

SACA

Swiss A-Division Catamaran Association

Notice to the IACA Committee

Dear IACA Committee

25. 01. 2011

Referring to the protocol of the WGM 2010 at Cesenatico/I several subjects have been discussed at our SACA General Assembly on 22.01.2011 and we would like to inform you about the results, in order to be treated at the next WGM 2011:

1.0 Financial IACA Contribution to Major Events

An E-mail with the attached proposal has been mailed to you on 25.01.2011.

2.0 Competence of the Race Committee and the Jury at Major Events

The SACA requires that at Major Events as WC and CC the NOR and IACA Championship Rules will be apply more strictly in future. If not applicable any longer such articles of the C.R. should be updated.

3.0 Championship Rules

3.1 Limits of wind conditions (C.R. Art. 10 c)

According to the WGM protocol the change of the wind limits will be treated at the next WGM 2011.

The SACA is for maintaining the minimal wind force of 4 knots, but also in the same consideration to leave the maximum limit with 22 knots unchanged, always during the measured period of 15 minutes before starting or stopping the race.

The important thing after all is however that the Race Committee applies the rules and if they should not react the Jury has to interfere!

3.2 Maximum entries for Major Events (C.R. Art. 3)

The SACA is opposed to the increase above 100 entries for following reasons:

- At a Major Event only the best sailors of each nation should participate, what gives the guarantee that the difference between the top sailors and the slower participants remains as small as possible, thus also reducing the duration of each race.
- During the last years most often the fleet of 100 entries has been filled up mainly with local sailors, i.e. several nations did not use their full contingent.
- Already with 100 entries many very attractive racing areas respectively the club locations are at the limit with their infrastructure, e.g. this also for an efficient watering of the boats in a reasonable time frame.
- Already today there are in most cases not the number of security boats as required by the C.R., by increasing the fleet it will be even more difficult to organize 1 security boat per 15 participants!

3.3 IACA Ranking as entry criteria for Major Events (C.R. Art. 3)

We think that this is hardly realistic as the racing fleets in various countries are extremely different in size, just take a national championship or a regatta in Australia compared to one of the small countries. We believe that the size of the National Fleet Members for the contingents and their national ranking lists are still the best solution. The SACA is therefore against a change of the actual procedure.

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3.4 Liability Assurance (C.R. Art. 15 a)

The SACA requires again that at the registration at a Major Event the insurance policies respectively the certificates of the participants must be very carefully controlled in order to be sure that the required insurance coverage by the NOR is guaranteed, this without any exclusion for racing events!

At the 2010 worlds in Italy it was offered to buy an insurance coverage if the own policy was insufficient. This very positive example should be followed in future.

4.0 Jury at Major Events

The SACA applies that the subject of the Jury will be put on the agenda of the next WGM 2011 at Aarhus/DK.

The SACA suggest that the IACA will file a demand to the IYRU or the event-holding National Sailing Federation (if this is necessary) or otherwise decides that the Jury can be reduced from 6 to 3 members at Major Events.

The SACA recommends that the head of the Jury comes from another nation than the event holding country and that one jury member is if ever possible a local official being familiar with the weather and water conditions of the respective area.

Thank you for considering our interventions.

I would like to inform you that the SACA Committee has now changed as follows:

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After close to 40 years I said now finally “goodbye” to any official function in the various catamaran associations. During all this years I found many new friends and encountered a lot of support in the interest of our fantastic A-Catamaran class.

Thanks a lot for everything and see you again on the water.

Best regards
For the SACA Committee
Dieter Melcher