

Groningen, 12 May 2013

To All National Secretaries and their members

This message contains the following topics:

- Nominees for officer;
- Voting the new officers;
- Members of the National Organizations. and voting rights

### **Nominees for officer**

After the AGCM in Abcoude, November 2012, the bye-laws were changed.

The biggest change was that new officers must apply and are chosen by the members.

By the 1st of March 2013 we had the following members applying for the vacancies:

General Secretary - Ed Cox (AUS-7);

V-P Development - Tony Lyall (GBR-386);

V-P Technical - Paul Hemker (USA-3) and Hans Genthe (GER-33).

So 2 positions are only applied for by only one candidate.

And for V-P Technical we have 2.

For Ed, Tony and Paul there is no discussion that they are qualified.

With Hans it is not the case according to the bye-laws.

We do not question Hans his capabilities and his technical knowledge regarding the Flying Dutchman and Class. But reading the bye-laws carefully he doesn't qualify in the way it is stated there (bye-law rule X.X. and ).

By contacting Hans by email we tried to make up if he was willing to extend his knowledge and hands-on management as V-P Technical.

Unfortunately Hans was too busy with his company at that time, so we didn't have a proper conversation to inquire the way to go forward with each other.

We see Hans as a very valuable asset to our class and technical management to just let go of him. And since we want younger people getting involved in the Class-Management it would be very good to let him step up.

### **Voting the new officers**

As General Secretary and V-P Development we only have 1 candidate. Therefore we ask the National Secretaries to approve and support those candidates to take office for the next term.

Regarding V-P Technical we have 2 possible candidates, Paul Hemker and Hans Genthe. As we explained we tried to establish communication with Hans regarding his lack of knowledge regarding measurement and so on ....

Taking the bye-laws as guideline Paul Hemker is the only candidate qualifying as V-P Technical. During wintertime, not knowing Hans his interest at the latest moment, we had many emails approving Paul's candidacy.

So we ask you as National Secretaries how to proceed. Regarding the bye-laws only Paul fits as applicant. So please reply to us before the **21th of May 2013** by email.

If you all approve there will be no voting this time because we only have choice of 1 person per vacancy.

## **Members of the National Organizations ....**

Regarding voting officers IFDCO needs to know who its members are.

Our General Secretary asked the National Organizations to hand over lists of members. According to the bye-laws this has to be done before the 1st of April every year. Without such a list it is undoable for the IFDCO to introduce a proper voting system.

That's why we ask all National Organizations to approve the new officers without voting this time. If you want to have a voting procedure because the bye-laws say so, you must admit our requirement of an approved membership list.

Besides the voting this list is needed for official IFDCO-event attendants as well. Without being member of an NO sailors can't enter and compete in this events. During Malcesine and in Santa Cruz there where several competitors administrating themselves as IFDCO-members at the spot. By doing so they don't support the class's NO's and we don't want that to happen in the future.

Waiting for your reply;

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