

Development workgroup report,

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Background:

EAGM established 2 new Coordinator positions in 2008 (Youth and Women) to help European executives in developing Laser sailing in Europe. In 2010 European Executives felt that the positions were not the right ones, and we needed more clarity and job descriptions.

Executives came up with suggestion of establishing Development coordinator and Regatta coordinator instead of Youth and Women. EAGM 2010 did not reach a conclusion in this matter, and a work group was established headed by European Chairman to come up with a suggestion for EAGM 2011. Elected members for the workgroup were: Dorothy Beadsworth, Elena Papazoglou, Ron Barak, Ron Hutchinson, Macrino Macri, Zlatko Jakelic , Luc Dumonceau and Laszlo Matayas.

Actions:

In December Chairman asked ILCA office to make a circular (EC427) to all member countries to ask what are the most important development needs in their countries.

Answers were received only from 2 countries Norway and Cyprus.

Feedbacks included development ideas for prize giving ceremonies, tracking of regattas, educating organizers, training of Laser coaches and utilizing of face book, twitter etc.

Based on these and earlier discussions I suggested in April to divide the workgroup into 2 groups.

Group 1: Development issues (Dorothy, Elena, Macrino, and Luc)

Group 2: Regatta & Education issues (Ron B, Ron H, and Zlatko).

Calle agreed to head the first one and Laszlo the second one.

Group 1: Due to the busy regatta season and summer I only had a few mail and phone conversations with some of the group members and was not able to complete this workshop as planned due to some unexpected private and professional engagements.

I apologize for this.

The conclusion from my discussions with the group members and other members , confirmed that we have development opportunities. We have many good initiatives in our countries; some can be adapted to other countries, some are only working locally. Priority seems among many counties to be how to attract Young sailors from Optimist class to Laser 4.7 and education for coaches and organizers.

Group 2: An initiative was started to review the Sailing instructions for Laser events. Ron Hutchinson was asked to coordinate this work. Also a pilot Laser clinic was taking place before Laser 4.7 EC regatta in Holland with good participation.

Conclusion:

Workload for Chairman and Vice chairman has increased the last years and we definitely need to have people to help in developing our class. Also ILCA office has announced to employ a development responsible for Lasers worldwide. Important to notice is , that if we do not find volunteers that have skills, eagerness and time to independently work and drive these coordinating activities (whatever they are called, Youth, Women, Development, Regatta) with assistance from ILCA office, it will not give any value and bring issues forward.

Executives asks EAGM to reconsider the proposal from 2010.