Dear Finn Sailors,
Dear Members of the International Finn Association,

With a terrific 2019 Finn Gold Cup in Melbourne closing the year 2019, none of us was prepared for how much life will change around the world in the spring of 2020.

With all major regattas postponed to later this year or deleted from the calendar for 2020 and sailors having trouble even with training at their home clubs, the sport of sailing is facing a very difficult year ahead.

However, the present report shall focus on 2019 which brought about another year of astonishing Finn events.

Regarding class administration, the Finn Executive decided to share the secretarial work between Robert Deaves and Paul McKenzie with a series of new platforms introduced with an aim of more efficient and transparent workflow.

In parallel, the Executive and other Finn stakeholders have been working hard to showcase to the IOC and the world of sailing how important a single-handed dinghy event for larger male sailors would be on the Olympic sailing program.

With the postponement of the 2020 Olympics to the summer of 2021, the IOC will make their final decision on the 2024 Olympic events probably as late as 2022 and the IFA Executive with the support of a large number of people from the international sailing community will continue working restless towards finding the way back for the Finn to the Olympic programme.

All in all, we strongly hope that wise decisions - especially by the IOC - on the future of Olympic sailing will allow the Finn to continue its Olympic presence and its unmatched sailing history.

Other areas of the IFA Executive’s work over the last year will be reported on by the IFA VP in charge of the given area.

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Stay safe and healthy!

Warm regards

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