Report of the President, Workum 070725

Dear Friends and sailors,

First of all I will say very big thanks a lot to the IECU Council and our Chief Class Measurer. You are all doing a great job. I am not sure everyone knows how much time you use for the class, but it is really much.

I can as last year say it has been a quiet year. Perhaps it has been too quiet.

Last year I thought we hit the bottom, concerning of nations in IECU, but this year I realized I was wrong.

Young sailors are flowing to our wonderful Class. That looks to me like a good platform to speed from slowly. All going should to sail the Europe after the Optimist.

At our last AGM there was formed a Working Party that should recommend ways we could promote the class.

Since the last AGM I several times took contact to Chairman. But sorry, there have been no activity in the Working Party.

Dear friends. The Class belongs to all you members. Every one of you must work with promoting our Class. If not I believe it is waste of time even to dream about getting Olympic status again. You must promote the Class to both IECU National Associations and young sailors in general.

AT the last AGM it was decided that IECU should apply for Olympic status for the Olympics 2012. If the Class not get a lot of written recommendations from our National Associations to ISAF we have no change. So please when you are back home again, go and push your National Associations.

After rain their will be sun again. I am often called on hopeless optimist. Perhaps therefore I believe the Europe Class has a great future.

Thank you, Jan Abrahamsen President IECU