

NOTICE OF  
2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL NACRA 17 CLASS ASSOCIATION

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In accordance with the International Nacra 17 Class Association Constitution, this Notice, dated August 7, 2017, gives the required 28 days notice, under the Constitution, of the Annual General Meeting of the Class. The meeting will be held on September 4, 2017 at 1830hrs Central European Time in La Grande-Motte, France

The meeting shall be conducted in person and only members of the World Council shall be entitled to vote. Observers may be admitted.

RESOLUTIONS

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There are 8 Ordinary Resolutions and 6 Special Resolutions to be considered. An election may be held to determine the 3 Vice Presidents of the Class. Ordinary Resolutions 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be considered together by way of election if required (i.e. If no one drops out before the AGM)

## ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS:

### ORDINARY RESOLUTION 1 – APPOINTMENT OF CFO – MURRAY JONES (NZL)

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

#### **Proposal:**

To nominate Murray Jones (NZL) to be the Chief Financial Officer of the Class for a two-year term.

#### **Purpose**

Murray has been the interim CFO since being co-opted in September 2016 and this proposal formalizes his position.

#### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this nomination? (Yes/No)

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION 2 – APPOINTMENT OF VP - IKER MARTINEZ (ESP)

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposal:**

To nominate Iker Martinez (ESP) to be a Vice President of the Class for a further two-year term.

### **Purpose**

Iker has been on the Class Executive since 2015 and is an active campaigner. He is keen to continue.

### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this nomination? (Yes/No)

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION 3 – APPOINTMENT OF VP - SOFIA BEKATOROU (GRE)

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposal:**

To nominate Sofia Bekatorou (GRE) to be a Vice President of the Class for a further two-year term.

### **Purpose**

Sofia has been on the Class Executive since 2015 and was an active campaigner who is considering continuing. She has a long history with Olympic Classes and is a member of the World Sailing Athletes Commission. She is keen to continue.

### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this nomination? (Yes/No)

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION 4 – APPOINTMENT OF VP - TOM WHITEHURST (USA)

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposal:**

To nominate Tom Whitehurst to be a Vice President of the Class for a further two-year term.

### **Purpose**

Tom has been on the Class Executive since 2015 and is active in promoting the Nacra 15 as a youth development pathway and in supporting Nacra 17 sailing on the East Coast of the USA. He is keen to continue.

### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this nomination? (Yes/No)

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION 5 – APPOINTMENT OF VP – LISA DARMANIN (AUS)

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposal:**

To nominate Lisa Darmanin to be a Vice President of the Class for a two-year term.

### **Purpose**

Lisa is an active sailor in the Class, representing Australia at the 2016 Olympic Games and is campaigning for 2020.

### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this nomination? (Yes/No)

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION 6 – PROPOSED SPECIFICATION CHANGE 1

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Submitted by Hugh Styles, on behalf of British Nacra 17 Sailors

### **Proposal:**

To ask Nacra Sailing to alter the construction, cloth type and weight of the spinnaker to accommodate the increased loads for a code zero application.

Note that ultimately Nacra Sailing and World Sailing have to also agree to this proposal

### **Purpose**

With the higher drag setup and increased weight of the boat, we have a boat slower than the c foil boat in light winds with wide tacking angles.

The opportunity of using the spinnaker upwind has been found to mask these issues. Using it has resulted in improving the boats performance and making it more spectacular. Which aligns well with World Sailing's vision.

Existing spinnakers are already deforming to the point where one spinnaker per regatta will be required.

The use of the spinnaker as a code zero jib upwind is imposing higher loads than anticipated through the sail, resulting in increased stretch deformation in some panels.

### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this resolution? (Yes/No)

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION 7 – PROPOSED SPECIFICATION CHANGE 2

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Submitted by Hugh Styles, on behalf of British Nacra 17 Sailors

### **Proposal:**

To allow a spinnaker sheet cleat on each deck, port and starboard. Nacra Sailing to advise a suitable location.

Note that ultimately Nacra Sailing and World Sailing have to also agree to this proposal

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### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this resolution? (Yes/No)



## ORDINARY RESOLUTION 8 – PROPOSED SPECIFICATION CHANGE 3

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Submitted by Hugh Styles, on behalf of British Nacra 17 Sailors

### **Proposal:**

To ask Nacra Sailing to replace the current spinnaker sock system with a code zero roller furler system to speed up deployment, tacking, gybing, and recovery.

Note that ultimately Nacra Sailing and World Sailing have to also agree to this proposal

### **Purpose**

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### **Question**

Do you wish to endorse this resolution? (Yes/No)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1A – BOARDS IN FULL DOWN POSITION

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

#### Proposed Rule Change

Change Rule C 8.3 (b) to read:

*Both daggerboards shall be in the fully-down position whilst racing, with an exception being that they may be raised to clear the boat from becoming afoul of in-water items, and should be immediately placed back into the fully-down position once becoming clear of in-water items. When Flag R is flown by the Race Committee Rule C8.3 (b) is suspended.*

#### Purpose of this Vote

To allow for this rule to be suspended at the option of the Race Committee (for example in light winds). It is intended to discuss this resolution with Special Resolution 1B

#### Question

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION 1B – BOARDS IN FULL DOWN POSITION

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposed Rule Change**

Delete Rule C 8.3 (b)

### **Purpose of this Vote**

To delete this rule and leave it open to the sailor to do whatever they want with respect to the daggerboards. One consideration is that they may reduce the number of tacks and gybes that sailors are prepared to make during a race depending on the effort required to raise and lower boards. It is intended to discuss this resolution with Special Resolution 1A.

### **Question**

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION 2 – FOOT STRAPS

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### Proposed Rule Change

Change class rule 7.1 (d) to read:

*~~Three~~ Four foot straps may be fitted to each hull, ~~of which the aft one~~ at least one of which, and no more than two, must be rear of the aft cross beam. The forward ~~two~~ foot straps must only be anchored to the hull using the anchor points built into the hulls as supplied.*

and change C 7.1(e) (ii) to read:

*to fit the rear foot strap(s) astern of the rear cross beam.*

### Purpose of this Vote

To bring into permanent effect, the decision at the European Championships 2017, to allow up to 4 foot straps to be fitted with up to two to be fitted rear of the aft crossbeam. This was an oversight in the very change to this rule at the EGM in July 2017.

### Question

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION 3 – RUDDER PACKING

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposed Rule Change**

Add in new Class Rule C 8.1 (d) and (e) to read:

C 8.1 (d) The rudder upper casting packing may be replaced by any material to fit the rudder arm and blade.

C 8.1 (e) The rudder lower casting packing may be replaced by any material to fit the blade.

### **Purpose of this Vote**

To allow packing of the rudder case to better fit the rudder. Given the high speeds achieved by the foiling Nacra 17 securing the best-fit possible of the rudders is important.

### **Question**

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION 4A – HELMETS

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposed Rule Change**

Add in new Class Rule C 3.1 (c)

“Each crew member shall wear a helmet that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077 or equivalent with at least 300 square centimeters of the exterior surface in a high visibility colour”

### **Purpose of this Vote**

For safety and to follow the guidance of World Sailing and the other high performance foiling classes

### **Question**

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION 4B – HELMETS

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposed Rule Change**

Add in new Class Rule C 3.1 (c)

“Each crew member shall wear a helmet that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077 or equivalent with at least 300 square centimeters of the exterior surface in a high visibility colour when Flag XX is flown by the Race Committee”

### **Purpose of this Vote**

For safety and to follow the guidance of World Sailing and the other high performance foiling classes. This resolution is slightly different to Special Resolution 4A in that it makes it mandatory to wear a Helmet when Flag XX (to be determined by the Class Executive after consultation with World Sailing and the Class Race Officials) is flown. It is the intention to give guidance in terms of Wind Strength etc. in due course. It is intended to discuss this along with Special Resolution 4A

### **Question**

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION 5 – BODY ARMOUR

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposed Rule Change**

Add in new Class Rule C 3.1 (d)

Each crew member may wear body protection. If the body protection also acts as a personal flotation device it shall comply with Class Rule 3.1 (a)

### **Purpose of this Vote**

For safety and to clarify situation if it also acts as a personal flotation device.

### **Question**

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)



## SPECIAL RESOLUTION 6 – KNIFE

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Submitted by Marcus Spillane, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee

### **Proposed Rule Change**

Add in new Class Rule C 3.1 (e)

“Each crew member shall carry a cutting device with a blade length of no more than 150mm.

### **Purpose of this Vote**

For safety and to copy best practice in other high performance foiling classes.

### **Question**

Do you approve to adopt the proposed class rule change? (Yes/No)