



**Minutes of the IDA Annual General Meeting 2021  
International Committee of the International Dart Association**

**Venue:** La Rochelle

**Date:** 29.07.2021, 7 - 8pm

**Representatives:**

**IDA**

Nicolette	van Gorp	Chairwoman IDA
Ruud	van Gisbergen	IDA Treasurer and NED
Michiel	Fehr	IDA Secretary and SUI
Florian	Bleisch	IDA and GER

**National Class Associations**

Thierry Angélique	Wibaux Thepaut	FRA
Martino Alessandro	Salvo Baldi	ITA
Derek	van Heerden	RSA (online)
Simon	Moruzzi	GBR (online)

**Apologies:**

Willem	van Putten	NED
Klaus	von Weitershausen	GER

**1. Minutes AGM 2021, Online**

The minutes can be found on [www.dart18class.com/official-documents/](http://www.dart18class.com/official-documents/) -> AGM's

The minutes are confirmed. Thierry Wibaux's name is corrected.

**2. Reports from the nations**

For the official reports see minutes from online-meeting 2021.

The Covid-19 pandemic still has a big influence on sailing-activities in the Dart-Class. Due to travel restrictions only one English boat was present in LaRochelle. Following a short update from the nations about their activities.



### **Great Britain:**

So far two events could be sailed. The turnout at the nationals was lower than usual, but still not bad with 37 boats. The other events should be able to go through, but less boats are expected.

### **Germany:**

Different regattas had to be cancelled. Two regattas were held with a medium turnout. The main upcoming event is the German Nationals on Lake Garda from 16-18.09.2021.

### **Italy:**

Three out of four regattas with a good turnout could be sailed, including the Italian Nationals. The class is still going strong, especially due to the big effort from the sailors near Rome.

### **Netherlands:**

So far only one regatta could be sailed. This had a good turnout with around 20 Boats, which is more than at the last Nationals. The Nationals 2021 had to be postponed to the end of the year and will be held from 08.-10.10.2021 in Medemblik.

### **France:**

A four day teaching in May was a big success with 27 boats! Racing only started in June. A lot of effort has been put into the Gold Cup in La Rochelle, after the Worlds had to be cancelled due to the travel restrictions for english competitors and in accordance with the decision at the online AGM 2021.

### **South Africa:**

After a difficult 2020 with no regattas, 2021 started well. The nationals with 32 boats were a big success and there are many young sailors joining the class. Since 2019 the class is generally growing again. The lockdown encouraged people to take up outdoor sports, which was also good for sailing. The Association is working on a support program and qualification series to send out student-teams to the Worlds from 2023. Derek and his son are planning to join the worlds 2022 in Portugal.

### **Switzerland:**

The situation is difficult and regatta-activities are low. Only one event could be sailed so far. For many events the swiss sailors join the italian or german class, but these regattas were cancelled. The hopes lay on the Alpencup and German Nationals on Lake Garda.

## **3. Report from IDA**



Since the last meeting Florian Bleisch (GER) and Nigel Jupp (GBR) joined the IDA committee. The new teams functions well. So the new committee looks as follows:

- Chairman: Nicolette van Gorp (NED)
- Vice-Chairman: Nigel Jupp (GBR)
- Member: Florian Bleisch (GER)
- Secretary: Michiel Fehr (SUI)
- Treasurer: Ruud van Gisbergen (NED)

Updated Classrules will be published after the Gold Cup. Existing regulations are specified: an individual righting-line can officially be added to the boats; when sailing single-handed jib-halyard and jib-sheet must be installed.

Question by Derek:

May the jib be removed for windy days during an event when sailing double-handed? This had been done at an event in RSA and caused discussions.

**-> The situation is not clear and Nicolette will discuss it in the rules committee**

Opinions from the present nations:

- a. jib may be removed, but the choice has to be done for the whole event  
RSA, GBR
- b. jib may be removed for windy races and added for lighter winds during the event  
GER, NED, FRA
- c. jib must always be carried when sailing double-handed  
SUI, ITA

#### **4. Information about the Worlds 2022 in Portugal**

The dates for the Worlds 2022 are set: 10.-16.09.2022.

Nigel and Nicolette are in touch with the club. Further information will follow on our website.

NED and GBR are planning to send out a lorry for boat-transport. GER is interested in organising the same in the south, potentially together with ITA and SUI and join NED in the north.

Questions about the event can be addressed to the Committee.



## 5. Future international Events

### 2023

GBR is prepared to host the Worlds in 2023. The current suggestion is Bridlington in August 2023. Bringlington offers a great venue for such an event. ([Google-Maps](#))

From different nations ask about a venue further south.

-> **GBR will evaluate the possibilities and suggest a venue**

-> **UKIDA and IDA will decide on the location by the end of 2021**

### 2024

After going north in 2023 a venue south should be found. ITA and SUI offer to organise and event in the mediterranean.

Possibilities are:

- [Sardinia](#)
- [Ostia](#) (Rome)
- [Tarquinia](#)
- [Punta Ala](#)
- [Isola d'Elba](#)

Ferry Crossings add a lot to the costs. RSA asks to avoid ferry crossings if possible.

-> **ITA and SUI will prepare a proposal for the AGM 2022**

## 6. other business

Invoices for the IDA-Fee will be sent out with the accounts.

GBR has sent a present to be distributed to the sailors in La Rochelle, because they could not join the event.

This very nice gesture has been appreciated a lot!

-> **@Simon: please forward a big THANK YOU to UKIDA-Members!**

Emmenbrücke, 14.08.2021

Sig. Michiel Fehr, IDA Secretary