



Dear Members,

A few lines of my past in sailing and my connection with the International 29er Class.

I started sailing on Lake Balaton in Hungary at the age of 11. After the Optimist and Cadet, I switched to crewing the 420, followed by the 470. We qualified for the 2004 Athens Olympics, where in the last moment – two weeks prior the Olympics – we received official confirmation that our coach will not be able to come, we were left completely alone, which was a huge blow. After this I switched to the 49er, in which class I am still competing at national level, helmed by my brother.

Since this time I was very keen on solving the problem of how to give the skiff-experience to youth sailors, and how to teach them apparent-wind sailing. We started working on establishing the 29er Class in Hungary and organising EuroCup events. Since then, I am chair of the Hungarian NCA, which has now been extended with the 49er and 49erFX classes to become the “Hungarian 9er Class Association”. We would like to introduce the FX also to our country.

In parallel, I have become the VP of the 29er ICA, and I am working together with an amazing team. The work after joining the Technical Committee will be very important for

me, as my top priorities are the protection of the true one-design nature of our class – which I consider a key prerequisite for fair racing – and representing the best interests of our sailors.

I look forward to continuing to work for this wonderful class.

Best Regards,

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