IFAA REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT
29th October 2025

Headlines from FI:

- FI Fees to remain at 2025 levels
- Fireball International Annual Report published
- International regatta schedule
- Rule change updates agreed at FI AGM in Garda

FI Fees to remain at 2025 levels

- Given the healthy state of FI financials, fees due to FI from NCAs for 2026 will remain the same as 2025.

Fireball International Annual Report

- A first publication in quite a number of years, but we selected online publication rather than a physical magazine.
- See the report in english at this link. Unlike the earlier physical magazines, the online publication and AI assistance makes it feasible to publish in the language of all the contributing nations and work to complete this is in process.

International Regatta Schedule

- 2026 Pre-worlds and Worlds were held at Royal Torbay Yacht Club, UK. 3 Australian teams competed - all with boats stored in UK
- International events include continental and world championships
- Here is the list of planned overseas events as far as is agreed at this stage:
    - 2026 no Europeans
    - 2027 Europeans in France: St Raphael, South of France
    - 2028 Worlds Kenya, 30th Jan - 11th Feb 2028
    - 2028 Europeans Belgium
    - 2029 Worlds Europe – Garda likely with only concern being closeness to 2025 Worlds
    - 2030 Worlds Europe – France
    - 2031 Worlds - Canada most likely

Rule Updates

- Rule change about stoppers on masts and booms to prevent mainsail going outside black bands was checked as part of Worlds measurement process

- Application to World Sailing was rejected regarding: Reduce centreboard weight tolerance, then include a specific regatta weight measurement. After strong input from sailors at the Open Forum in Torbay about the appeal of having a regatta weight measurement this topic will be re-visited by the Technical Committee and Class Measurer.
- With respect to the rules concerning GoPros which aimed to better support marketing and publicity content production, World Sailing refused to put that comment in the class rules and asked for us to put it in the SI's. The clause that was included is:
  “14.8 Images from cameras fitted to boats in accordance with class rule 8.2 shall not be submitted as evidence in a protest hearing. Adding to RRS 63.4(b).”

- No update on start control systems for consideration of future rule changes.

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