

# INTERNATIONAL VAURIEN CLASS ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### ORDINARY MEETING

Paris, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

List of Presents : see attached sheet

Agenda The order of the provisional timetable was changed by necessity of organisation

#### 1. VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (VWC) 2009 IN BIZERTE (TUNISIA).

M. Ali Khiri, Vice President of the Fédération Tunisienne de Voile (FTV) declare that the organization will be managed directly by the Bizerte Club that will celebrate their 100 years of life : FTV will support the club for the technicalities : jury, race committee, etc. Tunisia is at present assuring the presidency of the Mediterranean Sailing League gathering 13 countries for the 2009-2012 cycle and intends to take the opportunity for reviving Vaurien sailing among the members. Tunisian government has built a new building assembling the sport federation and FTV occupies an entire floor : all facilities are available and the VWC have been introduced in the federal budget.

M. Khaled Ben Gharbia, President of the Bizerte Club introduces his club, one of the oldest sport clubs in Tunisia and give details of its location near the entrance of the bay ; the race course will be just in front of the beach of the sailing base. The club is 3 km from the sailing base.

Telecom Tunisie may be the official sponsor of the event assuring all the communications needed.

Transport from Europe will be tackled by the President who is a professional in the transport field. The national ferry company will probably accept to offer discount fares on condition that the booking are made very early. He will mail the information hopefully before the end of the year. Apart the national ferry company one French, one Italian and one Spanish companies are operating from Marseilles, Genoa and Barcelona.

Hotels at reasonable cost are available in the vicinity (Jalta Hotel – 35 €/day for dinner, bed and breakfast, 55 €/day for full board) and a camping site (free) will be available.

Entrance fee will be 130 Euros per crew (boat).

The International Jury according to ISAF regulation for a World Championship (3 International Judges) may be headed by the President of the Fédération Algérienne de Voile Mohamed Azzoug, by two European Judges and two Tunisian national Judges.

Race Committee will be assured by the club under the FTV authority.

The organization asks IVCA to take charge of the Measurements : IVCA assure that at least two International Measurers for the Vaurien class will attend and organize the operation with the help of a few club volunteers : a canopy should be prepared for being in the shadow. The class templates will be taken to Bizerte by IVCA.

French will be the official language since is spoken by all club members.

It is recalled that a valid passport is necessary for entering Tunisia.

The training course for two Tunisian crews will be organized according to the school leave in March April 2009 : it should be held during a week in Vada (Italy) and include a regatta at the end. The responsible person within the FTV is the Technical Manager, Halem Rebaya.

The point concerning the renting or purchasing of some Vaurien boats by FTV is debated : FTV would be the Tunisian party and costs shall include transport. FTV intends to equip all Tunisian sailing clubs with Vaurien boats since it considers it as the better support for developing young sailors' skills.

It exists in Tunisia a shipbuilding factory but it needs a good mould for starting local production of Vaurien.

## 2. NEW ENTRY IN THE CIV's ORGANIZATION

The CIV approve unanimously the Fédération Tunisienne de Voile (FTV), as representative of Tunisia Vaurien Association.

## 3. MINUTES OF SUMMER MEETING IN MATOSINHOS

Minutes of summer meeting in Matosinhos are unanimously approved without modifications.

## 4. LIST OF MANUFACTURERS

The President will recall all National Vaurien Class Associations (NVCA) to transmit, by the end of February 2009, the list, address and available information about all manufacturers of Vaurien boats, rigs, appendices and sails.

For the acceptance of the In House Certifications (IHC) proceedings every NVCA should contact the National Sailing Federation (MNA) for clarifying if they participate in the ISAF experience and on which base.

## 5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) REPORT

The Chairman of the TC reports on the meeting held on the December 13<sup>th</sup>.

He states that the Draft Standard Rules submitted a year ago are not yet formally approved for various reasons : Olympic and election year, personal problems of ISAF technical expert in charge, etc.

With the newly elected Class Rule Committee, the forecast for an end to the scrutiny is uneasy : at best might be in March 2009.

The analysis of TC members has been conducted with care and attention, each member having perused the draft in advance permitting a thorough and quick examination. The main recommendations are summarized hereunder :

- TRANSOM PROFILE – KUIPERS built boats do not comply with the rules and therefore transom shall be modified to conform to the template included in SECTION I 1 of the draft rules.
- RUDDER OPTIONS – Two options are offered for fixing the rudder to the hull.
- CENTREBOARD – Profile shown in the draft rules shall not be exceeded but it shall be clear that the trailing edge shall be continuous without indentation.
- WEIGHT OF HULL – The minimum weight given as 65 kg is considered too low and either the existing value of 73 or a compromise one of 70 have been recommended. It is recalled that in 2007 the value of 70 kg was voted and therefore this value is submitted.
- EDGE CHAMFER AND ROUNDING OFF – The TC recommend to clarify that chamfer and rounding off shall not be used at the same time.
- Other minor amendments have been agreed within the TC but it is decided that only the weight change will be transmitted to ISAF as a “clerical error”. The other amendments will be introduced after the formal approval in order to avoid any risk of further delay.

The President, as required for the submission of Rules to ISAF, put the TC Report to vote : the Report is voted unanimously for by the presents.

#### 6. COMITE INTERNATIONALE DU VAURIEN

The President of AV France reports on the registering of the Comité International du Vaurien as an Association under the French Law. CIV is now officially registered as a non-profit association and can therefore officially keep accountancy books for receiving the support of sponsors.

The President thanks J.J. Girard, who is officially named as correspondent in front of the French Administration, for the excellent work and then the assembly decides that the original of the registration is kept by the President Office, with copy to J.J. Girard and to Mrs. Florence Herbulot who is hosting the association.

#### 7. EUROPA CUP

The results of the Europa Cup have been received recently and are published on the web site.

The proposed events and dates are declared by the NVCAs.

#### 8. VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010, 2011 AND 2012

2010 VWC will be held in Slovakia. No further news has been received but the President is in contact.

2011 : Germany is willingly to organize them on Dumma Lake in central Germany. Details and pictures are shown to the presents by AV Deutschland.

2012 : France presents his candidature on condition that it will be endorsed next year.

#### 9. VAURIEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS

The TC Chairman points out that the number of International Measurers (IM) for the Vaurien class is dwindling : After the loss of Rijn Segaar, Joerg Belling has vanished and now only five are officially known : two in Spain, one in Italy, in Tchek republic and in France. It would be interesting to know if other IMs for the Vaurien class exist in other countries, but anyway countries that have no IM should promote the submissions to ISAF (through NVCA + MNA with IVCA support).

About this argument the President will contact the NCA

#### 10. IVCA WEBSITE

A long exchange took place about the Class website : some NVCAs arguing that the site is not up to date and is not easy to consult : AV Deutschland volunteers to take care of the keeping the site updated. The President objects that the site is an essential part of the presidency and therefore cannot be out of its hands.

After a passionate discussion, the conclusion is that the site could be shared, with a section accessible to the presidency only (the official site) and another section (cared by persons outside the presidency). The opening of a forum section within the site was excluded, but such a lively meeting opportunity could be arranged as a separate site : the details (language, compulsory registering of visitors) would be defined later.

#### 11. VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The latest version of the Vaurien World Championship Rules has been approved and will be published shortly.

#### 12. REPORT OF THE TRESAUSER

Approved unanimously

List of Presents

Gianpiero Saggini - President IVCA

Mrs Florence Herbulot – Honour President IVCA

Maurizio Raffaelli – Vice President IVCA and Delegate of NCA Italy

Ignacio Campos – Vice President IVCA and President of NCA Spain

Ugo Zappi – President of Technical Committee

Jean Jacques Girard – President of NCA France

Peter Lakshmanan – President of NCA Germany

Menno de Vries - Delegate of NCA Nederland

Invited:

Ali Khiri – Vice President of of the Fédération Tunisienne de Voile (FTV)

Khaled Ben Gharbia – President of the Bizerte Club - Tunisia