

INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE ASSOCIATION

52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE ASSOCIATION (ISMA)

Held on 21 September 2025 at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club,
Oyster Bay, NY, USA

Recorded by Fiona Brown – Minutes prepared by Executive Secretary Helena Paz

Meeting opened: 10:00h | Meeting closed: 11:03h

Attendees:

Louis Heckly (LH). ISMA President
Tom Owen (TO). Vice-President (Classics)
Foti Lykiardopulo (FL). Treasurer
Nicholas Berthoud (NB). Vice-President (Technical)
Peter Wealick (PW). Vice-President (Racing)
+ 32 others including members of ISMA, sailors and friends of the class.

1. WELCOME

The meeting was opened by **President Louis Heckly (LH)**, who invited **Tom Owen (TO)** to give the initial welcome.

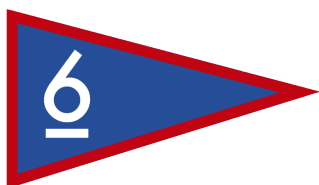
TO informed the assembly that the meeting was being recorded by **Fiona Brown** for minute-taking purposes.

LH thanked Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club (SCYC) for their warm hospitality and support in hosting the World Championship and AGM. He extended special thanks to **Rainer Müller** for his key assistance in making the event possible.

LH invited the assembly to remember two members of the Six Metre community who passed away recently:

- **David Benson**, active in the class during the 1960s and 1970s
- **J. Scott Rohrer**, tactician on *US Goose* and former ISMA Secretary

A moment of acknowledgement was held.



2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- **Jeremy Thorp**
- **Reinhard Suhner** (Swiss Association President)
- **Peter Hoffman**
- **Matt Cockburn**
- **Nick China**
- **Executive Secretary Helena Paz** (unable to travel due to personal reasons)
- **Tim Russell** (unable to attend due to family reasons)

3. NATIONAL VOTES

TO presented the table of votes for each National Association as circulated prior to the AGM.

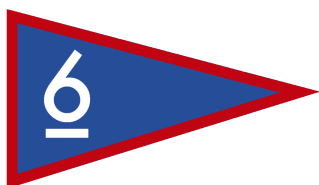
Fleet	Number of Votes	Fleet representative
Canada	12	Peter Wealick
Finland	12	Henrik Andersin
France	7	Roger Narbonne
Germany	3	Thomas Kuhmann
Great Britain	23	ISMA President (proxy vote)
Spain	10	Mauricio Sánchez-Bella
Sweden	3	ISMA President (proxy vote)
Switzerland	29	Laurence Clerc
United States	21	Adam Henley
Independent – Romania	1	ISMA President (proxy vote)
Independent – Greece	1	Nicholas Lykiardopulo
Total	122	

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2024 AGM

LH invited comments or questions regarding the 2024 AGM Minutes (Sanxenxo).
No questions were raised.

Vote:

- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- In favour: Unanimously approved.



5. TREASURER'S REPORT – 2024 ACCOUNTS & 2025 STATUS

Treasurer Foti Lykiardopulo (FL) presented the 2024 accounts and the 2025 year-to-date figures.

Key points raised:

- ISMA's financial situation remains healthy.
- The Archive project would benefit from broader voluntary contributions.
- ISMA accounting is migrating fully online; in future this will allow invoices to be issued electronically allowing card payment or bank transfer.
- ISMA will accept payments in multiple currencies including USD, EUR and CAD.

Vote on 2024 Accounts:

- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- Approved unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LH informed the assembly that the full Board was up for re-election. All current officers expressed willingness to continue, except **Ossi Paija** (Vice-President Marketing), who is stepping down.

LH expressed appreciation for the Board's strong commitment and effective collaboration.

Board Re-Election Vote:

- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- **All officers re-elected for a new two-year term.**

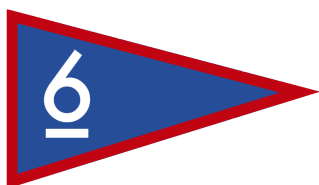
6.1 Election of a New Vice-President Marketing

LH announced the candidacy of **Patrick Sandman (FIN)**, head of the Helsinki 2027 Worlds organising committee.

No questions or objections were raised.

Vote:

- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 1 (UK)
- **Patrick Sandman elected Vice-President Marketing.**



7. REVIEW OF ISMA CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA VENUES

7.1 2026 Europeans – Geneva (SUI)

Presentation by **Mathieu Fischer (MF)** from Société Nautique de Genève (SNG). MF outlined the season's race calendar, logistics, accommodation options and yard facilities around Lake Geneva.

LH added comments on storage options and recommended yards.

7.2 2027 Worlds – Helsinki (FIN)

TO confirmed that the 2027 Worlds at NJK (Helsinki) were voted and agreed. Further details will be communicated by **Patrick Sandman** at a later date.

7.3 2028 Europeans – Bid from Club Nàutic S'Arenal (ESP)

LH noted the venue is not yet ready for a vote. Further details regarding dates and logistics must be clarified. Voting will take place online once outstanding issues are resolved.

7.4 2029 Worlds – Sardinia (ITA)

TO confirmed the event has been voted and agreed.

LH added that dates remain under discussion due to mistral risk and heavy club scheduling in September. June is being considered as a safer option.

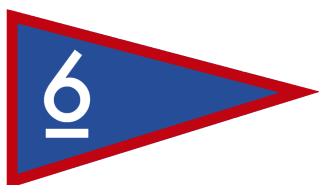
7.5 2030 Europeans

The year remains open. TO noted that it is unusual to have so many events secured this far ahead, which indicated strong interest from yacht clubs for hosting the class.

Suggestions included **La Trinité-sur-Mer (FRA)**.

Discussion followed regarding criteria for venue selection, raised by **Rainer Müller (RM)**.

TO acknowledged the need to document informal criteria alongside the official venue requirements.



8. SIX METRE ARCHIVE UPDATE

Presented by **Tom Owen (TO)**.

Key updates:

- Annual Archive Report circulated to all at the meeting and posted on the Archive website.
- Report will shift to a spring publication schedule to align with the start of the sailing season.
- Significant progress made cataloguing historical materials.
- Social media and website analytics show strong growth, especially among US users.
- The Archive relies on voluntary contributions; TO encouraged financial support from all nations and in particular he noted that there were almost no contributions from the USA despite having the largest group of users
- New **Oral History Project** launched, with first interviews recorded (Tim Russell and Tim Street, with others planned for the near future).

Questions were raised regarding possible integration of the Archive with ISMA, tax-advantaged donation structures, and long-term funding models.

Contributors included **Nick Lykiardopulo (NL)**, **Basil Vasiliou (BV)** and several others. TO and LH explained current structure and ongoing discussions.

9. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

9.1 Insurance Challenges for the Fleet

BV presented an extensive summary of recent insurance difficulties faced by owners, particularly regarding:

- Restrictions from Pantenius and other insurance companies
- Registration issues for certain jurisdictions
- Limited coverage for certain regions (e.g., USA & Switzerland)
- Difficulties insuring wooden boats

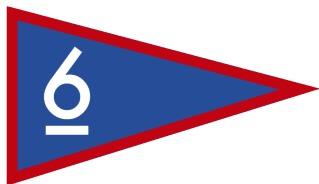
BV recommended:

1. Appointing an insurance consultant
2. Exploring fleet-wide long-term insurance agreements
3. Examining self-insurance options

RM, **NL** and various other owners contributed to the discussion, touching on:

- Legal frameworks across different countries
- Risks of insuring the entire fleet
- Sharing insurance information among owners
- The unique challenges of insuring wooden boats
- The need for professional advice

NL offered to assist given his background in marine mutual insurance.



9.2 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

LH explained that **Patrick Sandman** (the new Vice-President Marketing) would circulate a written proposal for discussion.

Comments were made regarding:

- Role of national associations in generating local press and communications (LH)
- Opportunities to highlight new boats at events (also several other speakers)
- Need for long-term strategic positioning of the class to attract younger sailors
- Value of emphasising Six Metres as a development class

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RM thanked LH and the Board for all their work on behalf of the class.

Applause from the assembly.

LH closed the meeting at **11:03h**, thanking all the attendees.

Helena Paz
Executive Secretary
ISMA

Papers to follow:

1. Photos
2. Presentation by SNG





6 Metre 2026 European Championships Geneva, July 13-24



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- **ISMA SEASON ON GENEVA LAKE 2026**

2026	Yacht Club	Regata
• April 3-5	Vevey La Tour	Maharaja Trophy
• May 2-3	CN Lutry	Silver Cup
• May 16 -17	SN Rolle	Coupe de la Harpe
• June 20-21	CN Versoix	Coupe Kim
• June 22-28	SNG	Semaine de la Voile
• July 13-24	SNG	Swiss and European Championships
• July 24-26	Vevey La Tour	Championnat de la Tour
• Octobre 9-11	CN Nernier-Yvoire	Les Voiles d'Ivoire
• Octobre 24-25	YC Corsier Port	Clôture du Championnat



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-  **ISMA 2026 : Excursion Program**  July 13 - 23 – Geneva and Surroundings
-  **Geneva – City Highlights**
- 1.  Old Town: St. Peter's Cathedral, Bourg-de-Four square, Reformation Wall
- 2.  Jet d'eau Fountain and English Garden
- 3.  Museums
-  **ONE DAY TOUR (-travel time-)**
- 4.  Yvoire (France) – 45 min
- 5.  Chamonix – Mont-Blanc – 1h15
- 6.  Annecy – 1h
- 7.  Lausanne – 45 min
- Olympic Museum, cathedral, Ouchy Harbor
- 8.  Gruyères – 2h
-  **OTHERS ACTIVITES OFFERED**
- 9.  Lemanic Cruise
- 10.  Whine tasting in Satigny
- 11.  Thermal Baths, Divonne or Lavey
- 12.  Alaïa Bay – Surf Park
- 13.  Yachting Day – Boat rental



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• Accomodations

- Hotel at special rate during the ISMA Championship with the code SNG6MJI on <https://www.fassbindhotels.ch>

- **HOTEL CORNAVIN ******
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- **HOTEL CRISTAL [DESIGN] *****
 - Completely renovated and fully air conditioned, modern design and bright rooms just steps from the city center. A smart and stylish choice for sailors.
- **HOTEL LE SQUARE *****
 - Recently renovated with great attention to design and detail, this fresh and attractive hotel offers comfort right by Cornavin station. An attractive choice for sailors looking for a newly upgraded hotel close to the SNG
- **HOTEL LES NATIONS *****
 - Just a short bus ride from the SNG, Hotel Les Nations offers quick and easy access to the lake. With comfortable rooms at attractive rates, it's the perfect choice for sailors looking for convenience and value.
- **Others:**
- **INTERCONTINENTAL GENÈVE *******
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 - <https://www.geneva.intercontinental.com>
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