

# 2016 IMCA Annual General Meeting – Agenda

Hayama Yacht Harbour, Hayama, Japan – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 1800 hrs

1. Attendees
2. Welcome and Appointment of National Delegates
3. Acceptance of the 2015 AGM Minutes
4. President's Report

2015/2016 has been a quieter year for the class following the close sequence of 2014 and 2015 Worlds. Membership and boat sales seem to follow this lull in activity.

After a 15 year hiatus, Japan has been a great host for the 2016 Worlds. The event has been the result of a huge amount of effort by Hiroki Goto and the Japanese fleet. We appreciate the work that has gone into this event, and hope that it brings renewed growth to the class in Japan.

As expected, the entry numbers for the Japanese Worlds haven't been as high as previous events. Due both to distance from existing fleets, and being an Olympic year. As a class we have recently managed to find the right balance between smaller participant events to encourage growth, and larger events such as the 2014, 2015 and potentially 2017 Worlds in Garda.

We have 3 countries interested in hosting the 2018 Worlds, Argentina, Australia and Bermuda. We do need to find a host for the 2018 European Championships.

We also have 2 new IMCA Countries, with Ireland and Argentina joining us with growing fleets.

Our proposed rule changes which were passed at the 2015 AGM faced resistance when being ratified by the Council of Presidents before submission to ISAF.

While the class is strong, we still need to work hard to maintain the perception that the class is accessible and racing is moderately affordable. We may need to make changes to our regatta guidelines to ensure the cost, or the perceived cost of competition is not getting out of hand.

5. Treasurer's Report

The current financial status of the class is healthy. 6 countries are fully paid, another 7 have not paid their fees for 2015 yet (per 30th April 2016) . IMCA fees for 2016 have not been invoiced yet as it is still quite early in the year.

Whereas the amount of cash on the banking account is roughly the same as per last report (21. December 2014), the stock of plaques has risen considerably and the total outstanding debtors have risen from approx. 2 000€ to 4 800€. So the net assets have risen from 25 500€ to 33 200€.

ISAF has decided to rise the price per plaque. As IMCA is not gaining any surplus on selling the plaques to the members and boatbuilders it will be inevitable to adapt the selling price from 35€ to 40€ per plaque. Please vote accordingly on the AGM in Japan.

Some countries seem reluctant to pay their IMCA membership fees and/or world's levies. Some years ago IMCA has decided to ban sailors out of countries that are unpaid for more than two years from taking part and IMCA championships. I'd like the AGM to discuss this thoroughly and specify this procedure in order to avoid any future misunderstandings.

6. Measurer's Report
7. National Association Reports
8. Ratification of IMCA IRL and IMCA ARG as IMCA Countries.
9. Update for the 2017 World Championships in Lake Garda, Italy
10. 2018 World Championships
  - a. **Argentina**
  - b. **Australia**
  - c. **Bermuda**
11. Outstanding Class Rule Changes
12. Other Business
13. Appointment of Office Bearers