

Elect Patrick Crump Commodore of Fireball International **Restore confidence and cooperation between the NCA's and the Executive**

How I Will Work For Fireball:

Change the management of the Executive to be inclusive and improve the rapport with the NCA's. Not IMPOSE or dictate. I'll travel to the major events to engage with and listen to the sailors. Restore confidence in the process.

Bring us back to the Regatta Selection Criteria that existed, long before the current Commodore, which he claims to have written but did not. That way we'll ensure quality World events that include everyone in the consideration.

We are very fortunate to have Andrew Davies. We owe him huge debts of gratitude for the multiple efforts and resources he has expended giving us quality events worldwide, through many years. Other classes know this and seek him out. Since I work very well with him, I expect to continue with the efforts under way to make championships affordable and special. These sponsorship efforts should help get more sailors and NCA's to the big events. The efforts of the current commodore to garner support to remove Andrew Davies are unacceptable.

Reduce the number of appointed positions, unless needed, and establish terms of service and review.

Make the web site relevant to the other languages of our world body, so EVERYONE will post there. Build it to make it a showcase to attract sponsors.

Work with and engage builders, sail makers, suppliers and sailors to improve the Fireball, while not forgetting the home builders.

The current state of Fireball International

A great boat, good friends and great sailors. But Fireball International has a broken executive right now:

While positive steps have been made in several areas, contrary to the incumbent's claims, decision making is NOT following the prescriptions, especially regarding World venue and host locations. Decisions occur with no research and fallacious information that have left North America very unhappy: there may be others. The decision is in the FI minutes. It should be noted that the incumbent did not seek, nor get, Canada's endorsement for election, his own NCA. He claims to improve relations with every NCA however he, and others in the current Executive, are causing resentment and frustration, such that good and capable people will no longer donate their time to the class and are walking away. A late, executive decision to return to Thailand for the 4th time gave us the smallest Worlds ever - all of 21 boats.

About me:



I am 57 years old and have sailed Fireballs continuously for 42 years. I own 4 boats, 1 Winder, 2 wood boats and an unfinished composite. I've built, or helped build, rebuild or upgrade dozens of boats, both glass and wood. While the USA High School Challenge Program (building Fireballs) was running, I volunteered my time to it and have also given much time to many others building Fireball through the decades.

I was 19 years old when I went to my first Worlds, in the days when you had to qualify to get there. I've made 6 others. When I was 24, I was certified a Class Measurer and am the National US Measurer. I served many years as the USIFA President. As a regatta chairman, I've run several large US National events (70 boats) and was local organizer and Chair of the 2002 Tampa, Fl. USA Worlds. Last year, I helped run a multi-million dollar Worlds as treasurer and race committee. I'll be in the UK for the 2015 Worlds in Pwllheli, Wales.

I am fluent in French and Spanish, having grown up in France and have travelled a lot of the world, and sailed there too, including Japan. I well understand getting along with and adapting to different cultures. I have Fireball friends around the world, some of whom I've known for 20+ years or more. I am self-employed, having left the corporate world (Director level) behind and thus have time to give to Fireball.

In Conclusion I Will:

Ensure my executive works as a team working for the good of all Fireball sailors while restoring the positive image of the class at the club, NCA and world level and ensure Fireball once again becomes fast, fun and FRIENDLY.

PLEASE VOTE CRUMP FOR CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF FIREBALL