



THE INTERNATIONAL EIGHT METRE ASSOCIATION

30 April 2015

## INVITATION

### 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear 8 Metre Owners,

Date: 8.30AM Friday 3 July 2015  
Location: Clubhouse, Société Nautique de Geneva, Switzerland

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Election of Class Officers: Proposal of the Nominating Committee

After 12 years of service & dedication to IEMA, Chris Mitchele has asked to be relieved of his duties as treasurer and member of the executive committee.

The executive committee has found Jean Fabre (Yquem II) willing to take over from Chris as IEMA's treasurer

#### **Proposed Executive Committee**

President	John Lammerts van Bueren (NED)
Executive secretary	Julia Ormio (FIN)
Treasurer	Jean Fabre (SUI)
Chairman of Technical Committee	David Vieira (POR)
	Ron Palm (USA)
	Werner Deuring (AUT)
	Richard Self (CAN)
	Terence Brownrigg (GBR)

#### **Technical Committee**

Chairman	David Vieira (POR)
Class Measurer	Guy-Roland Perrin (SUI)
Scantling approval	Ken McAlpine (AUS)
	Kjell Arne Myrann (NOR)
	Juliane Hempel (GER)

*Added 21/6/2015 Chris Mitchele (CAN)*

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4. Annual Accounts of 2014
5. Technical Committee Report
6. Future program & event presentations
  - 2016: Int. 8-Metre World Cup – Toronto, Canada  
Int. 8-Metre European Championships – Copenhagen  
Canada's Cup – Toronto, Canada
  - 2017: Int. 8-Metre World Cup – Hanko, Norway
  - 2018: Proposals & bids invited
  - 2019: Proposals & bids invited
7. Other issues
8. Close of meeting

Best wishes,

John Lammerts van Bueren  
IEMA President



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**Date:** 20 June 2015

**Subject:** Additional information & submissions to the agenda:

**Agenda point 3.**

Additional candidates for membership technical committee

Chris Mitchele (8-Metre *Thisbe* - Canada)

Representing the North American Eight Metre Association

Proposed by: Richard Self and Ronald Palm

Seconded by: John Lammerts van Bueren

Tanneguy Raffray (8-Metre *Hispania IV* – France)

Proposed by: John Lammerts van Bueren

Seconded by: David Vieira

The reason for candidature is to add more actively competing sailing members to the Technical Committee. Both candidates have more than 30 years of active international 8-Metre sailing and yacht ownership, both candidates intimate knowledge of the class and have served as IEMA officers in the past 15 years.

**Agenda Point 6.**

IEMA has received formal bids to host the Int. 8-Metre World Cup from:

**The Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club (Scotland)**

Based in Rhu, Scotland, the RNCYC has long ties with the 8-Metre Class. The RNCYC hosted the first ever World Cup in 1970 and the Centennial World Cup in 2007. From 1907 until 1975 the Clyde had one of the largest fleets of 8Metres, and although currently no 8-Metres are based at The Club, more than 30 members actively own and/or race 8-Metres. The waters provide excellent sailing in a stunning scenery.

**Yacht Club Langenargen (Germany)**

Yacht Club Langenargen is among the leading hosts and organisers of international sailing regattas and events on Lake Constance, Match Race Germany is probably among their most well known events. Lake Constance has the largest fleet of 8-Metres in Europe with members who actively race both national and international regattas. President of YCL is Roel van Merkesteyn, owner of the 8-Metre Froya.

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### **Yacht Club Porto St. Stefano (Italy)**

A meeting was held at the Yacht Club in June 2014. The venue is known for its excellent sailing conditions, friendly and sunny Tuscan atmosphere. The annual Argentario Race week is a fixture on the calendar of many yachtsmen in the Mediterranean, a great place for sailing. In 2000 Yacht Club Italiano hosted the 8-Metre World Cup here. A verbal bid has been received but this was not followed up after the test vote at the 2014 AGM which went in favour for the 2016 Europeans in Copenhagen.

### **Yacht Club San Remo (Italy)**

A formal bid has been received from the president Zaoli of Yacht Club San Remo. San Remo is a well-known fixture as a finish harbour for the Giraglia Rolex but they have also hosted the 2007 Worlds for the 5.5m, The 2012 Europeans for the Star, 2014 Europeans for Dragons and X35 Worlds. San Remo has excellent facilities and keen to host an 8-Metre World Cup. Timing is important to pick the right lot for the best chance for good wind conditions.

For both Italian venues it is suggested to have a test vote to see if there is support to further take up further discussions with these two yacht clubs, as well as Yacht Club Italiano.

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