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Deutsche International 14 Klassenvereinigung e.V.

To  
Jonathon Pudney

Hamburg, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Jonathon and family,

A few days ago I heard the very sad news that your father has died. Both personally and in the name of all German International 14 sailors, I would like to send our deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Your father's influence to the beginnings of the German International 14 Class was like no other. The whole German fleet and I personally are very grateful for the very significant and warm impact he had for our young fleet which was so important to help us grow in the early days.

I would like to share with you a few personal memories... Shortly after the German International 14 Class association was founded in 1990 the German fleet got the honour to host the European Championships. At that Europeans in 1991 in Travemünde I had my first contact with the 14 fleet, I joined as a 14 year old Opti kid and this first 14 experience has ensured stay with the 14s for the rest of my life. Without the help and support of Jeremy this never would have happened.

I met you and your father for the first time at the 1995 Worlds in Copenhagen. It's possible that you don't remember me and most likely that Jeremy didn't notice the little German 14 sailor either. In the regatta I sailed with a Frenchman, and we capsized uncountable times. But despite this we had a lots of fun competing with the Japanese in every race for the last ranks. As we wrestled with the boat, rolling over, again, and again we would see your father effortlessly flying by on his beautiful boat. At that regatta, your father's conduct both on and off the water made such a strong impression on me that I owe a lot of my accomplishments in the class to him.

Full of awe I marvelled at the fantastic British boats on land, especially the 14 of Roddy, yours and of course the always excellent looking boat of Jeremy! During the World Championship and already a few years before, I noticed how much Jeremy was committed to the further spread of the

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International 14 class. His slogan "Imitations come and go but 14s are forever" is legendary and I know that without his support the German fleet would not be where we are today!

All his great and forward looking influence in the early days, exactly 30 years ago, has grown to this day into a great bunch of enthusiastic German 14 sailors who cherish the tradition and values of the International 14, of which your father was such an outstanding example. We owe a lot to your father and the German International 14 class association will never forget Jeremy.

I would like to let you know that today I have proposed your father as the first honorary member of the German International 14 Class Association. Together with our founding president Ralf Meier, I would like them both to receive this honour this year at the German Championships at Lake Wittensee, where the German International 14 history began 30 years ago. I would like to take the opportunity to extend an invitation to you and the British team to attend this event, enjoy some nice sailing, and further deepen the strong ties within the European fleet that your father established.

The German International 14 class will keep Jeremy in best memories for all times!  
I wish you and your family all the best for the future!

With best regards

Jens Holscher

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