Re: September 15, 2020 AGM: Items requiring a vote

Dear Members,

There will be 3 items up for a vote in the AGM this year. Two of them are the standard Election of Officers (Report of the Nominating Committee can be found here: Report of the Nominating Committee 2020.pdf) and the upcoming Regatta Rotation found here: Regatta Calendar.docx. Note that the Constitution requires only the naming of the location of Next Year's World Championships so the other information is offered for advanced planning purposes and will be revisited each year.

The third item for a vote is a change to the Constitution outlined here: 2020 Constitution Change.docx. The change is to note that the WCA has now been created as an LLC, with the Members of the EC as the partners. This change was made for one purpose and one purpose only: to enable the WCA to purchase a borrowed-boat insurance policy that can be used in any event where the WCA is a sponsor or co-sponsor. The difficulty that the Chester Fleet encountered when trying to assemble the 2020 Worlds (since cancelled due to Coronavirus as most are aware) made it clear that this is a problem the class will have to deal with repeatedly in the coming years. As recently as 2016, it was possible to acquire insurance as a Class Association but of late the insurance carriers require an entity to be incorporated. While there are a few downsides in terms of administrivia that the WCA will now have to deal with (filing a tax return being the primary), the feeling on the EC was that it was worth it to ensure the availability of insurance going forward.

Please reply to me, Steve or any member of the EC if you have any questions during the comment period leading up to the meeting but we hope that all fleets will support this change.

With thanks,

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Secretary

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