

Dear All!

Welcome to the AGM 2006 in Skovshoved.

The invitation was sent 060505 from the secretariat, and was received in time. More than 10 members are represented, so the AGM is legal.

First of all I will thank the IECU Council for great loyalty and enthusiastic work for the Europe Class.

At the meeting in Helsinki we decided that the Europe Class in principle will apply for Olympic status next time it is possible.

For cost reasons IECU did not send any representatives to the ISAF-meeting in Singapore.

The IECU Council members have been working together via e-mail and phone.

In my opinion we still are in a waiting and observation position concerning Olympics. We do not know yet what ISAF will ask for. We will be in contact with ISAF and find out criteria and time ISAF wants to receive an application.

I think it has been a great year for the Europe Class. Big fleets at all major regattas in Europe, and more than 1200 sailors on the World Ranking list. In these Worlds we have about the same number of sailors as usually.

I am also very happy to tell you that our decrease in members nearly has stopped. This year we have only lost 2 members.

A new event will be the "Vintage Yachting Games ". It will take place every fourth year for Europe, FD, Dragon and 5.5. First time will be in 2008 in Holland. 20 yachts from every class at the starting lines.

The Europe is a wonderful boat, and I believe it has a great future, especially for young sailors who have stopped in the Optimist, Zoom 8 and Bite etc.

Thank you,
Jan Abrahamsen
President IECU