

European Chairman report activity 2012

It has been a good year for the Laser European class and some objectives fixed (when we were elected in November 2011) have been reached. Not all of course as the work has been enormous.

After the Eagm, we discover that nothing was really ready or prepared for the 2012 season despite the fact Emily Argall was hired since a month as European secretary.

Neither contracts or contact with the clubs for the 2012 European championship were ready, juries for those events were not prepared (it took more than a month and a half to get the reply list from judges). The Europa Cup Notice of Race was not ready, ...

A major job, as not much was prepared by the former executive team.

It was decided to share the work between us:

The chairman was in charge of the European Championships, the Vice- chairman the Europa cup, the Master Coordinator the Europa masters series and European Master Championship. Macrino took care of the new Eurilca website and the new European ranking list. He will explain all that in his report.

The first priority was to have the minutes out in time. First, a short resume was sent to the district contact and Emily had the task to finish the minutes before going on vacation at Christmas. (It took 9 months to get the minutes in 2011!).

After that I took care of the contracts, if for the event France was easy to have it sign immediately, it was a different story for Austria as no contact was made before. Finally after putting quite a bit of pressure on them it was signed and the contract for Belgium was signed also.

Our position was : No contract signed, no event.

After that entries were open for sailors between 1 st February and march..

We also decided that the European secretary should have more feedback by coming to the field as we noticed that you have to be in contact with the reality.

Macrino invited her in Torbole for the Italian Europa Cup and I invited her in Hourtin for the senior European championship. Accommodation and food were paid by the event organisers. The European region paid only for the trip.

The idea was that Emily would make recommendations and change in the way in dealing with entries, registration, parental consent forms, etc... The main thing was to lower the administrative work for her and also to the organizing club because right now the system has been really administrative and needs to have a printer working 12 hours to print all documents for a 4.7 event for example at the event.

I also asked to Emily to prepare a yearly planner with all her tasks to do.

In the summer, we proposed also to Pilar Lopez from Spain to be the European Chief Measurer and to Christian BEGBY from Norway to take care of the accounting for the Eagm. In September Emily informed me she was leaving her position. She had applied since more than a year to do a master degree in architecture at the University of Plymouth. She was accepted probably because she became UK citizen in September. Emily had no employment contract, only email confirmation from Ilca office for the position. It was then possible to leave immediately.

With that a short notice it was urgent to find a successor. Glad we found Barbara MURRAY (Irish born) but living in Spain for over twenty years, who has been to a lot of Laser events and organized a Laser World Championship in Tenerife in 1995.

We made a contract for her as a consultant for her, first for a period until 31 st of December, 2012.

It has not been easy for her but she is doing her best with our help. It is also important to hire someone who has not another project but who is willing to stay for some years as it took time as in any job to know what you have to do.