

News from the AGM 2020, held on Oct. 2, 2020

This was the first AGM held via web conference with participants from Australia, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and United States. Some of the key topics were:

The first **New Yngling** since 2013 has been built and is measured. IYA subsidises up to three new boats with € 5'300 each. We do this to "get the stone rolling" and to gain experience with today's widely used construction technique (infusion method) and building materials (vinyl ester). We expect price advantage and longevity, but not performance advantage. To proof this, performance tests will be carried out under the lead of the Technical Committee next year.

Our **communication system** is web and print based. The IYA website is our official communication channel, the IYA FaceBook has content from the website and local contributors. Instagram puts emphasis on pictures and videos.

The **International Yngling Magazine** now contains articles with a "longer half life". For example, in the 2020 magazine we had an interview with a former Olympic sailor who now also sails Yngling - best advertisement for our class! In future, premium articles shall also appear on the website, together with the International Regatta Calendar, which will be updated regularly.

The forthcoming **international regattas** are

- **Spring Time Regatta** in Riva del Garda, Italy, June 4 - 6, 2021. The last one took place in 2017 with 15 boats only. We want to try a revival at this wind safe and prestigious place and hope for good participation.
- **Open Worlds Berlin**, Germany, July 24 - 31, 2021. The 2020 quotas, applications and youth boat admissions will be carried forward to 2021.
- **Open Worlds Koper**, Slovenia, July 22 - 29, 2022.

The **Executive Committee** has two new members, **Adam Tran** (AUS), Secretary and **Amalie Hallager** (DEN), Social Media Officer. **Chris Harper**, **Mattias Dahlström** and **Rimmert van der Kooij** were no longer available or their term had expired. A big thank you to Chris and Mattias, who served the class for decades - and to Rimmert who has defined our communication strategy and well taken care of our social media.

The **Technical Committee** was in the last few years understaffed. We are happy that **Chad Lewis** (USA) and **Ronny Ronnhaugen** (NOR) have joined and **Peter Carter** (AUS) has rejoined the committee.

Chris has done very much for the publicity and appearance of the class. We want to honour this with the **Chris Harper Trophy for Publicity**. It shall be awarded to the ones who did most in terms of promotion of the class. Details will follow soon, the trophy shall be awarded first time at the forthcoming Worlds.

The protocol of the AGM shall be published by end of October on the IYA website.

Walter Baumgartner, October 14, 2020