



NSW Class Association

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting –

Date : March 3 2008

Location : Drummoyne Sailing Club - Sydney NSW

Attendees:

Name	eamil	Boat	State
Adrian Gruzman	agruzman@selborne.com.au	Fortune of War	NSW
Rod Gibbs	rodgibbs@bigpond.com	#77	NSW
Stuart Birdsall	Stu747@bigpond.net.au	Sabre	NSW
Bruce Tavener	tavenerb@au1.ibm.com	Ophir	NSW
Marco Tapia	marco.tapia@picnet.com.au	Flying Brandy	NSW
Neil Hamilton	neil_hamo@yahoo.com.au	Balmain Tiger	NSW
Brian Wood	brian@optimumcontrol.com	Balmain Tiger	NSW
Ian Lodewyckx	ianlod@gmail.com	#61	Vic

Apologies : Jerry Lees representing #75 from NSW

Overview – The meeting was held in order to begin the formation of a NSW chapter of what is hoped will become an Australian FT-10 Class Association. There has been a rapid growth of the number of FT-10's coming into the Sydney area with 6 boats delivered in the last 5 months and 1 more on the way to Australia. This growth has fuelled interest in the class particularly as the FT-10's have been demonstrated to be very competitive with similar Sports Yachts in a number of high profile regattas . Those present at the inaugural meeting felt that a strong class association was necessary to ensure the continued and successful growth of the class in both NSW and around Australia.

These minutes will be distributed to all Australian FT-10 owners with a requests for input re the formation of other State Associations and particularly an Australian Class Association.

All attendees were welcomed to the inaugural meeting and thanked for their interest particularly Ian Lodewyckx who had travelled from Melbourne to attend the meeting. A group photo was taken for posterity.

0 – Election of Chair for the Meeting.

Since Neil Hamilton suggested the get together he was elected Chair for the Meeting.

1 – Formal Establishment of a NSW Chapter , Aims and Objectives.

Agreed that the Structure should be as follows. Naturally this is a forward looking structure to suite the possible large growth of the class. Not all of the Associations would be established in the first instance but the model is intended to show a direction with State association level having interaction with an Australian Association as well as its own Regional and Club associations and also incorporation with the relevant State Sailing Federation.

International FT-10 Class Association	
Australian FT-10 Class Association	Australian Sailing Federation
State FT – 10 Class Associations	State Sailing Federation
Regional FT-10 Class Associations	
Club FT-10 Class Associations	Club Sailing Committees

Aims and Objectives –

- (a) To be inclusive rather than exclusive with regards to all those who have an interest in the FT-10 class
- (b) Promotion and Publicity of the FT-10 Class
- (c) Lobbying vehicle for influence at the Australian and International FT-10 Associations as well as with the relevant State and Australian Sailing Federations.
- (d) Vehicle for exchange of ideas and knowledge
- (e) Organisation of events both Sailing and Social
- (f) Representation on both State and National Sailing Federations
- (g) Lobbying and influence at appropriate levels of Government.
- (h) Assist FT-10 Builders with local promotion and marketing
- (i) Lobbying with Builders re quality and other build issues.
- (j) Management of Association Membership
- (k) Assist new owners by sharing of knowledge, experience and suggestions

2– Election of Officers

Chairman – Neil Hamilton
Technical Representative – Bruce Tavener
Secretary / Treasurer – Stuart Birdsall
Publicity Officer – Neil Hamilton

3 – Participation in CYCA Winter Series

Balmain Tiger , Ophia and #77 (no name as yet – Any suggestions?) indicated their intention to sail the whole series.
Saber, Fortune of War and Flying Brandy to do casual entries.

Neil to notify CYCA sailing committee that our preference is to sail PHS from a group start with other Sports Yachts as per the recent Audi Regatta , however we can live with a Pursuit start format if that is the decision of the Committee.

4 – NSW Flying Tiger Titles.

Generally agreed that we will not be ready for a NSW FT-10 One Design titles until first quarter 2009 possibly 2 weeks after the Audi depending on Easter etc. There is even the possibility that the titles could be incorporated into the Audi or even combination of the Audi and RANSA Regatta's

Bruce to communicate with Yachting NSW to determine the requirements for a recognized NSW Titles eg. Min number of entries, race format , other approvals etc.

5 – Proposed One Design Rule Changes

Bruce to communicate with rules officials with the International FT-10 Association to determine the status of current rule change proposals and to inform our members of the impact etc.

Bruce to try and sit in via phone hook up for future Rules Discussions to represent the views of NSW and possibly Australian Class Association.

6 - Sharing of Experiences

- (a) Ian Lodewyckx showed photos of the way he had sealed his storage lockers using silicon to stop ingress of water from the bilges. He is happy with the results of this and recommends others follow this approach..
- (b) Ian Lodewyckx also showed a simple locking mechanism based on a flexible steel cable to secure the Main Hatch and Motor compartment door. Ian will publish these photos.
- (c) Neil Hamilton suggested the use of gusseted hinges on the Bomb Bay door to replace the existing inadequate hinge to prevent flexing of the door during opening and closing operations.
- (d) Neil Hamilton suggested that others look at installing the lateral rails either side of the Cabin Hatch on Bridge Deck , great for climbing from side to side , if and when the Tiger heels.
- (e) Stuart Birdsall tabled a broken turnbuckle which failed during his first Tiger outing last weekend. His investigations suggest that this may be due to faulty (recalled) batch . Bruce Tavener will follow this up with manufacturers and boat builders etc to determine course of action.

7. Other Issues

- (a) Cost of membership of association to cover admin etc. needs to be monitored and suggestions made at future meetings when we call for formal membership.
- (b) Marco suggested that we investigate the availability of possible domain names that we may want to secure.
- (c) Frequency of Meetings , longer term probably quarterly but in the initial period this may need to be monthly.

8. Next Meeting

Drummoyne Sailing Club
April 14 2008 6.30pm.