

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017
Saturday, 4 November 2017

According to the IM24CA Constitution, motions, amendments and nominations for the AGM shall be proposed only by the Executive Committee, NCA's, the Technical Committee and ISAF and must reach the [International Secretary](#) not less than eight (8) weeks before the officially announced date of the meeting. Only the motions, amendments and nominations on the Agenda and its attachment/s shall be voted upon. The Chairman may, in exceptional circumstances, accept amendments from the floor of the AGM when, in his opinion, this will assist the resolution of issues on which the World Council have had an opportunity to express their views. Deadline for the submissions for the 2017 AGM is **September 8th, 2017**. To allow this process to function smoothly, the each Submission should adhere to the following guidelines:

- The Submission shall clearly state the current position along with the proposal for a change (clearly stating the rule) and the rationale behind this change.
- The Submission should be written to relate to any IM24CA documents or topics as listed below.
- Wherever possible, each submission should contain wording for the proposed new rules.
- Reason for the motion
- Technical items the tech staff can work on during the year should not be sent as an Submission

Nominating Body <i>Exec Comm, NCA, Tech Comm</i>	CM24CA
Name and Surname	Adam Affleck
Position in Nominating Body	President
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Title of the motion, amendment, nomination	Nomination for IM24CA Treasurer

Topics concerned

	Constitution		Events
	Class Rules		Technical issues
	Regatta Regulations		General policies
X	Nomination		

Proposal <i>You can widen this box if needed</i>	I hereby nominate Laura Grondin for IM24CA Treasurer
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Reason	Laura Grondin, USA738 Dark Energy, is an active and passionate Melges 24 competitor and member. She is a strong supporter of youth and women's sailing having donated her Melges 32 to the Mudratz youth sailing program who used it as collateral to buy a Melges 24 for their Sportboat teams. With her passion for the sport and her impeccable business credentials I have no doubt that Laura will bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the running of the IM24CA.
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Laura Grondin

Biography

Laura Grondin is majority Owner, President & CEO of Virginia Industries, Inc., a privately-held industrial products company headquartered in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Through its subsidiaries, Bingham & Taylor and Hartford Technologies, the company supplies a diverse range of products including meter and valve boxes to gas and water markets and custom assemblies, balls, pins, and components to the automotive, electronics and industrial markets. The company operates manufacturing and distribution facilities in the US and in China. During her tenure as CEO, Ms. Grondin has reorganized and expanded the company's footprint and capabilities to compete globally and to drive year over year revenue growth.

Ms. Grondin currently serves as the Treasurer and Immediate Past Chair of YaleWomen, Inc., Yale's alumnae organization. She is an active participant in Vistage, an international organization of CEOs. Ms. Grondin is the Immediate Past Chair of the Board of The Committee of 200, a membership organization of successful women entrepreneurs and corporate innovators. She is a past Director of the American Foundry Society, a past Chair of the New England Advisory Council to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and the former Chair of the Board of the Connecticut Development Authority.

Ms. Grondin earned her B.A. from Yale University in 1985.

Laura Grondin
Sailing and Sailboat Racing Experience

Recent Sailing and Racing Experience:

- Owner/Skipper, Melges 24, Dark Energy (USA-738). Competed in the Melges 24 US Nationals (2017, 2016), Charleston Race Week (2017, 2016), Melges 24 Worlds (2016), Block Island Race Week (2017), Offsoundings Club Events (Spring 2017), Oyster Fest Regatta (2015) and local events including Wednesday night racing (2015-present)
- Owner/Skipper, Melges 32, Black Ice (USA-122). Competed in Charleston Race Week (2015, 2014), Offsoundings Club Spring and Fall Series (2012-2016), Block Island Race Week (2013-2015), Tri-Island Series (2012-2015), and local events including Wednesday night racing (2012-2016)
- Owner/Skipper, Fishers Island One Design (a 24' wooden boat built in 1920 as part of a fleet purchased by Fishers Island Yacht Club and sold to Groton Long Point Yacht Club in the 1940's; today, 12 boats remain and race every Saturday afternoon in July and August.) (2008-present). Three-time fleet champion.
- Skipper, Ideal 18s at Stonington Harbor Yacht Club local racing and at the Lorna Whittelsey Women's Regatta (2015-present).

Early Sailing Experience:

- Learned to sail and race Blue Jays at Pettipaug Yacht Club in Essex, CT
- Taught sailing and racing: Cuttyhunk Yacht Club, 1981, Selfin Sailing Center, Martha's Vineyard, 1982-83, and Pettipaug Yacht Club, 1984, and Hombeek Yacht Club, Belgium, 1985
- Member of the Yale Sailing Team and Yale Women's Sailing Team, 1981-1985; Crew, Freshman to Junior year; Skipper, Senior year; Competed in Women's Collegiate Nationals, Freshman to Senior year (3 as crew; 1 as skipper) and Collegiate Nationals as crew as a Freshman and Sophomore
- Competed in 470 Nationals as crew, 1985

Contributions to the Sport: Donated the Melges 32, Black Ice, to a local program (the Mudratz) that helps young racers (teenagers) get big boat racing experience; the Mudratz used the boat as collateral to buy a second Melges 24 for their program; the only condition of the donation is that young girls steer and crew on the boat.

Past Club Leadership: Commodore, Groton Long Point Yacht Club (GLPYC), 2013-14, Vice Commodore, GLPYC, 2011-12, and Rear Commodore, GLPYC, 2009-2010

Race Committee Experience: Junior Regattas, 2010-2016