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## 1. ABBREVIATIONS

**ICA** International Class Association

**ISAF** International Sailing Federation

**NCA** National Class Association

**NCS** National Class Secretary

## 2. DEFINITIONS

**Boat:** a boat that can comply with the RG-65 class rules.

**Registered Boat:** a boat with a hull number.

**Certified boat:** A registered boat with a current valid certificate.

**RG-65:** Where reference is made to a current boat, a certified boat maintained in accordance with the RG-65 class rules.

**The Owner:** a person having at least one registered boat

**The Registered Owner:** An owner belonging to an NCA or NCS.

**The Certified Owner:** A registered owner having at least one certified boat.

**ANC or SNC Member:** an NCA or NCS that has been granted entry into the World Council.

**Official:** one of the members of the Executive Committee of the RG-65 ICA

**World Council:** the ruling body of the RG-65 ICA.

**World Council Member:** an NCA or NCS representative.

**Electronic communication:** a medium for exchanging information, but not limited to the World Wide Web, Internet, e-mail, fax, telephone.

**NCA Constitution:** a constitution defining the duties of the NCA concerning its representation of the Owners in its country.

**Regulation:** Any rule, decision, law, regulation, directive, standard, term, condition, instruction or policy decreed by the World Council.

**Can/must:** In this statute, the word "must" specifies an obligatory action, whereas the word "can" is permissive.

## 3. ENTRY TO THE WORLD COUNCIL

3.1. There is no provision for granting entry to the World Council to any owner without there being an NCA or NCS in his/her country. He Owners are required to form an NCA or to designate an NCS and to then associate.

3.2. Entry to the World Council will be free of charge.

3.3. To request entry to the World Council, the following must be presented:

3.3.1. In the case of an NCA, a copy of its Constitution and rules, together with a list of Certified Owners, Certified Boats, Registered Owners and Registered Boats.

3.3.2. In the case of an NCS, a copy of his/her being appointed NCS and rules together with a list of Certified Owners, Certified Boats, registered Owners and Registered Boats.

3.3.3. Confirm the ability of the ANC representative or SNC to take part in World Council meetings conducted by electronic communication.

3.4. Every application to join the World Council will be publicly announced for a period of at least four weeks.

3.5. The ANC will designate a Representative, who will be the sole communication channel with the World Council and whose address will be the official address of that ANC

member until the ANC communicates in writing to the ICA any change of representative and/or address.

3.6. An NCS number will be the sole communication channel with the World Council and whose address will be the official address of that NCS member until the NCS communicates in writing to the ICA any change of representative and/or address

#### **4. WORLD COUNCIL - MEETINGS**

4.1. World Council Meetings will be held:

4.1.1. In any physical venue that the Executive deems most suitable for the majority of its members.

4.1.2. Or by electronic communication.

4.2. World Council Meetings must be publicly announced and must be additionally announced individually to all members of the World Council the NCA member or NCS representative will in turn announce such meetings to its Registered Owners.

4.3. At World Council meetings proposals must be received and decided upon.

4.4. Any proposal brought to a meeting of the World Council can only be presented by a World Council member.

4.5. An extraordinary meeting of the world Council will be called by the Secretary if:

4.5.1. The Executive Committee so decides or

4.5.2. At least 20% of the World Council members make a written request to the Secretary. Such a request must specify the proposal on which the members agree to call the meeting.

4.6. An extraordinary or annual general meeting of the World Council will be communicated to the Secretary in writing with at least 10 weeks' notice of the proposed meeting: The Secretary must deliver to the members of the World Council in writing at least 8 weeks before the meeting a copy of the agenda and any proposal that must be dealt with by the meeting.

4.8. In the case of an extraordinary meeting, the Secretary must deliver in writing to the members of the World Council, at least 6 weeks prior to the meeting a copy of the agenda and any proposal that must be dealt with at the meeting.

4.9. Four (4) weeks prior to any World Council meeting, the NCA and NCS members will declare in writing to the Secretary, by boat number and owner's name, Certified Owners, Certified Boats, Registered Owners and Registered Boats that the NCA or NCS represents.

4.10. The president of World Council meetings will be the president or, in his/her absence, a Vice-president, who will be elected by the vote of the Vice-presidents present. If the President or any Vice-presidents are not present or accessible, the meeting will elect a president.

4.11. At the meetings, only the topics proposed in the prior notices will be dealt with and no amendment will be allowed.

4.12. An ordinary resolution of the World Council will be voted on by the NCA or NCS member in representation of the Registered Owners. A special resolution will be voted on by the NCA or NCS members in representation of the Certified Owners

4.13. Only the members of the World Council will have the right to vote at any World Council meeting.

The number of votes to be adjudicated to an NCA member or an NCS representative at any voting of World Council meetings will be in accordance with the number of Registered Owners (to vote on ordinary resolutions) or with the numbers of Certified Owners (to vote on special resolutions) in the country in accordance with the following table:

Owners Votes

5 – 25 1  
26 - 50 2  
51 - 75 3  
76 - 100 4  
101 - 150 5  
151 - 200 6  
201 – 250 7  
251 – 300 8  
301 – 400 9  
401 – 500 10  
501 – 600 11  
601 – 700 12  
701 – 900 13  
901 – 1100 14  
1101 or more 15

4.14. In the case of a tied vote, the president of the meeting will have a casting vote as well as his/her normal vote.

4.15. The minimum quorum at world council meetings will be 40% of the world Council Members, represented in person or by a proxy.

4.16. An NCA or NCS member or proxy for an NCA or NCS member will not vote as a proxy for other World Council members

4.17. Special resolutions will be submitted for voting to the Certified Owners prior to the NCA member or NCS representative voting at the World Council.

4.18. Resolutions will be submitted for voting to the Registered Owners prior to the NCA member or NCS representative voting at the World Council:

4.19. When voting has been requested from Certified Owners or Registered Owners by an NCA member or SNC member, the NCA member or SNC member will vote strictly in accordance with the results of such voting of the owners in the World Council resolution.

## **5. ICA OFFICIALS**

5.1. At an election, the post of Members of the Executive Committee (officials) will only be nominated by members of the World Council.

5.2. Proposals for electing officials must be received in writing by the Secretary ten weeks prior to the World Council meeting at which the election is to be held.

5.3. All officials will be nominated by the World Council for a term of two years.

5.4. Any retiring official will be eligible for re-election as long as he/she has not served for more than eight consecutive years in that function. An official will not vote for him/herself

5.5. The Vice-President (technical) will act as president of the Technical Sub-committee.

5.6. A person who is a member of, employed by or in any way has an interest in a commercial enterprise involving the RG-65 class can be elected as an official as long as that interest is declared in writing to the World Council before his/her election.

5.7. An Official becoming a member of or becoming employed by or in any way obtaining an interest in a commercial enterprise involved in the RG-65 Class will declare such interest immediately in writing to the World Council.

5.8. An Official and any ICA member will confirm their capacity to take part in Executive Committee meetings conducted by electronic Communication.

## **6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

6.1. The Executive Committee can nominate any Registered Owner to occupy any post that becomes vacant on the Executive Committee. That person will act as an Official for the duration of its mandate.

- 6.2. The Executive Committee can delegate to one or more of its Officials specific tasks when they are necessary to comply with special objectives during a limited period.
- 6.3. The Secretary will give at least three weeks' notice of Executive Committee meetings unless at least 75% of the Executive Committee gives its prior consent to the period being less.
- 6.4. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting will be at least 60 % of the Executive Committee.
- 6.5. The President will preside over all meetings in which he/she is present. In meetings where the president is not present a Vice-president will preside over the meeting and will be chosen by voting of the Vice-Presidents presents.
- 6.6. Resolutions of the Executive Committee will be approved by simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the president of the meeting will have a casting vote as well as his/her normal vote.
- 6.7. The Executive Committee is authorised to hold meetings by means of electronic communications.

## **7. TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE – CHANGES TO CLASS RULES**

- 7.1. RG-65 approved class rules will have a validity of 4 years. During that time they cannot undergo any kind of alterations.
- 7.2. Each NCA or NCS member can propose in writing to the Technical Sub-committee modifications to the rules only during the first three years of the rules then in force.
- 7.3. During the 4<sup>th</sup> year and no later than 1<sup>st</sup> October, the Technical Sub-committee will evaluate, classify and bring the proposals presented to the World Council for its voting.
- 7.4. The World Council, between 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December, will vote on the amendments presented and will send to the technical committee the results.
- 7.5. For a modification, amendment or addition to the class rules to be valid, it must have 66.7% of affirmative votes of all the members of the World Council. Abstentions, blank votes impugned votes and not voting will be considered as a vote against the modifications.
- 7.6. All amendments made to the RG-65 Cass rules will become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March following their approval by the world Council.

## **8. CLASS RULES INTERPRETATION**

- 8.1. An interpretation of a class rule will have the status of a class rule and will remain valid until it is replaced by a change of Class Rule.
- 8.2. The procedure
- 8.2.1. Requests for an interpretation can only be made to the Technical Sub-committee by an NCA or NCS member.
- 8.2.2. Requests for interpretation will be received and considered by the Technical Sub-committee.
- 8.2.3. The requests will be acknowledged
- 8.2.4. The Technical subcommittee will issue a proposed interpretation.
- 8.2.5. A proposed interpretation can clarify the RG-65 Cass rules, but an interpretation cannot be used to change an existing rule.

## **9. OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES**

- 9.1. Another three sub-committees will be:

9.1.1. Events Sub-committee.

The duties of the Events Sub-committee will be to assist fully the organizers of World and Continental championships and other International level events with appropriate venues

and standards. The Events Sub-committee will be responsible for the Class Championship rules. Its President will be the Vice-president (events).

9.1.2. Measurers Sub-committee. The duties of the Measurers Sub-committee will be to promote fully the development and training of the Class measurers and its distribution to the measurers. Its President will be the Vice-president (Measurers).

9.1.3. Information Sub-committee communication. The duties of the Information Sub-committee and communication will be to provide extensively a structure for publicising the class internationally and to maintain up-to-date information among the Owners. Its President will be the Vice-president (Information).

## **10. FINANCES**

10.1. The calendar year of the ICA will be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

10.2. All dues and annual payments will be decided by the Executive Committee.

## **11. DUES**

11.1. The scale of annual dues to be paid by a member NCA or NCS depending on the number of certified owners is:

Registered

Owners US\$

5 - 25 0

26 – 50 0

51 - 75 0

76 - 100 0

101 – 150 0

151 - 200 0

201 – 250 0

251 – 300 0

301 – 400 0

401 – 500 0

501 – 600 0

601 – 700 0

701 – 900 0

901 – 1100 0

1101 or more 0

Fees are payable in US\$ or the equivalent in the local currency of the RG-65 ICA.

For the basis of fees, the declaration of Registered Owners made by the NCA or NCS on 1<sup>st</sup> January will be used.

11.2. Fees for approving World and Continental Championships are US\$ 0 and for other International events are US\$ 0 or its equivalent in local currency of the RG-65 ICA.

11.3. The quota for organizing World and Continental Championships per competitor is an amount that will be negotiated between the RG-65 ICA and the event organizer in US\$0 or its equivalent in the local currency of the RG-65 ICA.

11.4. The dues for registering a boat are US\$ 0 or its equivalent in the local currency of the RG-65 ICA.