

IDNIYRA-Europe
International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association Europe
IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V.
Minutes and Decisions of National Secretaries
Riga, Latvia 12 – 14 September 2014

Topic 1 Ascertainment of a Quorum

It was confirmed that the invitation to the Annual meeting was issued in time and a quorum was present. Attendance list of the general meeting has been forwarded to the Treasurer

Present: IDNIYRA Europe Executive Board

Commodore	Joerg Bohn
Vice Commodore	Attila Pataki
Treasurer	Christian Seegers
Insurance Manager	Niklas Mueller-Hartburg
Junior Programme Manager	Stan Macur
Webmaster	Dietmar Gottke
Secretary	Chris Williams

National Secretaries

Austria	Roland Huber
Czech Republic	Vladislav Ptasnik
Estonia	Jaan Akermann
Hungary	Attila Pataki
Latvia	Madars Alvikis
Netherlands	Hennie van den Brink
Poland	Maciej Brosz
Sweden	Tomas Lindgren
United Kingdom	Chris Williams

United States Deb Whitehorse

Proxy votes

Finland and Germany	represented by Tomas Lindgren
Russia	represented by Joerg Bohn
Switzerland	represented by Chris Williams

Apologies were received from Finland, Germany, Russia and Switzerland

Topic 2 Opening remarks and Review of the Season 2013/2014

The Commodore opened the meeting by welcoming all present, with special thanks to Deb Whitehorse who represented IDNIYRA-North America, where the DN class has its roots. It was important to be linked with mutual respect and understanding in order to develop the class and meet challenges regarding rules, safety and friendship. The Commodore then thanked the Latvian Secretary Madars Alvikis for being this year's host, and all Board members for their contribution. He wished everyone a successful meeting.

AUSTRIA – Not a normal season. Beautiful ice on December 1st and much sailing in Corinthia. Before Christmas sailing on the Reschensee but remainder of season no sailing in Austria. Best sailing Lake Lipno with many DN events. We are very proud of newcomer Philipp Hribar (OE777) who sailed in the WC/EC in A Fleet with a good performance – a sailor with a future. Oldie Peter Munnich continues to perform and won the “First Mitropa Trophy”. Despite the difficult season more Austrian sailors found their way to the races. Further information www.eissegehn.at

CZECH REPUBLIC - Training started in the Alp lakes of Corinthia with Austrian DN sailors in early December 2013. The Czech fleet then trained in late December at Lake Lipno.

A very strange winter weather pattern made Lipno one of the few DN sailable lakes in Europe for more than 8 weeks through December to February, most of the time with black ice; however this weather pattern also brought lack of wind.

The first regatta 28-29.12.2013 – Austrian Championship 2013 held at Lipno and attended by 37 sailors from 6 countries.

4-5.1.2014 More than 80 DN sailors from all over Europe gathered on the starting line at Lipno regatta. However, due to lack of wind no race finished.

18-19.1.2014 Over 40 sailors stood on the starting line at Lake Lipno again but just before the start fog arrived, covering the lake for the rest of the weekend so no race finished. The lake lifeguard had to be alerted when 3 sailors were missed at the harbour but they were all found OK.

Lakes Lipno and Machovo were sailable during the second half of January and training organised there. February was the best month in terms of completed races.

1.2.2014 Czech Republic DN Championship at Lipno, 21 sailors from 3 countries.

2.2.2014 Austrian DN Championship 2014 at Lipno, 18 boats, 3 countries.

8-9.2.2014 Mitropa Trophy organised by Czech Fleet for the first time. 30 DN sailors from 5 countries.

14-16.2.2014 Polish Championship attended by one Czech sailor.

1-8 March WC and EC 2014 in Haapsalu were attended by 4 Czech sailors who placed themselves in groups B and C.

In April 2014 one Czech sailor took part in three regattas in Baikal week.

The number of active Czech DN sailors has remained constant for the last 3 years at around 15. Less international attendance took place in the 2013/2014 season. However Czech fleet members provided good support organising regattas at Lake Lipno and we also enjoyed outstanding mutual cooperation with the Austrian fleet in terms of support, equipment, judges and resources.

One newcomer, David Krizek, a professional water sailor, was gained for DN sailing. No Ice-Optimist sailors but one or two DN sailors intend to involve their kids who are growing into Ice Optimist age for next season.

ESTONIA – The Estonian iceboating season started late. We got some ice in the middle of February but then it started to snow and the weather got warm again. Sailors started to sail at the end of February and from that time we sailed every weekend. We managed to run 4 ranking regattas. The best thing for us was being the host for World Championships 2014 which was also the last regatta of the season because after that it got warm. Also there were 2 new Junior DN sailors and 3 new Ice Optimist sailors who took part from local regattas. Estonians also opened a new ice sailing homepage: www.esticesailing.ee

GERMANY – Generally the weather was cold, but while as well. On 25-26 January 14 DN's sailed at Lake Goldberg in MV. On the first weekend of February we finally found ICE at "Stettiner Haff" by Dietmar Gottke. This was the first time that DN's sailed that area! Several other lakes and Bodden areas were not safe, however. The German Nationals were sailed with 4 nations, 7 races in Gold and 8 in Silver. Holger Petzke G890 won the Regatta in front of Darek Kardaz P13 and Marek Stefaniuk 107. The Silver Fleet winner was Lars Moller D126 before Sebastian Obermeiner G517 and Martin v. Wettum H404. Nice Regatta with very nice hosting. At the Europeans we had only 16 sailors from Germany, 7 in Gold Fleet, 3 in Silver and 6 in Bronze. Holger Petze came 12th as Best German this season. *Bernd Zeiger*

HUNGARY -

In Hungary the ice sailing season finished 3 years ago and we have had no safe and sailable ice on any of the water reservoirs since 2011/2012 season. Most Hungarian ice yachts rest on shelves and there is little enthusiasm shown by our sailors except for those willing to travel. This lack of Hungarian ice makes it very hard to involve junior and senior sailors. Soft water sailing starts for the top junior sailors in March and finishes in November and the rest of the year is usually spent sailing in the Adriatic and other South seas. We could not organise the Hungarian Championships but some of our sailors competed in other nations' regattas, visited Lake Lipno several times, and competed in the Mitropa Cup and the WC/EC.

LATVIA – Three good regattas with lots of action and quality sailing. Opening regatta, Latvian Nationals and Cup of Kisezers. 4 – 5 Ice Optimists, 4 Junior DN and 3 newcomers.

THE NETHERLANDS –

No ice therefore no races at home. We now have 488 paying members.

The 50th Anniversary of DN Netherlands was celebrated with a very nice and well attended party

POLAND – A late season starting 25th January and finishing early March. Ten regattas took place and two new places for racing found. Lake Ewing: (53°50'17.2"N 19°35'08.6"E) good shore infrastructure and access, dimensions 2.3 x 2.4 km depth 2.3m, and Vistula Lagoon: (54.273490, 19.414610) an ice boat friendly place. In WC Polish sailors dominated with first 3 places in Gold Fleet and the first place in Europeans. Ice sailing fleet is now 66 seniors, 23 juniors, 13 younglings and 34 Ice Optimists. A total of 6 more than in 2013.

RUSSIA - Sergey Pulkov (R5) has been elected as the new Russian Commodore. A total of 20 regattas in Russia this season including 7 fleet cups (Vladivostock), Baikal Cup and Russia Championship. Regrettably we are unable to commit to hosting WC 2016 on Baikal but we are happy to consider another year at a later stage.

SWEDEN – A tricky ice winter but a lot of sailing for those prepared to travel. A late start following a warm autumn. Excellent conditions after New Year in Osteraund where more than 12 DNs trained for 3 days on black ice. Vaiko Voorema ran a training camp for 2 days in January for 10 plus Swedish sailors, 2 Finnish and one Dutch. Two accidents caused the postponement, after just one race, of the Swedish championship to December (2014). We are trying to sail more in Finland and Estonia when conditions allow and also to coordinate national championships to avoid clashes of dates. A record number of Swedish sailors participated in the WC/EC in Estonia though with limited success when compared with past regattas at this level.

UNITED KINGDOM - No ice but K13 sailed very well in WC/EC at Haapsalu.

NORTH AMERICA - The racing season began at the informal Western Challenge regatta in LaCrosse, Wisconsin where approximately 60 racers gathered to kick off the season on Lake Onalaska. Sailors from Canada and the east coast of America drove many hours to attend their first Western Challenge. Countries representing sailors who flew in from international destinations included Russia, the Netherlands and Sweden. Conditions were extremely cold with temperatures hovering below 10F (-12C) for much of the regatta.

The 2013 Central Lakes Regional regatta was the first official regatta of the season sailed on Lake St. Clair near Detroit, Michigan. The majority of sailors hailed from the Central Region with some travelling from the Western and Eastern regions as well. 16-year old Griffin Sherry US4 won the Gold fleet. Conditions tended towards light air and sticky ice.

The 2014 Western Lakes Regional regatta was attempted on Green Lake, Wisconsin but after one race was postponed due to unsafe sailing conditions brought on by shell ice. This regatta is rescheduled for December 13-14 this year. Minnesota sailor Mike Miller is the new DN Western Regional Commodore.

The 2014 North American Championship was sailed on Lake Champlain in Plattsburgh, New York after the primary site of Peru, Illinois was snowed out. Conditions were brutally cold with temperatures again below 10F (-12C). Ron Sherry US44 won the North Americans.

As usual, if one was willing to travel, many opportunities existed for DN racing across North America.

Daniel Hearn has spearheaded a development programme for those who are interested in DN sailing but do not have the time, money or some other barrier to putting a programme together. Daniel, along with several other Madison, Wisconsin DN sailors, put together a few DN and Ice Optimist programmes with donated equipment. This created quite a bit of interest from new ice sailors but snow prevented much sailing and we wait until 2015 to see how this progresses. The Canadian Championship was sailed in Kingston, Ontario and won by James "T" Theiler US5227.

Topic 3 Approval of the Minutes of National Secretaries Meeting 2013

These were AGREED and APPROVED.

Topic 4 Matters Arising from Topic 3 not covered by this Agenda

There were no matters.

Topic 5 Letters to the Board

There were no letters to the Board.

Topic 6 WC/EC 2014 Report

The World and European Championships, planned for Poland, were finally held in Estonia. The winter ended unusually early in Europe, leading to very few options remaining. The decision turned out to be the right one but tight as well. Less than a week after the event, the ice in Haapsalu broke up.

The Commodore said it had been a pleasure to work with all involved and expressed his thanks to Vice Commodore Attila Pataki, Vaiko Voorema, Tomek Zakrzewski for their ice scouting and many more involved in the decision taken. The Professional Race Committee (PRC) once again did a fantastic job, thanks to Stan Macur and his crew. The Mayor of Haapsalu had provided the excellent support of his town regarding access to the ice and official permits and others. Special thanks were accorded to former World Champion Endel Voorema, who was present at the Opening Ceremony and also presented the World Cup to the winner Karol Jablonski.

Topic 7 WC/EC Junior DN and Ice Optimist 2014 Report

Junior Programme Manager briefed:

Junior World's 2014 was organized by Latvian DN Fleet in cooperation with Junior Programme Manager on Lake Kisezers in Riga, Latvia. Regatta was held 19-21 February 2014 with two days 17-18 as practice days and 78 participants in two classes, DN Junior and Ice Optimist, from 6 countries: Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Sweden. February 18 was an excellent sailing practice day with good weather, medium-strong wind and many training races with plenty of participants. Full regatta programme was completed with 7 races per fleet and also Euro Cup races. The race committee was a little small but worked very well with good support from the nice sailing club just at the lake with constructions, garages, safety equipment, bar, WC, parking etc. The police office from Riga was a little upset about sailing on the lake but after professional control on the ice we obtained official permission to run the regatta. Trophy presentation was in the sailing club with trophies for the top 10 sailors and souvenirs for all participants.

Topic 8 Financial Report 2013/2014

The Treasurer had emailed the Report for 2013/2014 and a comparison of costs 2006 to 2014 which showed a steady balance over all through those years (see Annexes A and B). Vladislav Ptasnik checked the figures and declared all correct and was warmly thanked. The Commodore briefed that the financial information will not be available on the website but is available via National Secretaries, who will all have copies in order to take questions should there be any. Board members are similarly informed and available for questions. It was emphasised that some expenses such as accommodation and parties are very much "country" dependant. The Treasurer was warmly thanked for his very clear presentation of all the financial information.

Topic 9 Lessons Learned from WC/EC 2014 and Junior WC/EC 2014

Several accidents in Europe during the season and in the WC/EC, and the Rule Test at the WC/EC check-in showed that an unacceptable number of DN sailors do not have adequate knowledge of the NIA Racing Rules. A rule of particular concern is Rule 8 as applied to Rounding the Mark, which is substantially different from water sailing rules for essential SAFETY reasons. A long and comprehensive discussion agreed:

NIA Rule Test

- a. At check-in for EC2015 all participating sailors will take an NIA Racing Rule test. Failure at the first test will mean a second test one hour later. Failure at the second test will result in a hearing and possible ban from the regatta. **ACTION: PRC**

- b. Webmaster will provide a facility on IDNIYRA-eu for self-testing NIA Racing Rules. .
ACTION: Webmaster
- c. National Secretaries are to be aware of the NIA Rule test requirement which will be included in the NOR with the procedure that will be used at check in for EC2015.

ACTION: National Secretaries

Additional Darling Mark

The Swedish proposal to have an additional Darling Mark on the race course as a trial at the EC2015 was agreed. See diagram at Annex C. The purpose is to broaden the angle of approach rounding the Leeward mark. In addition the adjusted finish line further downwind is for the protection of the scorers. SAFETY is the driver for all of the above. This will be trialled in national regattas and if successful used in the EC2015.

ACTION: PRC

Topic 10 Junior Programme Report

Junior Programme Manager reported a very good year with 78 participants from 6 countries in the DN Junior and Ice Optimist WC/EC in Latvia (Riga). Many Junior regattas in Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Sweden. The very high sailing level of many participants shows good promise for the future of the DN class. The current small number of countries could increase next year with Switzerland and possibly USA, Finland and Germany sailing. The Junior Programme meeting during the regatta in Latvia covered many aspects of junior ice sailing and the arrangements for JWC 2015 in Sweden.

Topic 11 Technical Committee Report

Dag Erikssen reported by email ahead of the meeting that most Technical Committee discussions had concerned sail and runner measurement with much work done by Jane Pegel.

Runner measuring continues to cause confusion and in particular the E9 Specification which as shown in Year Books 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 does not have adequate control of the sharpness of the runner leading edge. This was considered potentially to lead to a very dangerous situation and a lengthy discussion concluded that the key sentence last featured in Year Book 2010 should be reinstated. This sentence was

“The remaining portion of the leading edge may not be sharpened to an edge radius of less than 1/16” (1.6 mm)”

Strong support for this recommendation was obtained via Skype during the meeting. It was agreed that this must be referred to the Technical Committee Chairman for urgent resolution so that all sailors are prepared for the 2014/2015 season. This will be included in the NOR for EC2015.

ACTION: COMMODORE

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Europe
STAN MACUR**

Post Meeting Note: The wording of the third sentence of Specification C9 will now read

“The leading edge must be rounded to an edge radius of not less than 1/16” (1.6 mm) and shall be faired to the side of the steel as allowed in E.12”

Topic 12 IDNIYRA-Europe Insurance Report

Insurance Manager reported over all insurance process worked very well with all sailors cooperating. Uniqua Insurance company very helpful and quick to respond. Still no insurances for Russian sailors except for single event insurance. The suggestion to increase the mandatory minimum insurance cover to One Million Euros will be reviewed at the 2015 meeting. Until then the mandatory minimum cover will remain at €500 000. **ACTION: Insurance Manager**

Topic 13 IDNIYRA-Europe NA Contact Report

Communication between DN Europe and DN North America continue to progress in a positive direction with sailors making the effort to travel and compete with each other on both continents as well as use email to discuss race management and technical issues. Five Americans attended the NN Gold Cup in Estonia including Oliver Moore, Eastern Regional Commodore Eben Whitcomb, James “T” Thieler, Ron Sherry, Hal Bowman, Deb Whitehorse, and Pete Johns. It was beneficial to Eben Whitcomb, Oliver Moore, and James “T” Thieler to take notice of how the Gold Cup was managed because their Eastern Region will be in charge of the Gold Cup for 2015. Mercedes Auger, who assists with scoring at

North American regattas, was also invited by Stan Macur to observe the Polish scoring team in action during the 2014 Gold Cup. Deb Whitehorse was grateful to have been asked by PRO Stan Macur to spend time observing the scoring team and travel to the ice with the Race Committee each day. Deb Whitehorse, in her Executive Secretary role, was also called upon during the Gold Cup regatta to provide some context for the E9 specification change.

Topic 14 Discharge of the Board of Officers

It was unanimously agreed that the Board of Officers (the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Insurance Manager, Treasurer, Junior Programme Manager, Web Master and Secretary) had discharged their duties according to the Constitution in a very satisfactory manner.

Topic 15 Election of IDNIYRA-Europe Officers (for 2 year period)

The following were elected by acclamation for a 2-year period:

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Treasurer
- Insurance Manager

Topic 16 Determination of Contributions to IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.V and EC 2015 Entry Fee

It was agreed that the contributions to the above would remain unchanged at:

- a. IDNIYRA-Europe Society e.v. €45 per member nation and per registered starter in EC 2015
- b. Entry fee for EC 2015: €150 per registered starter. A total of €195 Junior DN and Young Sailor (aged 21 – 25) fee for EC 2015 €75 (50% of Senior DN entry fee)
- c. DN Juniors and Young Sailors do not pay the IDNIYRA fee

Topic 17 Budget 2014/2015

The Commodore briefed the budget which had been emailed ahead of the meeting (copy attached at Annex D). It was unanimously approved and the treasurer was thanked for its clear and concise presentation.

Topic 18 Various Proposals

- a. Stan Macur briefed that there were now tools available to make measurement of DN sails considerably easier.
- b. Following a discussion concerning the mast balance point, the Commodore undertook to draft a proposal for class vote. **ACTION: Commodore**
- c. Sail Halyard. Tomas Lindgren suggested that the wire halyard should be replaced with Dyneema which is lighter and stronger, considerably cheaper and easily replaced. He undertook to draft a proposal for class vote.

ACTION: Tomas Lindgren

Topic 19 Year Book and Runner Tracks

Year Book and *Runner Tracks* are both available on line. Deb Whitehorse requested National DN membership lists by **November 1st 2014** for the 2015 Year Book – in Excel format.

Articles from European ice sailors for *Runner Tracks* would be greatly appreciated. Email to Deb Whitehorse debwhitehorse@iceboating.net **ACTION: National Secretaries**

Topic 20 Internet Communications

Webmaster reported:

- a. The new website (set up in 2013) has run with no complications. All services worked seamlessly and are well accepted by users.
- b. The splitting of official information and news from entertainment has been successful with entertainment now on the Facebook channel.
- c. The new domain idniyra.eu has much greater use than icesailing.org which will remain.
- d. The insurance ID assignments and the registration process have been a great success and the work devoted to this success is very much appreciated.

- e. The "Office" section has expanded considerably with the Year Book, *Runner Tracks*, all Board Minutes, ranking and decisions of the Board and much more available. The results archive will be completed step by step.
 - f. Junior DN and Ice Optimist (under Juniors) are now part of IDNIYRA-Europe.
 - g. The new "DN Market" was much used last season.
 - h. Webmaster looks forward to setting up an NIA Right-of-Way Test to improve the rule knowledge of ice sailors and result in greater safety on the race course.
 - i. The Webmaster requested that any changes in contact details be emailed to him.
- The Webmaster was warmly thanked for his work throughout the year on our excellent website.

Topic 21 WC/NA 2015

January 24th to 31st, 2015, East Coast of North America.

Topic 22 EC 2015

Host nation: Netherlands Sunday 1st March to Friday 6th March

Check-in Sunday 1st March. Racing starts Monday 2nd March

Plan for 16 races per fleet (throw out after 5 races) 10 runners allowed

Maximum 5 races per fleet per day (last 5 races Europa Cup)

3 races (Gold Fleet) completes championship

Notice of Race (NOR) 1st December 2014

Registration opens 1200 2nd January 2015 and closes midnight 14th February 2015

Insurance closes midnight 11th February 2015

Payment closes Wednesday 18th February 2015.

Topic 23 Host National Secretaries Meeting 2015

Sweden's offer to host the 2015 National Secretaries Meeting was accepted with pleasure.

It will take place in Stockholm Friday 17th April to Sunday 19th April 2015.

Topic 24 WC/EC 2016

Commodore briefed that regrettably the plan to hold the WC/EC 2016 on Lake Baikal had been cancelled by mutual agreement with the Siberian authorities and IDNIYRA-Europe due to the current political uncertainties. It was hoped to hold a WC/EC there in the future.

The offer from the Czech Republic and Austria to host the 2016 WC/EC was warmly welcomed.

Estonia offered to host the 2018 WC/EC as part of their 130 years of ice sailing anniversary.

Topic 25 EC 2017

It was agreed that this would be decided at the next meeting.

ACTION: Secretary

Topic 26 Other Business

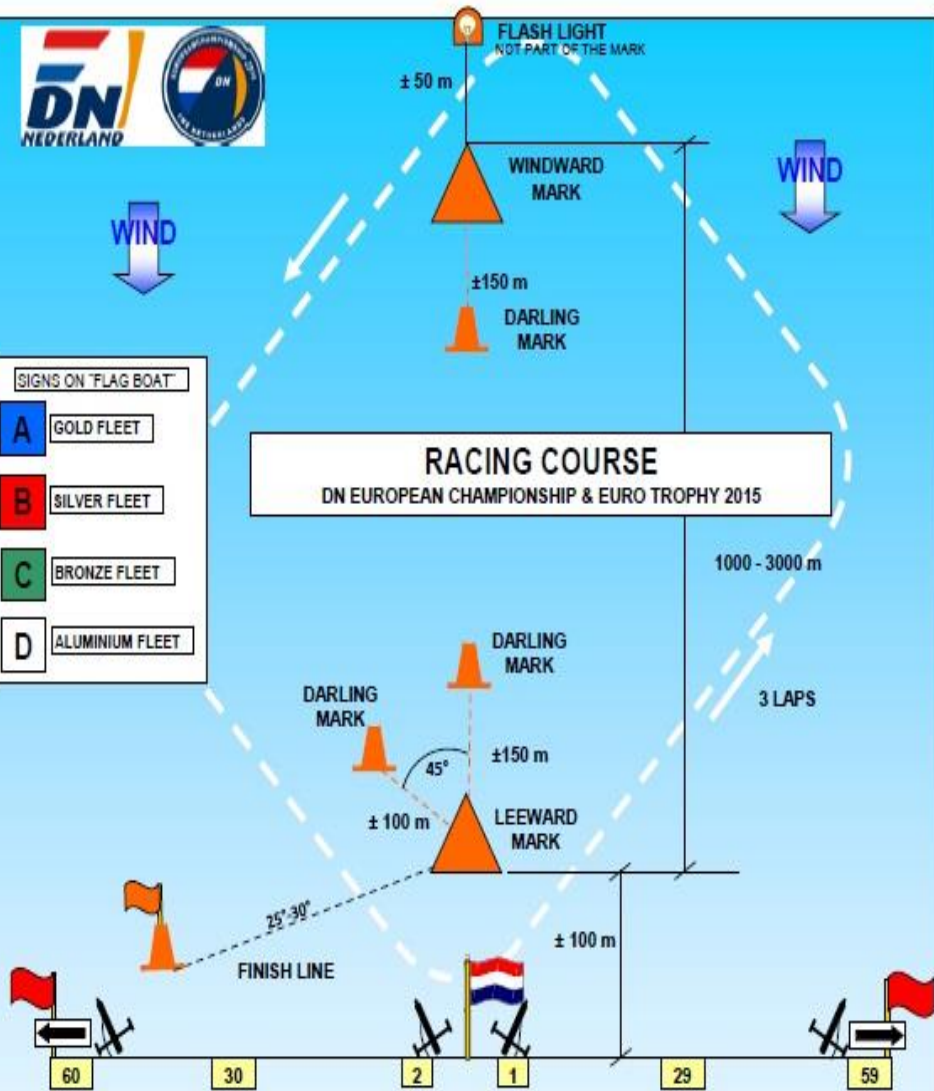
The proposal from Madars Alvikis made at the previous National Secretaries meeting has been withdrawn.

The meeting closed at 11.15 and the Commodore thanked all for attending and their contributions. Madars Alvikis and his team were warmly thanked for all the excellent facilities provided and the wonderful Latvian musical evening on the Saturday.



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