

Fireball Open Forum of July 27, 2026; Torquay, UK

Agenda

1. Future Events
2. Numbers
3. Suggestions and Remarks from Participants

1. Future Events:

Presentation of Worlds 2028 in Kilifi, Kenya

- Tom gives a lively presentation on the Worlds 2028, to be held in Kilifi, Kenya: www.fireballkenya.com
- KEN is looking for declaration of interest from both individuals and NCAs as a whole.

Presentation of Europeans 2027 in St. Raphael, France

- Olivier and Jean give a presentation on the Europeans 2027, to be held in St. Raphael, France.
- Website will be up soon.

2. Presentation of Fireball Numbers

- Participation in events is variable, basically diminishing. Over the past one or two years there has been some upward movement.
- Also, after a complete halt for a few years, several new boats have been built recently and several more have been ordered, which is a promising trend.

3. Ideas and Suggestions from Participants in Open Forum

- A consultative vote is held on whether or not **advertisement in main sails** should be allowed: nobody present is strictly against it, some (esp. GBR) clearly in favour.
- **Executive to look into rule change to allow advertisement in main sails**
- GBR: Could **corrector weight limit** be raised, so new boats, especially carbon boats, could be built lighter? Answer: the problem will be older boats, affordable to young sailors. Weight will be more centered in new boats than in older ones, so older boats will become less competitive. Contra: there are some older boats that are very competitive, even winning international championships (the winning boat in Geelong was 4kg overweight, without correctors!). Lighter boats use less material, so would be somewhat less expensive to build.

- Quite a lot of participants would welcome a rise of the weight limit for correctors.
- Executive to look into class rule change to raise corrector weight limit.

- What happened to the efforts to determine a championship weight for boats, i.e. a **weighing process with the centreboard in**? The great majority of the sailors present would welcome such a rule change. Answer: This was blocked by World Sailing because the tolerance on centreboard weight is too large.
- Executive to continue working towards having a championship weight including centreboard.

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