



**International 2.4 Metre
Class Association
2024 Annual General Meeting
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Excerpt

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to the 2024 AGM Meeting Document**

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Resolutions from the French NCA



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Resolution One :

The French NCA proposes the allocation of a grant to complete a secure, efficient, and shareable Excel database to handle the European Ranking.

- No sophisticated tools would be incremented so it could be used on any basic version of XL.
 - The French NCA will handle data entry for 2025
 - subject to receipt of correct regatta results.
 - The said grant would be 1 000 € - one thousand Euros.

Resolution Two :

The French NCA proposes the allocation of a grant to cover the costs of organizing a World/Euro Championship in France in 2027. The ICA resources would find here a good investment to support our international racing activity as :

- NCAs do not have significant resources.
- Clubs are not asking for 2.4mR competitions.

World Championship pre-organisation expenses			
Targets :	Hyeres	Cannes	Toulon
Visits/meetings :	Train, boarding		
	500 €	per year '25, '26, '27	1 500 €
Public relations :	250 €	2025/26	500 €
	total		2 000 €

Resolution Three :

The French NCA proposes a reflection on the use of our cash flow surplus :

1. The ICA could lead a reflection on buying a competitive boat.
 1. Around 10 000€ with a double trailer and one set of new medium sails. This type of investment will become an asset for the class.
 2. The boat could be stored at a club where a group of members will be responsible. As we don't have a real address and no tax ID, the said asset could be contractually taken over by a well-known club such as NRV or YCIF.
 3. Those members will be in charge of delivering the boat and charging the user for the delivery expenses.
 4. The boat will be tagged using AirTag-type devices.

2. The ICA could sponsor the World Championship for the organization of social life.
 1. At 40€ for 100 people is 4 000€ !

3. What are the expenses of the ICA taken into account in the 2024 accounts and 2025 budget for the World Championship? Last

February, we approved a substantial budget for communication around the World Championships in Kiel. The project's lack of results is disappointing, and unfortunately, we could not use it in our search for a sponsor.

Resolution Four:

The French NCA proposes to conduct a new survey on "Obstacles Preventing Expansion" of our class.

- OPS should be approached with a full understanding of our limitations by answering some key questions such as (not limited...):
 - Is the focus on disabled people a handicap in the face of fully inclusive strategies?
 - Could we fully support the accessibility of sailing regattas for people with disabilities but loudly proclaim that we run the best inclusive regattas by being truly able to include everyone in our high-level regattas?
 - Can't we come up with a joint project to reach for the real Olympic Games and try to make there a great and competitive, truly inclusive competition (in a few years...)?

Dear NCA's, Dear ICA Board members,

here are the Comments of the German NCA on applications 1-4 of the French NCA

Proposal 1: European Ranking

A European ranking for the 2.4mR class is not a viable concept. The lack of a solid foundation for its relevance and the disproportionate costs make its implementation unjustifiable.

1. Lack of Direct Competitions Among Sailors

- Sailors from different European countries rarely compete directly against each other. Without direct competition among participants, the foundation and credibility of a ranking system are missing.

2. Limited Relevance

- The rankings are based on results that do not stem from a unified competitive context. This makes it impossible to establish a meaningful comparison of athletic performance.
3. Not an Effective Marketing Tool
- While a European ranking could theoretically promote the class, in practice, a ranking without genuine comparability is unlikely to be taken seriously within the sailing community, greatly reducing its value for marketing purposes.
4. Disproportionate Costs
- The annual cost of €1,000 to maintain such a ranking system is unjustifiable given the non-existing benefits.

Proposal 2: Financial support

The ICA assists NCAs and potential organizers in the planning of World Championships when a clearly defined organizer is identified, and concrete plans are in place. This is not the case in the present application.

Additionally, the application states that the funds are intended for PR, training, and accommodations. This expenditure is of a general nature and cannot be considered as direct preparation for organizing a World Championship. They fall under promotional and private activities, which are outside the scope of the ICA's responsibilities.

For these reasons, we recommend rejecting the application.

Proposal 3.1 : Comment on the proposal to purchase a boat with a trailer at the ICA's expense

The proposal to purchase a boat with a trailer at the ICA's expense cannot be supported. There is no clear description of how this boat would be used or what specific benefits it would bring to the ICA.

Furthermore, the high acquisition costs are a significant factor that must be carefully considered. The issue of insurance also poses challenges, particularly if the boat were to be used by different individuals in various countries, creating legal and organizational risks.

Another critical concern is the geographical limitation: the boat could only be used within Europe, as the cost of shipping it to other regions would be prohibitively expensive. What about USA/Canada, Australia or Asia? We would need another 2-3 boats!

In summary, the costs and efforts involved do not justify the potential benefits for the ICA. For these reasons, we recommend rejecting this proposal.

Proposal 3.2: Financial support of an organizer of a World Championship

Payments to an organizer of a World Championship is unlikely to result in reduced entry fees for the sailors and would instead likely be absorbed by the organizer without providing direct benefits to the participants.

A more effective use of funds would be to directly support the sailors, for example, by subsidizing transportation costs for participants from distant regions. This would facilitate access to the World Championship and deliver a tangible benefit to the sailors.

For these reasons, we recommend rejecting the proposal in its current form.

Proposal 3.3: ICA's Expenditure

The question of the ICA's expenditure for the 2024 and 2025 World Championships can be found in the minutes of the EC meetings.

Proposal 4: Survey

The proposal by the French NCA (and the "Action4Europe" protagonists) to conduct a survey on the "Obstacles Preventing Expansion" of our class is not just a misguided attempt to advance the class, but rather a disturbing example of the backward-thinking mentality that still prevails in this discussion. The first question: "Is the focus on disabled people a handicap ..." of the survey is already scandalous, as it suggests that parasport, the inclusion of people with disabilities, and the promotion of diversity are a "barrier" to our growth. Such an attitude is not only inappropriate but also dangerous and completely incompatible with the principles of equality and inclusion that is the foundation of our class.

It is hard to comprehend that there are still people who view individuals with disabilities as a "problem" or "hindrance." This reflects an alarmingly outdated and narrow-minded perspective. The idea that inclusion in any way hinders the growth of our class is simply a farce. People with disabilities are an integral part of sailing and contribute significantly to making our class more diverse and stronger. Those who ignore this fact have not understood the meaning of sporting diversity and equal opportunity and jeopardize the future of our class. The question raised by the French NCA (and the "Action4Europe" representatives) of whether we can "host the best inclusive regattas" is another misleading attempt to portray themselves in a positive light without actually changing anything. It's not about patting ourselves on the back, but about making real progress that enables access for all sailors, regardless of disability.