



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BRIEFING NOTES**

### **General**

The AGM will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1800hrs at the 2006 World Championship venue (see the ONB for more details). Due to the number of agenda items, it may be necessary to hold the AGM on more than one evening so be prepared to attend an AGM extension meetings. There is a lot to do!!

### **Reports**

Those nominated to make reports on behalf of their continents are 'volunteers'. However, in future the reports will be made by the continental representatives on the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer's report will, this year, be made by the chairman, Rich Jeffries as he has been the one managing the Class' finances

The Manufacturer's report will be made by Neil Pryde himself although in future years this may be done by his nominated representative on the Executive Committee.

### **Constitution**

This has been through several revisions since first published with the draft agenda. No submissions have been received relating to the constitution. The final version attached hereto has been approved by the ISAF Constitution Committee Chairman, David Lees and is therefore the one submitted for approval by the meeting.

### **Bye-Laws**

The constitution provides for the class to create bye-laws. This year the only one to approve concerns the categories of membership for full members and the annual class membership they must pay.

An individual membership fee is also provided for and should also be approved.

### **Nominations for 2 Vice Presidents and the Class Treasurer**

There being only 2 nominations for Vice- President and one nomination for Class Treasurer. The Nominees shall therefore be declared elected by acclamation without a vote (Art# 10.4.2). However, there remains the question of which one of the Vice Presidents is the senior. Thus the full member's delegates present at the AGM are therefore asked to decide who shall be the senior Vice President.

### **Terms of Office**

The President has been nominated by ISAF for a term ending at the 2008 World Championship where a new one will be elected. All other officers are elected for a 2 year term (Art # 10.1)

### **Election of Sailor & coach representatives**

Although nominations have been received for the Men's sailor representative and the Coaches' representative no such nomination has been received for the Women's sailor representative. Article # 10.4 2 applies here also so the nominees received shall be declared elected by acclamation without a vote by their relevant groups

The class believes it is important that there is a women's sailor representative on the Executive committee so every effort will be made to arrange a meeting of the women's fleet in Torbole to discuss this and hopefully nominate a representative under Article # 11.6.1

## **Championship Rules**

The Executive Secretary has made several submissions to amend the championship rules based on his belief that there is a need to limit the maximum number of entries in a fleet to 120. This to ensure the quality of racing at a championship remains as high as possible; that continental championships and National series are really relevant and meaningful; that larger numbers will increase race management challenges; and finally because event organisers are unable or unwilling to provide more than 2 course areas for reasons of economy.

If the AGM agrees, then a qualification system becomes necessary. See the attached document:

- *Seeding List to establish groups:* This submission changes the current procedure so that the last World Championship, European 'Open' and Continental championship results are used to establish the seeding list.
- *National Flags, position of event advertising & position of leaders' coloured discs:* Read in conjunction with the proposed amendment to Class Rule C9.2 the submission wishes to ensure that the class adopts a policy which will allow boards to be more easily recognised on the water whilst at the same time ensuring all relevant advertising and identification is grouped together close to the sailor's head/shoulders with the aim of ensuring that images taken on the water include the maximum amount of information
- *Medal Races at Continental Championships:* This submission states that only one medal race shall take place at a continental championship so that those competitors who are not resident in that continent who finish in the top group will not have a medal race. This is proposed so that the integrity of each continental championship is maintained. These events are used by MNAs to establish funding for future years for nationals of that continent.

## **Qualification System**

This attempts to be as fair as possible to as many people as possible. Of particular concern were those sailors from outside Europe who have less opportunity to gain experience at high level and thus climb the ISAF Ranking List.

## **Class Rule changes & Measurement issues**

- The Class Chief Measurer has made a number of submissions. Some concern has been expressed about the permitted length of screws under rule C6.1(b) which permits a screw to go through the bottom of the insert into the hull core. This was illegal at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.
- There is also a submission from GBR (seconded by HKG) on the development of a full measurement methodology. Standards & tolerances to the build specifications for use at major championships

## **2008 Olympic Games**

- HKG has made a submission (supported by GBR) suggesting that competitors should be able to bring their own equipment to the 2008 Olympic Games

## **Warranty issues**

Although warranty issues occur at other events, the only ones that can be properly controlled by the class and Neil Pryde are those that occur at Class Championships



### **Class Representation at major events**

To ensure that the class is properly represented at its championships, the Executive Secretary has made a submission concerning class representation at these events. Together with the submission concerning the LOA's PRO, the technical quality of championships and the international coverage obtained from them should be the best possible.

### **Local Organiser's Principal Race Officer**

To ensure that RS:X Class Championships are of the highest possible quality as far as Race Management is concerned, the Executive Secretary has made a submission requiring Championship organisers PRO attend the same championship in the previous year.

### **Co-operation with the IWA**

The Class acknowledges that the IWA is fulfilling an important role within windsurfing and thanks them for the services that have already been rendered, however, in the near future, there are so many high priority issues to be addressed and overcome that it is the chairman's opinion that joining the IWA before the 2008 Olympics would be counter-productive. He therefore proposes to postpone any such decision for the time being.

### **2009 ISAF World Cup for Olympic Classes**

This is one of those very same high priority issues that need to be addressed by the class and followed up. The Chairman and the Executive Secretary both see this as a major opportunity for the sailors and the sport of windsurfing. It will take a lot of time and work to make successful. We cannot afford to ignore it or the challenges that it presents.

### **Major High Performance Event**

Another opportunity for us to market the sport of windsurfing to a wider audience by joining with other high performance class(es) to develop a new 'product' to sell to sponsors and the media. We cannot turn our backs on such chances to promote our sport to more young people.

### **Future Championships**

These submissions are aimed at tidying up the process of identifying, selecting and awarding class championships. National classes within each continent choose their class continental championships (subject to contract) and the AGM awards the Worlds and the Youth Worlds (subject to contract).

We have received a bid from New Zealand for 2008 World Championships which will allow them to be staged before the entry cut off date for the Olympic Regatta. We recommend that this is accepted subject to contract



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Agenda

- i. **Apologies**
- ii. **Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting**
- iii. **Reports**
  - a) **President & Financial Report**
  - b) **Continental Representatives (nominated)**
    - ASIA- Rene Appel
    - SOUTH AMERICA – Hernan Vila
    - NORTH AMERICA- Mike Gebhardt
    - EUROPE - Barry Edgington
    - OCEANIA....PAUL PAGE
  - c) **Manufacturers Representative's Report** – Neil Pryde
- iv. **To approve the new constitution & Bye Laws**

To approve the proposed RS:X Class constitution and Bye-Laws  
(See Appendix 1)  
*submitted by the Chairman*
- v. **To hear the result of the ballot to elect 2 Vice Presidents & a Treasurer**

and to elect one representative of sailor from the men's fleet and one from the women's fleet together with one coach.

  - a) Those nominated for election as Vice Presidents
    - **Aaron Botzer (ISR)** – nominated by **ISR**, seconded by **HKG, ITA & TUR**
    - **Piotr Hlavaty (POL)** – Nominated by **POL**, seconded by **SVK & UKR**
  - b) Those nominated for election as Treasurer - **Martin Aldridge (GBR)**  
nominated by **GBR** seconded by **HKG & GER**
  - c) Men's sailors' representative nominations - **Nicolas Huguet (FRA)**  
nominated by **FRA** supported by **AUT & POL**
  - d) *No nominations have been received for Women's sailor Rep.*
  - e) Coaches representative nominations – **René Appel (HKG)**  
nominated by **HKG** supported by **GBR & FRA**
- vi. **Championship Rules & Qualification System**
  - a) To approve the attached submissions detailing the proposed amendments to the Championship Rules  
*submitted by the Executive Secretary*
  - b) To approve the attached submission to introduce a qualification system for 2007 and 2008  
*submitted by the Executive Secretary*

- vii. **Class Rule changes & Measurement issues**  
a) To approve the attached submissions detailing proposed class rule changes  
*Submitted by the chief measurer*  
b) "To task the RSX technical committee, measurement appointees, to develop the RSX Class measurement methodology, gold standards, measurement tolerances and build specifications. For submission to the RSX Executive Committee for approval by 1st March 2007."  
*Submitted by GBR supported by HKG*
- viii. **2008 Olympic Games**  
To approve the following submission  
"Sailors should be allowed to bring and compete on their own RS:X equipment in the Olympic Regatta"  
*submitted by the HKG supported by GBR*
- ix. **Warranty issues**  
To approve the following submissions  
"Warranty issues discovered at major championships shall be dealt with by the local Neil Pryde dealer"  
*submitted by the Chairman*
- x. **Class Representation at major events**  
To approve the following submission  
" **a)** At a major class managed championship with 2 course areas, the class shall ensure that it is represented by an RS:X Event Team consisting of one RS:X Race Director (the ultimate Class authority on site); one course consultant; one chief measurer; and the Class website content manager.  
**b)** At a class managed championship with one course area, the class shall ensure that it is represented by an RS:X Event Team consisting of one RS:X Race Director (the ultimate Class authority on site) who shall also act as the course consultant; one chief measurer; and the Class website content manager"
- Reason**  
The class needs a strong technical presence at its major events as well as someone to ensure that news and images are loaded onto the class website and distributed worldwide on a daily basis as a minimum.  
*Submitted by the Executive Secretary*
- ix. **Local Organiser's Principal Race Officer**  
To approve the following submission  
"The class believes that any organiser proposing to stage a major RS:X Championship shall send, at its own expense, its PRO to the same championships in the previous year"

**Reasons**

To ensure that he has high level experience of managing an RS:X Class Championship

*Submitted by the Executive Secretary*

**x. Co-operation with the IWA**

To approve the following submission

"The class believes that, although membership may be a good thing in the medium to long term, it should not join now or anyway until after the 2008 Olympic Regatta when it may reconsider its position"

**Reasons**

- a) There are many immediate challenges facing the class which must be treated as top priority.
- b) Rather than closer co-operation with the IWA, the priority is to build closer relationships with the other Olympic classes in preparation for a possible ISAF World Cup starting in 2009.

*Submitted by the Chairman*

**xi 2009 ISAF World Cup for Olympic Classes**

To approve the following submissions

**a) ISAF World Cup**

"That the RS:X Class supports the ISAF initiative to stage a World Cup for Olympic Classes provided that a representative of the OC is closely involved in its organisation and that class revenue is protected"

*Submitted by the Chairman*

**b) Major High Performance Event**

" That the RS:X Class supports the idea of staging a 'Major High Performance Event' with the 49er Class and possibly the Tornado Class as a step towards a more integrated approach to marketing the Olympic Classes to the media and sponsors provided that the RS:X Class Championship Rules and Event Manual are adhered to"

*Submitted by the Chairman*

**xii. Future Championships****a) World Championships**

i) "That in future, the AGM shall select the venue for the world championship subject to final contractual agreement with the RS:X Office"

ii) "That the bid from New Zealand to stage the 2008 World Championship shall be accepted subject to final contractual agreement with the RS:X Office"

*Submitted by the Chairman*

**b) Youth World Championship**

- i) "That in future, the AGM shall select the venue for the youth world championship subject to final contractual agreement with the RS:X Office"
- ii) "That if a suitable venue is forthcoming, the Youth World Championship shall be staged outside Europe every other year"

*Submitted by the Chairman*

**c) Youth European Championship**

"That in future, the class shall stage a Youth European Championship in years when the Youth World Championship is not staged in Europe"

*Submitted by the Chairman*

**d) Continental Championships** (inc. Youth Continental Championships)

"That in future, each continental grouping of full members shall select the venue of their own continental championship in the year before that championship is staged subject to final contractual agreement with the RS:X Office"

*Submitted by the Chairman*


xiii. **Any other business**

## CONSTITUTION OF THE RS:X INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION

### 1. Name

- 1.1. The name of the Association shall be "The RS:X International Class Association" (the Association)

### 2. Insignia

- 2.1. The emblem of the Association shall be: 

### 3. Objects

- 3.1. The object of the Association shall be
  - 3.1.1 to promote, develop and govern the RS:X Class (the Class) throughout the world
  - 3.1.2 to maintain the one-design character of the Class
  - 3.1.3 to co-ordinate and manage the affairs of the Class
  - 3.1.4 to encourage and co-ordinate national and international competition in the Class
  - 3.1.5 to maintain the Olympic status of the Class

### 4. Organisation

- 4.1. The headquarters of the Association shall be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time and shall be the most suitable to meet the requirements of the President. The location shall be established as permanently as possible.
- 4.2. The official language of the Association shall be English
- 4.3. The Association has jurisdiction over the use of all property of the Association
- 4.4. The law governing the Association constitution shall be the law of England and Wales, excluding the choice of law principles of that jurisdiction.

### 5. Jurisdiction

- 5.1. This Constitution, the Class Rules and the Class Championship Rules are binding upon all members.
- 5.2. Each member of the Class agrees to be governed by this Constitution and the Class and Class Championship Rules, in respect of all issues concerning the Association.

### 6. Association Responsibilities

- 6.1. The Association shall be responsible for arranging World, Continental and National Championships but may delegate their organization.
  - 6.1.1 The Championship Notice of Race shall state that the owner of each board taking part in an international event shall be Full Members in good standing of the Association.
  - 6.1.2 All international RS:X events shall be conducted under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and the Class and Class Championship Rules current at that time.
- 6.2. Recommendations shall be made to the ISAF on the following:



6.2.1 control of the one-design characteristics and quality of the RS:X

6.2.2 on all relevant matters concerning the class

~~6.3.~~ The funds of the Association shall be kept in the manner specified by the Executive Committee and in particular payments from Association funds shall be approved by the Treasurer and President, or by two Officers or Committee Members designated by the President.

~~6.4.~~ The international Association shall not be liable for any debts contracted by its National class associations, its officers or individual members other than expenditures duly authorized by it.

## **7. Membership**

- 7.1 Full Membership may be granted to those National RS:X Class Associations or National Windsurfing Associations controlling the class activity in a country, and recognized as such by the ISAF Member National Authority for that country.
- 7.2 Full Membership may, alternatively, be granted to an ISAF Member National Authority in a country where no class association, recognized by that MNA exists.
- 7.3 Full members shall issue their national members with membership cards stating that they have paid their national class fees and are in good standing. Sailors may be required to show these on registration for international events
- 7.4 Individual membership will be granted to sailors where no member national class association or ISAF Member National Authority exists
- 7.5 Full and individual Membership applications shall be made to the Executive Committee who shall not unreasonably withhold approval.
- 7.6 Honorary Life Membership shall be open to those elected in accordance with Paragraph 10.

## **8. Association Subscriptions**

- 8.1. Association subscriptions shall be
  - 8.1.1 fixed by the Executive Committee, which shall establish the dues each year for Full Membership and Individual Membership.
  - 8.1.2 due and payable annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> January
  - 8.1.3 calculated in Euros
- 8.2. The annual full membership dues shall be based on the size of national membership.
- 8.3 A member is not in good standing and shall not be entitled to the privileges of membership until his subscription is paid in full.
- ~~8.4~~ A member joining after 30<sup>th</sup> September in any year and paying his subscription for that year shall not be required to pay any subscription the following year
- 8.5 No subscription shall be payable by Honorary Life Members.



## **9 Association Officers**

- 9.3 The Officers of the Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, an Executive Secretary and a Treasurer.
- 9.3.1 President. The President is the Chairman of the Association. He shall preside at meetings and serve as chairman of the Executive Committee. he shall rule on procedure and jurisdiction, summaries decisions, and with the agreement of the Executive Committee, appoint special committees.
- 9.3.2 Vice-Presidents. There shall be two Vice-Presidents. The elected senior Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.
- 9.3.3 Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and be the Chief Operating Officer who shall be responsible for running the day-to-day business of the association as well as ensuring that minutes of meetings are kept and supervising the Association's membership records.
- 9.3.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer is the custodian of the financial assets of the Association. He shall keep the Association's books, financial records, and securities, and shall place funds in a depository approved by Executive Committee. He shall disburse funds only as permitted in accordance with Paragraph 6.3.
- 9.3.5 In the event that one of the officers of the association dies, is expelled, suspended or resigns before the completion of his term, the Executive committee shall co-opt a replacement who shall fulfill the role until the next General Meeting at which time, there shall be a new nominee elected to the post. The term that the new officer shall serve will expire at the same time as the term of the officer who preceded him.

## **10 Elections and Election Procedure**

### **10.1 Terms of Office**

- 10.1.1 The President shall be elected for a term of four years and may serve only two such terms, whether consecutively or otherwise.
- 10.1.2 All other Association Officers and Executive Committee members, other than Honorary Life Members and the Executive Secretary, shall be elected for a term of two years and may serve four terms. After having served four such terms they shall be eligible for re-election after one year.
- 10.1.3 At the Annual General Meeting members shall have power to elect, as a mark of respect or of appreciation of exceptional past service to the Association, Honorary Life Members who shall hold office for the remainder of their life.

### **10.2 Eligibility**

- 10.2.1 A candidate for office, other than Honorary Life Members, shall be a member of a national class association in good standing and be proposed by that Full Member when nominated.
- 10.2.2 If the NCA or MNA of any officer or committee member has not paid its subscription by 1<sup>st</sup> April, he shall cease to hold that office



or committee membership and the Executive Secretary shall report that such is the case at the next Annual General Meeting.

### 10.3 Nominations

10.3.1 Nominations for any of the Officers or for Committee Members, other than Honorary Life Members, shall be

10.3.1.1 submitted to the Executive Secretary by email, fax, or post and supported by at least three Full Members, who shall sign the nomination paper or confirm by verifiable email

10.3.1.2 received by the Executive Secretary not later than 5 weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting

10.3.1.3 accompanied by the written consent of the candidate confirming his or her willingness to stand for election

10.3.2 Nominations for a Honorary Life Member shall be

10.3.2.1 Proposed and seconded by 20 Full Members; and

10.3.2.2 Received in writing by the Executive Secretary not later than two weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting

### 10.4 Election

**10.4.1** Notices of Nominations and Election Ballots shall be placed on the Association website, and sent by email or post to full members 4 weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

10.4.2 In the event that only one valid Nomination for the position of an Officer or Committee Member is received, the Nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation without a vote; otherwise, voting shall be open to all Full Members.

10.4.3 The voting period shall begin from 4 weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting, and shall close 1 day before that date

10.4.4 Ballots shall be returned to the Executive Secretary in the manner and by the date specified in the ballot paper.

10.4.5 Non-receipt of notices or ballot papers by members, or of ballot papers by the Executive Secretary shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting or the result of the ballot.

10.4.6 A nomination for the election of Officers and Committee Members other than Honorary Life Members shall be carried by a simple majority of the votes cast.

10.4.7 A nomination for the election of a Honorary Life Members shall be carried by an 80% majority of the votes cast.

## **11 Standing Committees**

11.1 There shall be two standing committees, the Executive Committee and the Technical Committee

11.2 The powers of the Association shall be vested in and administered by the Executive Committee, which shall be the only body with power to make

recommendations to the ISAF for changes in the class rules.

- 11.3 Any member of the Association may be invited to attend one or more of the Executive Committee meetings and to participate in discussions but may not vote.
- 11.4 Each Committee Member shall have one vote. Decisions shall be reached by a simple majority, and in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have an additional vote.
- 11.5 The Executive Committee shall consist of the
  - The President
  - The two Vice Presidents
  - The Executive Secretary
  - The Treasurer
  - A Manufacturer's Representative – nominated by Neil Pryde
  - A Representative of the International Sailing Federation-ending Dec.31<sup>st</sup> 2008
  - Five Continental Representatives-If not otherwise represented on the Executive
    - One Female Sailor
    - One Male Sailor
    - One Youth Sailor
    - One Coach
  - One Technical Committee member
  - the Honorary Life Members
- 11.6 The following Executive Committee members shall be elected in the following manner:
  - 11.6.1 The Female Sailor, the Male Sailor the Youth Sailor and the Coach. The sailors of each category and the coaches participating at the World Championships shall meet in national groups representing each category/country and select one of each group to cast one vote for one person of that category on the list of nominated candidates.
  - 11.6.2 One representative of from each continent: If not otherwise represented on the Executive Committee, each continent has the right to elect a representative member. This member shall be elected by the full members of the RS:X class in that continent who shall advise the Executive Secretary of their duly elected member.
  - 11.6.3 The Manufacturer's Representative and the ISAF Representative shall be nominated by their respective bodies and accepted by the Association.
  - 11.6.4 One Technical committee member: shall be elected by the technical committee members
- 11.7 Executive committee Meetings
  - 11.7.1 The Committee shall meet at least once a year.
  - 11.7.2 Committee Meetings may be held in person, by conference call, or by electronic discussion.
  - 11.7.3 Notice of the meeting shall be given by the Executive Secretary not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting. The notice shall include an agenda setting out the business to be considered at the meeting.



- 11.7.4 5 members shall form a quorum.
- 11.7.5 The elected, non-Officer members of the Executive Committee may appoint an alternate to attend Committee Meetings and vote in their absence.
- 11.8 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Association and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall have the following responsibilities:
  - 11.8.1 Determine questions of policy.
  - 11.8.2 Fill vacancies, including vacancies on the Executive Committee, except for those of the President and the Treasurer, the appointment to last until the next Annual General Meeting.
  - 11.8.3 Alter or suspend in whole or in part the Class Championship Rules
  - 11.8.4 Act upon any other matters not otherwise provided for by this Constitution
  - 11.8.5 Suspend Full and/or individual members for cause and subject to the provisions of Rule 13.
  - 11.8.6 Transact all the daily business of the Association.
  - 11.8.7 Approve of depositories.
  - 11.8.8 Act upon other administrative and procedural matters not otherwise provided for by the Association Rules or bye-laws
- 11.9 Individual Executive Committee member responsibilities
  - 11.9.1 Elected committee members shall represent the views of the constituents who elected them and maintain open and frequent communication with them on the issues at hand.
- 11.10 The Technical Committee
  - 11.10.1 There shall be a Technical Committee comprised of at least five members who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from time to time.
  - 11.10.2 The Technical Committee shall meet as and when required.
  - 11.10.3 The Technical Committee shall review Class Rule and Championship Rule amendment proposals as well as sailing instructions and notices of race amendment proposals and shall accept, reject or amend any such proposal prior to any Ballot paper being prepared and in sufficient time to allow a Ballot to be taken.

## **12 General Meetings**

### 12.1 Notices

- 12.1.1 Notice of any General Meeting, together with a copy of the Agenda, shall be sent by post or email to every full Member and shall be placed on the Association website, at least 8 weeks prior to the date of the meeting
- 12.1.2 Non-receipt of notices by full Members shall not invalidate the notice or the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.



- 12.2 The President or other chairman of a general meeting may permit any other new business he considers appropriate and an open discussion of current subjects of interest to the meeting, but no resolutions relating to the same shall be permitted unless properly proposed and seconded.
- 12.3 The chair may fix a time limit on speakers and debate at any General Meeting.
- 12.4 At any general meeting decisions shall be by simple majority of full members eligible to vote unless there is a specific provision to the contrary in this Constitution. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 12.5 Voting shall be by show of hands of either each full member's nominated delegates, their nominated proxies or by the full member's vote cast by fax or e-mail, unless a poll is demanded by not fewer than three of the full members present. 10 individual members may nominate one delegate to vote on their behalf. He shall have one vote.
- 12.6 Annual General Meeting
  - 12.6.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held every year. The time and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and shall be held at a suitable international championship.
  - 12.6.2 The chairman at the meeting shall be the President, or in his absence, a Vice President in accordance with Clause 10.1, or in their absence such other person, member of the Executive Committee, as the President shall nominate.
  - 12.6.3 15 Full Members from three continents shall form a quorum.
  - 12.6.4 The business of Annual General Meeting shall be:
    - 12.6.4.1 Apologies
    - 12.6.4.2 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
    - 12.6.4.3 Presidents' Report
    - 12.6.4.4 Continental Representatives' Reports
    - 12.6.4.5 Treasurer's Report
    - 12.6.4.6 To hear the result of any Ballot
    - 12.6.4.7 Consideration of motions properly proposed
    - 12.6.4.8 Election of Auditor(s)
    - 12.6.4.9 Election of Honorary Life Members
    - 12.6.4.10 Retirement of outgoing Officers and Committee Members
  - 12.6.5 Any submissions other than those set out in 12.6.4 shall be sent in writing signed by the proposer and seconder (both being Full Members of the Association) to the Executive Secretary so as to be received by him at least 5 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. The chairman and the Executive Secretary may propose submissions without a seconder.



12.6.6 The Officers and Committee Members elected at this meeting shall have full powers from the Annual General Meeting when the incumbent Officers and Committee Members shall retire.

#### 12.7 Special General Meeting

12.7.1 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at such time as it resolves.

12.7.2 Notice of the meeting shall be given by the Executive Secretary not less than six weeks prior to the meeting.

#### 12.8 Extraordinary General Meeting

##### 12.8.1 An extraordinary General Meeting

12.8.1.1 may be called by the Executive Committee at such time as it resolves

12.8.1.2 or, shall be called by the President upon receipt by the Executive Secretary of a request in writing and a valid agenda signed by not fewer than 5 Full members of the Association

12.8.2 Notice of the meeting shall be given by the Executive Secretary not less than four weeks prior to the meeting

### **13 Suspension and Expulsion**

#### 13.1 Suspension

13.1.1 The Executive Secretary shall inform a full or individual member of any action being taken that may result in his suspension or expulsion. Said full or individual member has the right either to be present or to present written explanation to the Executive Committee who shall consider such explanation before making a decision.

13.1.2 A full or individual member may be suspended by the Executive Committee for any cause which to it seems sufficient

13.1.3 Notice in writing shall be addressed to the member in question for such period as the Executive Committee may direct

13.2 A full or individual member may be expelled only by  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote at a general meeting

### **14 Amendments**

14.1 Class Rules and Official Plans shall never be suspended but may be amended by the following procedure:

14.1.1 Proposals for amendment shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary by email, fax, or post year by at least 2 full Members, who shall sign the amendment proposal or confirm by verifiable email. All proposals must be received no later than 31 May of a given year.

14.1.2 The Treasurer shall scrutinise the results of a ballot; and the report of the Treasurer shall be final and binding

14.1.3 A Ballot shall be



- 14.1.3.1 prepared by the Executive Committee, following review by the Technical Committee as provided for in Paragraph 11.9; and then
- 14.1.3.2 published on the Association website, and sent by email or post to every Full Member at his or her last known address
- 14.1.4 Completed ballots shall be returned to the Treasurer in the manner and by the date specified in the ballot paper.
- 14.1.5 Non-receipt of notices or ballot papers by any member, or of ballot papers by the Hon. Auditor(s) shall not invalidate the result of the ballot.
- 14.1.6 Balloted amendments shall be deemed carried by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.
- 14.1.7 The results of the Ballot shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Executive Committee, which shall circulate the report and the results to Full Members and the International Sailing Federation forthwith.
- 14.2 The Championship Rules governing International Events may only be amended or suspended by the Executive Committee.
- 14.3 The Constitution shall never be suspended but may be amended by the following procedure:
  - 14.3.1 Proposals for amendment shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary by email, fax, or post by 3 full Members who shall sign the amendment proposal or confirm by verifiable email. All proposals must be received at least 5 weeks prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
  - 14.3.2 Proposed amendments that comply with Paragraph 14.3.a shall be published on the RS:X web page and put on the Annual General Meeting Agenda for consideration by that meeting.
  - 14.3.3 At the Annual General Meeting, each proposed amendment shall be require a majority of votes cast in order to be placed on a ballot for ratification by the Full Members eligible to vote.
  - 14.3.4 If pursuant to 14.3.c, a ballot is prepared by the Executive Committee
    - 14.3.4.1 It shall be published on the Association website, and sent by email or post to every full Member.
    - 14.3.4.2 The treasurer shall scrutinise the results of a ballot; and the report of the treasurer shall be final and binding.
    - 14.3.4.3 Ratification shall be by ballot of the Full Members and each amendment shall require a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.
    - 14.3.4.4 Results of the voting shall be reported by the treasurer to the Executive Committee, which



shall circulate the report and the results to all Full Members and the International Sailing Federation forthwith.

14.3.5 An enacted Constitutional amendment shall take effect on January 1 of the ensuing year, or 91 days after the Annual General Meeting, whichever is later.

14.4 Exceptions:

14.4.1 An Annual General Meeting itself can order the publication of a proposed Constitutional Amendment, subject to the requirements of 14.3.a and 14.3.c, for consideration at the next Annual General Meeting.

14.4.2 Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this Constitution shall not be changed. No amendment can be passed which would render ineligible an active full or individual member whose eligibility has been established under existing rules and whose status could not be changed to conform to the proposed amendment.

## **15 Dissolution**

15.1 If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Association shall be passed by two thirds of the full members present entitled to vote and at a Special General Meeting held not less than six weeks thereafter (an not less than four weeks after a written notice shall have been posted or emailed to each Full Member at his or her last recorded address) that resolution shall be confirmed by a resolution passed by two thirds of the members present entitled to vote, the Association shall be dissolved forthwith and the provisions of Paragraph 15.2. shall apply.

15.2 Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Executive Committee shall, after making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the accounts amongst the class MNA's in proportion to the annual subscription paid or in any other manner directed by the General Assembly.



## **RS:X Bye-Laws**

### **Category of membership; class fees**

There shall be three categories of full membership depending on the number of boards racing in that country.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Boards Racing Nationally</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Individual</b>	- 1	25 Euros
<b>A</b>	- up to 15	100 Euros
<b>B</b>	- between 16 and 50	200 Euros
<b>C</b>	- 51 upwards	300 Euros



## Championship Rule Submissions

### 1. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RACES; TIME LIMITS; TARGET TIMES; REST PERIODS

The maximum of races that can be scheduled in a Series (or a First Round and a Final Round) is [11 including the medal race](#).

### 2. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- The time limit for the first finisher in a course race is [45 minutes](#)
- The time limit for the first board in each division to reach the first mark is [15 minutes](#).
- The target elapsed time for a course race in planing conditions is [30-35 minutes](#) for the winner.
- In non-planing conditions this is reduced to approximately 25-30 minutes. Where the elapsed time for a race is likely to be longer than the race time limit, the race shall be shortened appropriately.
- [In regattas of two days or less no more than 3 races may be scheduled in one day. The target time for each race quoted above shall be reduced by 25%.](#)

### 3. REST PERIODS

If two races have been sailed back to back there shall be a rest period of a minimum [of 30 minutes ashore \(not 60\)](#) for the last finisher per fleet/division in the second race before the warning signal for the third race for that fleet/division, except in cold weather conditions, or taking into consideration the distance between the racing area and the shore.

### 4. SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

- When the equipment is supplied by the organizing authority, the NoR shall state which items of the equipment shall be supplied [including the number and type/size of footstraps](#).

### 5. SAIL I.D. & EVENT SPONSOR'S ADVERTISING

- The event advertising stickers shall be placed back to back on the sail immediately [below](#) the sail number and as close to the leach as possible.
- The only event advertising stickers and/or Lycra vests [that appears on the sail and/or may be worn is that](#) issued by the local organizer of the regatta in which the crew is currently entered.
- The local organizing authority (LOA) may also require the first, second and third crews overall in each division to wear colored Lycra vests and carry self-adhesive identifying disks on their sails. [The disks just beside the sail number on their sails, whilst racing.](#)

### 6. FLEET SIZES

- Where there are [50](#) or fewer crews entered in a class/division, they shall race together in one fleet.
- Where there are between [51 and 60](#) crews entered in a class/division, the Class Race Management Consultant shall decide whether they shall race in one fleet or whether there shall be a First Round followed by a Final Round.
- Where there [are between 61 and 120 crews](#) entered in a class/division, they shall race a First Round followed by a Final Round.

- [No more than 120 crews may enter a class/division.](#)

Crews racing in a Series shall be divided into two Groups [using a seeding list based on a crew's overall standing; first, in the last world championship; second, on their overall standing in the 'open Event' at the last European Championship; and thirdly, on their overall standing at their 'home' continental championship . The current world champion shall initially be in the first Group etc...](#)

- [Only 15 non-Europeans may enter the 'Open Event' at the European Championship. They shall have qualified at their own 'home' continental championship. The top 5 crews from each continental championship outside Europe, who wish to, may enter. Separate results will be published for the 'Open event' at the European Championship venue.](#)

g) [The decision of the class race management consultant is final](#)

## **7. FIRST ROUND**

- [The minimum number of races in the first round is 4 and the maximum number is 6](#)

## **8. MEDAL RACE**

- The first ten crews in the [Fleet Standing](#) shall sail in the Medal Race.
- [Other crews shall sail in one race in the group/division in which they are currently assigned. This race result shall count.](#)
- At Continental Championships, [there shall be one final for the top ten men & women crews from that continent only.](#)

## **9. COURSES**

- [More than one group/class may race on each course \(inner/outer loop\) at the same time.](#)

## **10. SHORTENING A COURSE**

[a\) on a windward/leeward course, if a shortened course is signaled at the downwind gate, crews shall sail through the gate and then through the 'slalom-end' before finishing at the finishing line set according to the diagram shown in Appendix 1 \(Alteration of RRS 32\)](#)

[b\) on a trapezoidal course, if a shortened course is signaled at mark 3, crews shall sail round that mark in the normal way before sailing through the 'slalom-end' and finishing at the finishing line set according to the diagram shown in Appendix 1 \(Alteration of RRS 32\)](#)

## **11. SCORING**

- [Boards without a finishing place, including a board that finished and thereafter retires or is disqualified, will be scored a maximum of 22 points, in the Medal Race.](#)
- In accordance with RRS A 2, if there are between 1 and 3 races completed, there will be no discard.
  - (i) In "Fleet Racing" (Art#9.1.1(a)), one discard shall be allowed after four races have been completed.
  - (ii) When racing in "Groups",
    - a) one discard shall be allowed after four races have been completed in the "First Round". This discarded race result from the "First Round" may be substituted with a worse race result from the "Final Round"
  - (iii) No discards are allowed in the Medal race

## **12. NATIONAL FLAGS**

[Crews not carrying ISAF Category C advertising of a minimum of 6,000 sq.cms as](#)



specified in RRS Section II, Appendix 1 – Advertising, shall carry in addition, National flags on their sails in an area of a minimum size 6,000 sq.cms  
- The National flags design shall be made of self-adhesive material and shall be worn immediately above Batten #5.  
- Failure to comply with this Rule (#27) will result in a 3-point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing. (Alteration of RRS 63.1)



## **Draft Qualification System Submission**

### **General**

The maximum fleet size for men, women & youth is 120 entries. This restriction has been introduced to ensure quality racing through out the fleets at major championships. Full member national classes are thus encouraged to initiate (if they have not already done so) a national qualification series of regattas from which top sailors can be selected to compete internationally

### **2008 RS:X World Championship Qualification System**

The following competitors qualify:

- a)** The top 25 finishers from the last RS:X World Championship
- b)** The top 15 finishers from the last RS:X European Championship not otherwise qualified.
- c)** The top 10 finishers from the last RS:X Continental championships outside Europe not otherwise qualified.
- d)** Qualification places won by individuals under paragraphs a), b) and c) above are not transferable and thus are restricted to the individual concerned.
- e)** Each full member (National Class Association) in good standing is entitled to:
  - i. One place
  - ii. Plus one additional place for each of its nationals in the top 100 on the ISAF Ranking list current 100 days prior to the first day of event registration,  
provided that the member confirms & guarantees in writing that he will use those entry places at least 90 days prior to the first day of event registration and pays their entry fees, at the same time.
- f)** The maximum entry quota per member country is 10.
- g)** If the maximum fleet size is over-subscribed, the highest ranked sailors on the ISAF Ranking List who wish to register but do not have an individual qualification place, shall qualify. The Class will inform those whose registrations have been rejected at the first available opportunity and make the necessary refund of entry fees.
- h)** If, at the cut off point (28 days before first day of event registration) the maximum fleet size is not taken up, the class reserves the right to issue wild cards



## **2007 & 2008 RS:X European Championship Qualification System**

The following competitors qualify:

- a)** The top 35 finishers from the last RS:X European Championship
- b)** The top 5 finishers from each of the last RS:X Continental Championships outside Europe wishing to enter the 'European Open' may do so.  
*The 'European Open' is not the European Championship and the winner shall not describe him/herself as the European Champion or the European Open Champion*
- c)** Qualification places won by individuals under paragraphs a) and b) above are not transferable and thus are restricted to the individual concerned.
- d)** Each European full member (National Class Association) in good standing is entitled to:
  - i. One place
  - ii. Plus one additional place for each of its sailors in the top 100 on the ISAF Ranking list current 100 days prior to the first day of event registration, provided that the European member confirms & guarantees in writing that he will use those entry places at least 90 days prior to the first day of event registration and pays their entry fees, at the same time.
- e)** The maximum entry quota per member country is 12.
- f)** If the maximum fleet size is over-subscribed, the highest European ranked sailors on the ISAF Ranking List who wish to register but do not have an individual qualification place, shall qualify. The Class will inform those whose registrations have been rejected at the first available opportunity and make the necessary refund of entry fees.
- g)** If, at the cut off point (28 days before first day of event registration) the maximum fleet size is not taken up, the class reserves the right to issue wild cards to European sailors wishing to register.

## **Class Rule Changes Submissions**

From the Class Chief Measurer, Barry Johnson

### **1. Footstrap screw washer dimension**

Delete existing Class Rule C.6.1(b) and replace with,  
[A maximum of 9 and a minimum of 5 foot straps shall be fitted to the existing inserts using any stainless steel screw and washer. Foot straps shall be fitted with at least one screw and washer at each end](#)

REASON

The 'as supplied' foot straps currently being used have been found to be partly responsible for a number of foot injuries that are occurring and are not comfortable to many of the users in particular the women.

### **2. Centreboard trailing edge protector**

Delete existing Class Rule C.6.3(g) and replace with,  
[The centreboard trailing edge protector maybe removed and replaced with a retaining strap to stop the over rotation of the centreboard.](#)

Reason

For visual inspection of centreboard trailing edge whilst racing.

### **3. Footstraps**

Proposed New Rule C.6.3(i)  
[Foot straps may be cut and tapped.](#)

Reason

To accommodate proposed change to current Class Rule C.6.1(b)

### **4. Centreboard hull gasket**

Proposed New Rule C.6.3(j)  
[The Centreboard hull gasket screw holes maybe be filled and faired.](#)

Reason

Common with other classes

### **5. Adjustable downhaul systems**

Delete existing Class Rule C.8.2(f) and replace with,  
[Any adjustable downhaul system of the crew's choice maybe fitted.](#)

Reason

To allow the smaller stature sailor the opportunity to make adjustments whilst on the water and racing.

### **6. Adjustable outhaul systems**

Delete existing Class Rule C.8.2(g) and replace with,  
[Any adjustable outhaul system of the crew's choice maybe fitted.](#)

Reason

Again to allow the smaller stature sailor the opportunity to make adjustments whilst on the water and racing

**NB.** Both the amendments proposed (C.8.2 f and g) would meet the same wording and intent of Class Rule C.8.2 (d).

### **7. Boom Grip**

Delete Existing Class Rule C.8.2 (h) and replace with,



The surface of the boom spar may be roughened using abrasive material. The boom spar grip maybe with an RS:X grip supplied by the licensed manufacturer and maybe covered with a medical tape to provide for no more than 2 hand holds on each arm of the boom spar.

Reason.

Allowing the use of a medical type tape (tacky) means that a sailor does not need to apply the extra grip pressure on the boom spar whilst racingb.

### **8. National Letters and Numbers**

Delete Existing Class Rule C 9.2 and replace with,

The national letters and sail number shall be black in colour and applied "back to back" on an opaque white background to the **sail** immediately below batten 5 and as close to the **leech** as possible. The opaque background shall extend a minimum of 40 mm beyond the national letters and sail number. In all other respects they shall comply with RRS Appendix G 1.2 for craft less than 3.5 m in length.

Reasons.

- a) To ensure that the sail number country code are low down on the sail, just above the event advertising and just below the sailors national flag to make it easier for media to include the sailor, his official identification and his country flag in any images.
- b) Such standardisation will ensure that all event advertising appears in the same place on each sail and that it will be seen in any images taken at the event.