

most attractive venue, which should be investigated further. It is suggested that a special international regatta be planned for 2003. **Peter Wells to write.**

5d. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1999: Ola Barthelsson gave a report on the preparations for the Championship. The following was agreed;

1. There will be a pre-Championship Regatta 19/20 June.
2. Fees: a charge of SwKroner 1400 per entry will be made.
3. Measuring: Ben Fuller is appointed Chief Measurer. Competitors will be allowed a maximum of two suits of sails which must be produced, duly certified with measurement form.
4. Check measurements may be made at the discretion of the organisers.
5. Courses: the normal course will be as Appendix 1 ICF Sailing rules. In some circumstances e.g. a strong wind from the north a windward/leeward course will be set. This will be announced before 09.00 of the day of the race.
6. International Jury: The following are recommended to the ICF Board:

Patrick Marshall (GBR) Goran Bergander (SWE) Walter Pollmann (GER)

6. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

6a. 2002 - Peter Wells reported that the proposal to hold the 2002 Championship at Vancouver, BC, Canada had been withdrawn because there was no one able to take overall responsibility.

Ben Fuller reported that an application would be made to hold the Championship at Barrington, Rhode Island, USA. This is the home water of Steve Clark. Agreed would provide an excellent venue. **Ben Fuller to progress.**

6b. 2005 - Alan Powell gave a report on progress. It was hoped that we would be able to hold the Championship at Weymouth where the facilities formerly occupied by the Royal Navy for flying boats and more recently, helicopters, would be converted for civilian use. Overall control would be in the hands of the same team who were responsible for the 1998 Europa Cup, then based on the other side of Portland Harbour.

6c. 2008 - no firm proposals.

7. DEVELOPING THE IC CLASS

PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS AND COMMENTS BY ICF SAILING COMMITTEE

Reference	Proposal	Comment and Action by ICF Sailing Committee
General Reg Para 6	Amend second sentence and sub-para a) to read "Unless otherwise specified in the Sailing Instructions, contact by tiller extensions shall not constitute a collision."	Accepted
General Reg Para 6	Delete sub-para b) regarding 720° turns as in RRS.	Accepted. No longer required. Penalties are now prescribed in RRS.
Appendix 2 para 5f.	Reduce maximum stripped hull mass to 60.5 kg from 1 Jan 2003, and to	Noted for further discussion. An "all up" measurement in sailing trim should also be

Appendix 2 Para 13	58 kg from 1 Jan 2006: maximum allowable correctors to be reduced to 7.5kg and 5 kg at the same time. Insert new sub-para: "d) No electronic equipment which receives a transmission from external to the canoe or which processes two or more data is permitted."	considered. ICF Sailing Committee propose: "No electronic instruments which process two or more separate and specific types of information to give a combined output e.g. VMG, are permitted. All tactical and boathandling decisions are to be determined by the judgment of the individual competitor. No outside assistance may be received from any source while racing."
Appendix 2	Allow use of asymmetric spinnakers	For all international regattas, including the 1999 World Championship the ICF Sailing Committee may grant specific measurement dispensations to individual canoes provided that a) No speed advantage is conferred b) The best interests of the IC Class and its development are served c) The decision of the Committee is unanimous. It follows that competitors will be permitted to take part in racing without, of course, using the third sail and provided that the spinnaker pole is kept in the retracted position and does not extend more than 30 cm in front of the stem. Normal racing rules will apply.
Appendix 2	Allow four year experiment in free hull design, subject to length, beam and rise of floor restrictions,	ICF Sailing Committee will watch the development of asymmetric spinnakers with interest. It is important that the Class does not split and it is envisaged that the two would run in parallel, as with the Int 14 Class. Rules to govern the spinnaker are being drafted to ensure conformity with a common standard. Not accepted. Any hull to these limitations will be fast and advantages in some conditions will be offset by disadvantages in others. To encourage experiment in cheaper construction methods the Committee proposes to allow multichine hulls which comply with current measurement restrictions.
Appendix 2 para. 8 a)	Increase sliding seat extension (suggested by 175mm) Allow use of PRO-TRIM dinghy speedometer/timer.	Not accepted. Would be allowed under proposal Appendix 2 para 13 above

TIME TABLE FOR RULE AMENDMENTS:

Further proposals for Rule Amendments should be submitted to national organisations without delay and forwarded to Per Sjhult, Chairman ICF Sailing Committee by 31 May 1999.

All proposals will be discussed at the competitors' meeting at the World Championship. The procedure set out in the document accepted by the ICF Sailing Committee on 14 February 1998 will be followed.

Voting returns from national organisations will be required to be submitted to the Chairman ICF Sailing Committee by 30 September 1999.

The proposals will be considered by the ICF Sailing Committee at their meeting November 1999 and submitted for endorsement by ICF Congress 2000.

They will take effect from 1st January 2001

7a. The Chairman announced that he intended to retire at the ICF Congress in 2000. If possible the committee should be strengthened with appointment of members from more canoe sailing countries.

7b. The voting system for rule amendments was now in place and would be followed as set out above.

7c. "A Guide for Measurers" had been distributed to all countries concerned. No problems had been reported.

7d. Experimental changes. No reports of trials had been received. There was interest in the development of asymmetric spinnakers in a number of countries, as mentioned above. It is to be hoped that a demonstration will be arranged at the World Championship. It is recognised that different courses will be required to suit the characteristics of the spinnaker, but it is important that we should be inclusive to the extent, perhaps, of having two World Champions.

7e. New IC leaflet and other Publicity. Peter Wells said that the BCU had arranged for professional photographs to be taken at the Europa Cup Regatta at Weymouth last year. These will be available on CD ROM for viewing although, of course, transparencies will be necessary for high quality reproduction. Agreed that Bill Beaver (USA) should be asked to write text for leaflet. *(After the meeting Bill Beaver agreed to this. PW)* **Peter Wells to coordinate.**

Peter Wells reported that he had provided article and photos for *ICF 75 years Jubilee Book*.

7f. New IC video for exhibitions and education. There is a possibility that a video can be produced through Swedish Sports Council. Agreed that the best currently available video was in the USA. **Ben Fuller to investigate availability.**

8. Working Programme 1999-2000. To collate, evaluate and vote on rule amendments for presentation and confirmation at ICF Congress 2000.

To prepare International Regatta Programme for year 2000.

9. The next meeting will held at Royal Canoe Club, London, 13 & 14 November 1999.

P. Sjhult (Chairman)

P. Wells (Secretary)