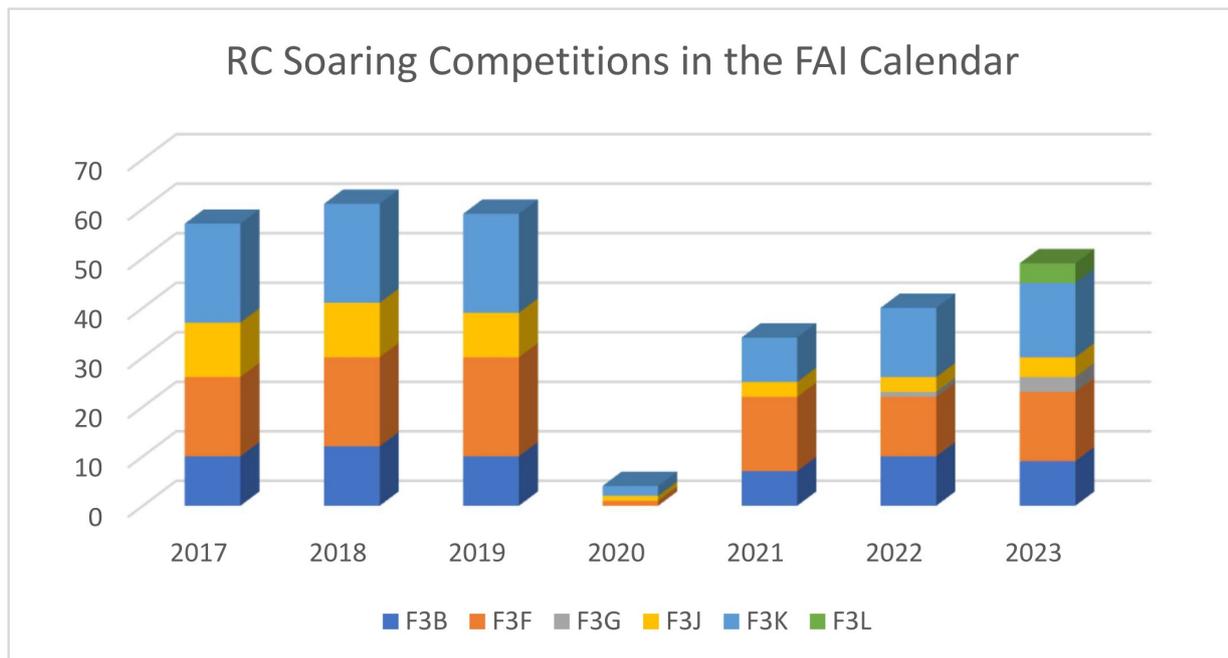




## CIAM FAI Report on the RC Soaring Subcommittee Activities from January to November 2023

The RC Soaring Subcommittee has thirteen members. This year, the Subcommittee focussed its work on the rules of the F3F class. A working group formed at the 2022 FAI F3F World Championship in Denmark prepared some amendments, mostly clarifications. The working group presented six proposals. Five of them were recommended unanimously by the Subcommittee. The last was dealing with re-flight in lousy weather conditions, which was recommended by the majority (9/2). Some working group members also asked to change the World Cup classification rules. Nevertheless, no one offered a precise proposal, including sufficiently strong reasoning. Therefore, the discussion will continue.

As visible from the inserted diagram, the sporting activity in RC Soaring classes has risen again after the COVID-19 pandemic.



The number of competitions in F3F and F3K classes is good and approaches the pre-Covid situation.

The situation with F3B and F3J classes could be more optimistic. The F3B class is still sufficiently popular in Germany but hasn't reached the fondness we remember from the pre-COVID time in other countries (6 GER, 3 others). Some pilots changed from F3B to F3G, where they don't need the winches and still fly the same tasks.

The worst decline concerns the F3J class. With only two Open International Competitions even the World Cup series could not be evaluated. This situation is apparently connected with the fact that in recent years, a strong rival class has arisen. The pilots in this new F5J class don't need winches and, in addition, don't need large airfields for practising and competitions.

The 2023 FAI F3K World Championships in Romania run successfully. The same applies to the 2023 FAI F3B World Championship in Denmark.

The World Cup coordinators in 2023 were Martin Weberschock (GER) for F3B, Lucas Gaubatz (AUT) for F3F, Sotir Lazarkov (BUL) for F3J and Erik Dahl Christensen (DEN) for F3K.

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