, IDAS will have to seriously think about how to go on in the future

Input David Lloyd: Dart 18 as an affordable international class.

- ➔ It is generally agreed that the main target group for the DART in many nations are young couples with not so much money that want to get involved in regatta sailing. The DART-class offers a group of friends that is willing to help newcomers into the fleet.

Input Giorgio: Italian Class has started an environmental program to raise awareness to the pollution of the oceans

Input Michiel: Sarah has offered her help in the IDA. As an Ocean scientist she would be very well suited as “environmental agent” of the DART class and could coordinate the different initiatives that are going on in the different fleets. This would be a good background for some promotion on social networks and other media.

- ➔ It is agreed that Sarah should support the IDA Committee concerning environmental campaigns and promotion.

2. *IDA new Website*: any ideas for getting Dart18 fleets informed on what's going on;

Michiel has set up the IDA Website on [www.dart18class.com](http://www.dart18class.com). Peter Stephens (GBR) has offered to support the IDA Committee with promotion on social media platforms in all countries.

- ➔ The representatives thank Peter for his offer to support the Committee.

3. *World Championships 2019 in Thailand*: News about the 2019 Worlds (by David Loyd and Jaques)

Entry fee: is going to be a little less than this year (about 300Euros)

Website: is up and running on [www.dartworlds2019.com](http://www.dartworlds2019.com)

Container: Shipping Partner PSP, exact price for shipping will vary depending on the leaving port, estimate is about 9000Euros for a container of a maximum of 18 boats

Flights: cheapest to fly with a stopover, direct flight more expensive

Participants up to now:

England: David is coordinating a container: 26 English boats have paid a deposit

France, Portugal: Thierry is coordinating a container in the south; up to now about 11 Boats

Germany, Italy, Switzerland: Sven is coordinating a container from Basel or Genua; up to now 12 Boats interested

Jack: has lived in Thailand for 3 years, Club has organised Optimist Worlds 2017, everything you need will be available at the club, limited accommodation at the club, but a lot of possible accommodation close to the club (for 30Euros/per night you find a very nice hotel), sailing conditions will be 12-16 knots, water quality is not an issue (you can swim in it from the club)

4. *2019 European Championships/Med Cup?: Any Nations available to host the 2019 Europeans/ Med Cup con put their bid;*

At the meeting in Germany we have decided that every nation would see if their nationals could be upgraded to an Europeans. We have not made a decision at that point. Over the winter we have discussed about Bridlington (GBR) and Knokke (BEL). Belgium backed off, so we were left with Bridlington. At the meeting Thierry brought up the offer to organise the Europeans in Cavalaire (FRA) as an alternative to Bridlington.

**Vote:**

A) Bridlington 24-29. August 2019  
GBR, SUI

B) Cavalaire (Mediterrainian) has offered to host Europeans 27-30. Mai 2019  
FRA, NED, GER, ITA

**→ Europeans 2019 will be held in Cavalaire**

5. *Worlds 2020*

At the Meeting in Germany France offered to organise the Worlds 2020 in Hyere. During the negotiations with the club there suddenly seemed to be an issue with the dates that had been agreed upon. So the French went looking for an alternative and presented two options:

**Vote:**

→ Hyere 29. August – 6. Septembre 2020 (not ideal in term of school holiday)  
NED

A) La Rochelle 25. July – 1. August 2020  
SUI, GER, GBR, FRA

**→ Worlds 2020 will be in La Rochelle**

6. *IDA fees: Nations that have not payed the past fees, are kindly requested to cover the amount during the Worlds (see attached file). Since IDA fees is a crucial issue, during the meeting will be discussed how to manage it in the future;*

As it is well known many nations have not paid in the past.

Michiel presents Mike Gomme's suggestion of how to move forward with this issue:

*Membership Fees*

*Full member* £2.50 per nations member (minimum sub £50)

*Non-Active member* £1.00 per nations member (minimum sub £25)

*Individual member* £10.00 per member has put forward a suggestion

*Full active members will benefit from*

1. *Eligibility to enter international events such as Worlds & Europeans, Nationals*
2. *International trophies maintained to a high standard*
3. *Voting rights on proposed product changes*
4. *International events adhering to the current World Sailing published Dart 18 rules*
5. *IDA will recommend a competent scrutineer to oversee the local scrutineering team*
6. *IDA will have Nations calendars and also event results and news*
7. *International promotion of the Dart 18 class through social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram, World Sailing website run by Pete Stephens.*
8. *Temporary membership to regional dart class associations to take part in National events*
9. *Receiving a twice-yearly newsletter covering topics such as*
  - a) *Updates from Dart 18 manufacturer*
  - b) *Reports from Nations National events and or any other events Nations would like to report*
  - c) *Upcoming Nations events*
  - d) *Updates from World Sailing*
  - e) *Information on IDA's progress with Clean Seas and Sustainability*
  - f) *A section on Dart 18 history*
  - g) *IDA news*
  - h) *Updates on class sustainability / clean seas*

Its agreed that the new Committee should work on the suggested benefits for our members. The differentiation of membership categories is thought to be to complicated, though.

**→ It is agreed upon that there will be one kind of membership at 2.50Euros per person starting from 2019**

7. *Upgrade on IDA bank account:*

We have now an up to date report on the IDA account. The discussion still remains weather to have the account in Euros of Pounds. It is generally agreed that this does not make so much difference. Transfer costs can be kept small if nations pay their fee in cash at the international events. It is up to the new IDA Committee to decide on this subject.

Wener Lacour (GER) has offered to audit the accounts.

8. *Builders report:* to be shown during the meeting;

Brian: Very good year in terms of sales of new boats, many young professional people are looking for something to do with their girlfriends, this is the main target group.

9. *Election day of the new IDA Chairman, Vice IDA Chairman, IDA Secretary; IDA Treasurer:*

At the meeting 2017 in Germany Martino Salvo, current president of the IDA, announced that he will step back at the meeting in Dervio. Before the meeting in Dervio Des Barns (GBR) announced that he will resign as secretary. Vice Presidents Rob Holden (RSA) and Sean O'Connor (GBR) have not been directly involved in IDA business in the last few years.

All things considered it seem a good moment to restart with a fresh Committee.

The new treasurer Mike Gomme has offered to take on the job as IDA president. Nicolette van Gorp (NED) as Vice President and Michiel Fehr as secretary are willing to support Mike in the IDA Committee.

- ➔ **Mike Gomme is elected as new chairman of the IDA committee.**
- ➔ **Michiel and Nicolette are elected as Members of the IDA committee.**
- ➔ **The accounts will be audited by Werner Lacour from Germany.**
- ➔ **Pete Stephens will support the committee with social media**
- ➔ **Sarah Stones will support the committee as environmental agent**

Martino Salvo thanks everyone for the trust we gave him during his years as president. He did his best and he did it his way. Having organised three championships in the last few years and built up the Italian class, he is happy with what he could achieve.

All representatives thank Martino Salvo very much for the big work he has done for the IDA, the events he has organised and the class that he has rebuilt in Italy.

*Words from Mike Gomme (Email 06.08.2018)*

*... You have done an amazing job building the Italian class and we hope you will continue to do so and assist the IDA team with doing the same for other Nations. During your term you have overseen successful championships, many of which were have been organised by yourself at the helm, you leave me a tall order as your successor that I hope I can fulfil...*

10. *Any other business (AOB)*

a) Support by Windsport (Martino):

For the Event Support Windsport is asking for about 1600Pounds per Event to cover the expenditure. Spread out over the fleet, this makes about 20Euros per boat. The Italian and Swiss class associations considered this well worth the good service sailors get during the event. It is important to consider these costs when organising an event, though. The next two events in France will be supported by Thierry Wibeaux. For the Worlds in Thailand sailors will bring their own spare parts.

b) non original parts sold by former German dealer (Klaus):

Some German sailors bought trampolines from the former German dealer Günter Maas, not knowing that these are not original parts. The German class association asks for admission of these few trampolines, as the don't bring any advantage to the sailors. Pro's and Con's have been discussed, the main

concern being that it will be very difficult to draw a line to what is acceptable and what not if more parts like that turn up at future events.

**→ Issue is to be discussed within the new board and a suggestion brought forward**

c) Rule Change (FRA)

Thierry suggest a small optional safety addition to the boat to help elderly sailors getting on to the boat.

**→ The representatives supports the suggestion**

**→ Thierry will put in an official request**

Michiel Fehr, 13.08.2019