



Minutes of the IDA Annual General Meeting 2019
International Committee of the International Dart Association

Venue: Cavalaire sur Mer, France

Event: 2019 Dart 18 Europeans

Representatives:

IDA

Mike	Gomme	IDA Chairman
Nicolette	van Gorp	Vice-Chairwoman IDA
Ruud	van Gisbergen	IDA Treshurer
Michiel	Fehr	IDA Secretary and SUI

National Class Associations

Olivier	Billard	FRA
Thierry	Wibeau	FRA
Simon	Moruzzi	GBR
David	Lloyd	GBR
Klaus	von Weitershausen	GER
Martino	Salvo	ITA
Giorgio	Vencenti	ITA
Alessandro	Baldi	ITA
Willem	Van Putten	NED
Tom	Phipps	Windsport international

Apologies:

Denis	Neumann	CAN
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1. Minutes AGM 2018, Dervio

The minutes can be found on www.dart18class.com/official-documents/ -> AGM's

The minutes from Dervio are confirmed without any further remarks.

2. Reports by the officers representing Nations

A new electronic form for the class reports is now available on our website

www.dart18class.com/official-documents/

Reports have been handed in by the following nations:

- GER
- GBR
- FRA
- SUI

The other nations are asked to fill out the nations report by the end of august 2019



Following a brief summary of the reports given at the AGM:

United Kingdom:

Numbers of boats have declined a little compared to the 5-6 years ago. The cost of travelling has increased and is stopping some sailors from taking part in the events. To get more people into Dart-Sailing the class started to organise more training events. The class has also tried to get new clubs involved in organising regattas, which shows in a slightly smaller numbers of boats at the events. The class sends out regular emails to every sailor after each event. To get feedback from the sailors a questionnaire is sent out after the events. To help administrate the association "Webcollect" is used. Through this platform addresses are managed and membership-fees collected.

Germany:

Membership and participation at the events are more or less stable. The focus to attract news sailors is not so much on the youth but more on students and young couples that enjoy sailing, but don't have much money to spare. They plan to introduce more social events into their calendar. Like this they hope to attract people that are not interested in joining the regattas or don't feel confident enough yet to do so. Thanks to spare boats available in North and South Germany, sailors started to travel more frequently to join events at the other end of the country.

France:

The association ist stable low. It proves difficult to encourage sailors to travel to national events. A big focus is on facebook to promote the class. They have many followers, but most of them are not members of the association. I proves difficult to get them more involved. A regatta training is part of the calendar each year, but due to lack of interest has been cancel the last 3-4 years. They often join mixed catamaran-events, where they will often be the strongest class.

Italy:

Last year they had some good races with about 20 boats. At the next nationals they expect about 30 boats. In Ostia, near Rome, Alessandro is putting in a lot of effort to promote the DART at the local club. Starting from zero they now have 20 Darts regularly sailing. Whenever the sail they try to make the class as visible as possible, e.g. with beach-flags. They encourage people to join the class by offering them a boat for 3 events. After that, the sailors have to decide if they want to buy a boat. The class is actively searching for cheap second hand boats that are sold on at a prize of about 1000-2000 Euros. They try to attract youth sailors from other classes, which seem like the friendly atmosphere in the Dart-Class. There is a question at the moment how the class is legally constituted. Thanks to a annual class magazine they manage to attract sponsors for the first time. International events a very important to make the class attractive. The nationals 2020 are going to be in Arco, Lake Garda.



Netherlands:

The number of members is a little bit declining. At the coastline there are a lot of Dart-Clubs who's sailors don't like to travel. Unfortunately, the last student team stopped sailing last year. Now they are looking for some new ideas to promote the class.

3. World Championships 2019 in Thailand

Feedback by David:

The organization on the water was good and the social program was great. The Club was fantastic, even though the surroundings are not the best.

Container-logistics turned out to be more challenging than expected. Unexpected additional costs were covered by the club. The event will help to encourage the Dart in Thailand and through that get a foothold in Asia.

With 52 Teams representing 12 countries and 5 continents it was a good turnout. This is also important for the status of the Dart-Class with WorldSailing.

4. Future International events

Worlds 2020

France, La Rochelle, 25.-31. July 2020

La Rochelle has hosted several French Dart nationals and many international events. The Worlds will be hosted by an experienced regatta-club. The event will be prepared for 120boats. Sufficient facilities will be provided. Campervans will not be allowed at the marina. The Camping is about 1km from the Club. Around the marina are a lots of student apartments that can be rented during the summer. Communication about the event is planned for October 2019. Every second evening there will be a social program organized.

Patrice is officially the contact for the event. But due health reason Thierry is taking over for the moment.

The entry fee will be around 370Euros. Early bird reduction for registration before the end of the year, additional charges for sailors registering after April 2020.

- ➔ Idea: Make other incentives for early bird entries, like special give-aways or best spots for

Dart Worlds were always a grade 2 event for WorldSailing, but in France it will be a grade 3. This is affecting the financial support received by the French Sailing Federation, but is considered of not much importance for the class.

Racing schedule:

Practice Race Saturday 3pm

Racing Sunday – Tuesday

restday Wednesday

Racing Thursday and Friday



Worlds 2021

Villamora, Portugal, end of August / beginning September

- The Worlds 2021 are agreed upon by all representatives. Thanks to the Portuguese Class Association for organizing this event.

Worlds 2022

England -> Focus is on an location in the Solent. Second option would be Abersoc, Wales

- Preference from the meeting would be on the Solent.
- The Worlds 2021 are agreed upon by all representatives. Thanks to the Portuguese Class Association for organizing this event.

Worlds 2023/24

For the Worlds 2023 and 2024 The Netherlands and Italy are possible locations.

- The Dutch and Italian Class Associations are asked to discuss possible locations and dates among their members. Based on their suggestions decisions about these Worlds will be made at the next IDA meeting.

General remarks

Mike offers to help organizing lorry-transports also from mainland Europe.

- Sailors interested in this service are asked to get in touch with Mike

Event Support

Expectations from sailors: The ability to buy spare parts is a must. Repair facilities are a nice to have.

The IDA committee wants to be actively involved in the organisation of international events. They have written down a list with recommendations for event support and other requirements (online entry, official documents (NOR, SI), communication, online results).

- This will be sent out to the countries to comment upon

Further, the use of the online platform "manage2sail" is promoted.

IDA offers support to the organizing nations with setting up the registration and results platform as well as an event-website.

5. IDA fees / Account

The issue is currently suspended until the Rules and Constitution have been updated

This means that this year there is no charge and next year we will start collecting money again.



The expected expenses will be covered by existing IDA funds.

They include: Update and renew the trophies (Some trophies have not been looked after well by the sailors.), ISAF-Fee, Advertising material, Website

6. Newsletter

7. IDA website

See www.dart18class.com. The IDA committee finds it important to streamline the web-appearance of the Dart18 class and is open for suggestions and remarks on how to improve our presence in the www.

- For national associations that have difficulties running an up to date website the IDA offers to set up a simple class-page on the IDA-Website.

8. Builders report

Tom and Alex are taking over the business from Brian.

Last year there was an increase in the number of new boats sold. The biggest challenge at the moment is to find ways to produce parts in small quantities at a reasonable cost. Windsport is working hard to find solutions that work for them as well as for the sailors.

Tom is open to questions and remarks from everyone and wants to build up a good relation with the class.

9. Election day of officers

The current committee is standing for a next term.

- The IDA Chairman (Mike), Vice IDA Chairwoman (Nicolette) and IDA Secretary (Michiel) are elected by all present representatives.

Ruud van Gisbergen offers to take on the job as IDA Treasurer, after unofficially doing this work for the last few years while the IDA tried to set up an class account in England or Europe. As this proved to be more difficult than expected it was decided to run the accounts together with an account from an national association.

- The AGM elects Ruud as official Treasurer and decides that the IDA Bank account will be shared with the Dutch class account.

10. Any other business

Rule Change: Simon Muruzzi suggests a rule change on behalf of the UKIDA. This suggests to make it open to the sailors to use tape of other anti-slide material on the tillerbar.

- The suggestion is supported by the AGM and will be presented to the rules committee.



Emmenbrücke, 10.06.2019,

Sig. Michiel Fehr, IDA Secretary