

Minutes of the Classics forum
The Anchorage, Hervey Bay, 20.11.2018, 18h - 20h

The Classic discipline has been voted upon in the WGM 2017 in Sopot. The World championships in 2018 in Hervey Bay is the 1st major event where the Classic discipline has run under its “real” conditions: distinct starts, distinct race area, ranking, etc. We have conducted an informal discussion on how the Classic discipline is integrated to date, the preferred way forward, and possibly other aspects that sailors consider important to discuss.

About 25 participants showed up for the discussion. Themes were :

- is there an issue with the current definition of classics ?
- How do we go forward from here ?

Charles reminded participants of a few important guidelines : the classic A shall remain a construction class, and what the World Sailing criteria and rules are, in regards to not creating a new class but keep the classics as an IACA discipline.

Multiple friendly discussions ensued, with about two “camps” presents : those who want to keep the existing solution, and those who wants to proactively adds some limitations to avoid things getting out of control.

The major themes discussed were about how to limit foiling, how to keep costs down, how to keep the boat attractive and easy to sail, secure, etc. There seemed to be an agreement on that foiling with C-boards is indeed possible but not efficient.

A majority understands that ruder winglets are a security feature. Some thoughts were expressed on limiting the rudders and centerboards sizing and adjustability.

At the end of the discussion, we decided to form a “classics discipline sub-committee” who is in charge of producing a proposal due in February 2019, in collaboration with the IACA technical committee and World Sailing to ensure administrative feasibility. The sub-committee is formed as such:

- Andrew “Landy” Landenberger : chairman
- Alberto Farnesi, ITA
- Scott Anderson, AUS
- Ben Hall, USA
- Ian Johnson, AUS
- Brent Harsant, NZL

Charles is looking for a member from France to join in, as a nation with many classics sailors.

Charles Bueche, 22.11.2018