



Formula 16 Catamaran Association Australia

F16 AGM Minutes of meeting 09/01/2022

Attendees

Beau White, Emma Rankin, Lilly Smith, Angus Musgrove, Nick Reader, Simon Skoog, Danielle and Murray Makin, Rob Saunders, Robert Mahony, Brett Goodall, Ben Clark, Jack Mendham, Simon Hallsworth, Peter Dunk, Adam Hughes, Wendy.

Apologies:

Financial Position

A brief discussion was had regarding the financial position of the association.

- Bank Account \$ 5000
- Fixed Expenses are Website Hosting and International association fees at EURO 25 per member
- Income has increased this year from Nationals and membership.

It was decided to increase F16 association membership to \$100 per member. This will give the member voting rights and access to competing in State and National Title level events.

Election of Office Bearers

- President – Ben Clark
- Secretary - Emma Rankin
- Treasurer– Robyn White

Marketing and general dogs body : Beau White

National 2023

A vote to hold the National title in January in Meningie, SA was voted for by majority.

An Alternative of Eden was suggested by Rob Saunders and Pittwater was suggested by Nick Reader

Class Status and report for the year

The F16 fleet has healthy growth in NSW. All the boats with the exception of 1 are racing at club, National and State level.

SA has reduced to 2 boats

QLD has seen an increase in boats bought in the area, Adam Hughes is working hard with the Brisbane and Hervey bay sailors to increase the fleets.

Victoria remains in decline with a few boats sailing competitively and the bulk of boats in the area being used for social and club sailing.

ACT fleet has grown to Four boats, three are sailing competitively with the bulk of the fleet travelling to regattas and state/national titles.

WA was not represented as there are no F16s we are aware of in the area.

A strong public awareness campaign continues on the website at WWW.AUSF16.ORG and Facebook via the F16 page and group. Members and F16 sailors are encouraged to post experiences, events and media in these areas.

The National Event 2022 is going well considering all the Covid restrictions and has recorded the largest F16 national to date in Australia.

The Formula Cup concept is excellent and has helped the event be more viable financially by including the F18s

Bangin' the corners was a great concept and should be repeated at future events.

Other Business

Deck Sweeper

2020 at the AGM the Australian fleet took the decision to allow "Full Length" Deck sweepers into the F16 class by making the following exception to the F16 international class rules for Australian sailing:

G.3.5 DIMENSIONS (Mainsail)

The sail shall be measured in accordance with the F16 Measurement form (see Appendix J (X.1)) and ERS Section G.

- a. Sail area (including the side area of the mast spar) Maximum 15 m² (no change)
- b. Mainsail luff length 8100mm to be omitted from the rules
- c. Top width - 980mm (no change)

Of the entire fleet there were only two Vipers that were not running deck sweepers.

An official request for rule change is in progress from the Australian F16 Association to the F16 International association.

It is clear this shift is here to stay and will not be reversed in Australia. For international competition whenever that resumes, the older 8100mm mainsail is still the international requirement. (so don't sell your old main to a Taipan sailor yet)

Certification for decksweepers it was agreed that for an F16 measurement certificate we will use the current F18 measurement tool. If sails need to be measured an F18 measurer can certify a F16 sail. All current F16 rules apply with the exception of the luff length as detailed above.

F18 Integration

The Integration into F18 has stalled as there has been push back from F18 at certain events such as Wildcat in NSW.

In VIC the Vic States and F16 national combined fleet was a success.

The members suggested keeping the F16 National a separate event to the F18 national and invite F18s to join.

F16 should push for invites to F18 events.

F16 should forge its own path and keep its identity.

Meeting was closed at approximately 7:30 pm due to low light and mosquitoes.