



ff International
Commodore – Dean McAullay

Minutes of Council Meeting 1 July 2026
Via Zoom

1. Present:

Dean McAullay, Alastair Stevenson, Peter Kennedy, Michel Pélegrin d'Almeida, Alain Kinard, John Walker, Patrick Harris, Carlyon Knight-Evans, Graeme Robinson, Sally Garrett, Simon Thompson & Michael Clark

2. Apologies: Graham Latham

3. Hong Kong Worlds - 2028

Hong Kong has a hard stand storage capacity problem at Middle Island and the Organising Authority (OA) (RHKYC) would like to limit the number of entries to 70 boats. It was proposed and agreed that the event be declared an open event with the maximum of 70 entries, which is accordance with the preface of the FFI Championship Regulations. Entries to be accepted on a "first come first served basis". It was suggested that the Commodore may retain his discretionary power over 6 places as per the Championship Regulations and these places would be included in the total of 70 boats.

It was agreed Dean will act as FFI's delegate in any other actions required by the OA

Carlyon outlined that the preliminary work is in progress and they are working on an event website which should be active around Q3 and the NOR to be available in early 2027.

4. Worlds - 2029

Michel advised that Club du Cannes could only offer a "wet" regatta, which is considered unsuitable for our boats, therefore, we cannot proceed with this venue.

Michel has had a discussion with The Club La Pelle in Marseille and they may be interested in hosting the event. John advised that he was familiar with the area and thought Hyères would be a better venue. Michel commented that the wind is very different between the 2 venues - need to research.

Preferred timing would be Sept/Oct to maximise the time span between HK & France.

France used a handicap system for Open, Silver & Classic boats at their last Nationals and they have asked if they can use the same in the PreWorlds, they can as it is a French event and does not come under FFI.

Alastair commented that he is looking into a ranking system.

5. Ballot

The meeting was advised that 2027 is a ballot year and to date we do not have any items for ballot. Preferably we should have details of any items going to ballot by the end of the 2026.

Discussion took place on whether radios become mandatory, removal of anchors, and sophisticated electronics that provide additional information at a cost via annual fees etc. It is anticipated that some proposals will be put forward by the end of this year.

6. AOB

2026 Euros - John reminded the meeting that the Euros are coming soon and that the Club de Mar is looking forward to seeing us. There will be a pre regatta at Pollença on the weekend prior to the Europeans (the NOR for the Pollença regatta is ready in Spanish to be translated ASAP).

A promo for these events has been sent to all the NCA's asking them to circulate to their members with a link to an EOI on the FFI website.

Canada - Graeme advised that a Grandfather clause for the "old" boats in Canada is acceptable, Graeme to please issue a written definition that can be sent to Canada

Meeting duration 70 minutes.