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### **European Chairman's report for 2011**

Year 2011 was a difficult year from administrative aspects, but an active from sailing point of view. In many larger countries we can also see a positive increase of laser sailors, and Laser 4.7 is established as stable youth class.

The dispute between laser builders about design rights, caused many extra work hours for the office and for the Executives. Many European issues started to lack behind in January and at the same time we faced unexpected changes with personnel.

Focus for us has been to get recruitments in place to cover the workload. YTD only one, the new European secretary has been employed.

World council meeting in November will give more clarity to how we proceed in recruitment areas, and also where we are in the fundamental rule change process.

This year we had only 3 separate European Championship regattas, Standard Men, Radial Women and 4.7 Youth , others were combined WC/EC regattas.

Separate report is enclosed related to EC in Helsinki, and Issues related to 4.7 in Holland have been brought up separately in this year agenda.

During the year we started up a project related to development needs in our countries. This was an action from EAGM 2010 to reach conclusion about our coordinators roles. I have written a separate report about this and made my conclusion.

Due to my private and professional commitments I announced that I will not re-stand for the chairman's position.

During the year I received about 2000 emails, half of them fyi. and rest actions needed. Although our total memberships have not increased, our activities have increased a lot with new regattas and activities.

I want to thank everyone that supported me during the years and wish good luck to the new becoming Chairman.

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