



News from the General Secretary

IFDCO Executive Officer Elections 2013

Until the end of 2012 the Executive officers of IFDCO effectively invited and appointed replacement Executive Officers. This was regarded as undemocratic and during 2011 and 2012 the Class Bye Laws were revised so that Executive officers would be appointed following an election process where each paid up member of the class would have a vote. This was agreed at the AGCM in November 2012 to be effective from the start of 2013. There are three stages to this process.

1. Candidates for each position will have to be nominated by 5 members who shall be from 3 National FD Organizations.

2. A description of each candidate would be posted on the Class Website.

3. Members would be invited to vote.

The General Secretary will count the votes for each candidate and announce the results. This process will take place within 3 months of an AGCM for them to take office at the next AGCM for a three year term. This we hoped would encourage

members to stand for election.

For 2013 after 21 years on the General Committee Peter Hinrichsen is to stand down as Vice President Technical, and Peter Doran is to stand down as General Secretary.

The election process for these two positions and the new position of Vice President Development has been completed for change over at the 2013 AGCM in Bala-ton.

There was only one qualifying candidate for each of these three positions and therefore membership voting is not required this time.

The new general Secretary will be Ed Cox.

The new VP Technical will be Paul Hemker.

The new VP Development will be Tony Lyall.

I have attached a description for each of them below.

Elections for the other Executive Officers will take place as their terms expire, thus ensuring that the whole Executive does not change at one time.

Peter Doran

IFDCO General Secretary

10 April 2013



new officers

General Secretary



Edward started sailing at age 10 on windsurfers and lasers. Over the years he has competed on a variety of boats from the 505, Dragon, Etchells, Contender to the 12 foot skiff. He started sailing FD's in 2007 just prior to the New Zealand Worlds at Napier. He won the Australian FD Championships in 2011 and 2012, having been placed second in 2010 to Ian McCrossin. He has been the Australian FD Class Secretary since 2008. He has also competed in numerous ocean races, including the Sydney to Hobart in 1994 and 2011.

He is a lawyer by profession, specialising in commercial and transport law. Through his work he has appeared in the court of Arbitration for Sport in connection with Yachting and other disputes and before disciplinary tri-

bunals. He also appeared in two yachting inquests where yachts had keel failures resulting in loss of life. He was a member of the Yachting Australia Review Panel on life raft safety in 2012.

Edward is usually based in Sydney where he sailed on the Harbour from the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, who are to host the 2015 Worlds, and the Woollahra Sailing Club. During 2013 he is spending a sabbatical year in Europe and is living on Lake Como, Italy.

Vice President Technical



Paul Hemker had been involved in the FD class since the 1960s, has been a US measurer for FDs since 1970 and an International FD Measurer since 1984.

Paul was part of the measurement team at the 1975 pre Olympics and the 1976 Games in Kingston, and the 1983 pre and 1984 Olympics in Long Beach.

In 2006 at the European Championships in Neusiedl the class appointed Paul and John Best to be joint class chief measurers, John for Europe and Paul for the rest of the World

Paul has also been an International Measurer for the Flying Junior since 2000, Vice President Technical for the Flying Junior for six years and a Chief Measurer at Contender Championships (the single hander FD!!). Paul with Peter Hinrichsen cooperated in updating the Flying Junior class rules and presenting them to ISAF, so he has knowledge of rules and the ISAF procedures for changing them.

Paul is the President of Dynamic Plastics and has extensive experience in building both FDs and FJs as well as a variety of other boats. Importantly he has been the backstay of the US class and continues to sail in FD and FJ Championships, so is in touch with developments and with the class members.



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Vice President Development



Tony Lyall.

I was at 8 years of age when I was first introduced to sailing & within a couple of years I was sailing most weeks either with my school or the local Scout Sailing Club in boats such as the Mirror, Coypu, Gull, Wine-glass, Enterprises, Lazy E and a variety of many other classes.

I was fortunate in that my Secondary school had a very active sailing club with 2 of the teachers just so happened to own Flying Dutchman. So my first experience of sailing the FD was as a crew way back in 1970, from there on I was 'hooked' on the boat. The nearest club was on the Blackwater in Essex where at the time there were many FD's (mainly Bob Hoare or Tiptree Marine boats) so it was fairly easy most weekends to pick up a crewing job and often got

the chance to have a go at helming.

In 1974 I brought my first FD (K 191) an Australian boat which had come over to the UK for the 1974 Worlds. It was a home built wooden boat I think circa mid 1960's with a double floor throughout & a twin spinnaker chute.

Since the those early beginnings as a student I've gone on to own so many FD's, having just taken delivery of my latest acquisition a new Mader in January of this year.

In my time I've also owned a variety of boats from other classes but none are any match for the FD!!!!

Over the last 15 years I've been a frequent traveller to Europe attending regattas in Holland, Germany, Austria & Italy as well as participating in nearly all the World & European Championships that have been held in Europe since 1990 so a familiar face around the dinghy park.

I've now served continuously on the IFDCO/BS Committee for 20 + years since being first elected in 1992. In 1997 I became Membership Secretary/Boat Registrar be-

fore taking over as National Secretary in 2001.

I'm as they say now ready to take on a new challenge.

