

# **Statutes of the RG65 International Class Association**



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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 Statutes**: The statute 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. THE NAME -LANGUAGE

- 3.1. The name of the Association will be "RG-65 International Class Association".
- 3.1.2 The official language will be English.

## 4. PURPOSE

- 4.1. The purpose of the RG-65 ICA will be:
  - 4.1.1. Promote and develop the RG-65 class so that it sails/competes in compliance with uniform rules throughout the world.
  - 4.1.2. Provide a structure for handling the class and the exchange of information among its owners.
- 4.2. In promoting these objectives the RG-65 ICA must:
  - 4.2.1. Encourage the formation of National Class Associations in all those countries in which competition takes place with RG-65 boats.
  - 4.2.2. Assist the organizers of World and Continental championships and other International level events with appropriate venues and standards.
  - 4.2.3. Disseminate and examine the RG-65 Class Rules.
  - 4.2.4. Encourage the development and training of Class measurers.

## **5. FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

5.1. The RG-65 ICA will be governed by the World Council, its business and property will be managed and administered by its Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of this statute.

### **1. BY-LAWS (Separate)**

### **2. ENTRY IN THE WORLD COUNCIL**

7.1. Any country, with the approval of the RG-65 ICA Secretary can become a member of the World council as:

7.1.1. NCA Member conditional upon: a) Its NCA statute having been accepted by the RG-65 ICA executive Committee and that its NCA statute complies with the Regulation. b) There are five (not less than 5) registered owners of an RG-65 who are members of the NCA in their country. c) There is no other NCA or NCS in their country already accredited with the World Council.

7.1.2. NCS Member conditional upon: a) Its NCS statute having been accepted by the RG-65 ICA executive Committee and that its NCS statute complies with the Regulation. b) There are five (not less than 5) registered owners of an RG-65 who are members of the NCS in their country. c) There is no other NCA or NCS in their country already accredited with the World Council.

7.2. Each application will be accompanied by the payment for enrolment dues in the amount established in the Regulation.

7.3. The entry, recognition and /or accreditation of an NCA or NCS as an NCA or NCS member can be withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRY

7.4. The World Council, by its Regulation cannot grant entry to the World Council to owners or groups of owners that do not belong to an NCA or NCS in their country.

## **8. WORLD COUNCIL**

8.1. The World Council is composed of one representative from each member NCA or NCS.

8.2. The members of the World Council will be bound by this statute and comply all its resolutions and with the Regulation made in accordance with this Statute. ANC and SNC members will use their best efforts to ensure that their owners also comply with the statute and its Regulation.

8.3. The work of the World Council can be performed by electronic communication.

8.4. At least one meeting of the World Council must be convoked annually.

8.5. An extraordinary meeting of the World Council can be called in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation.

8.6. The number of Votes assigned to each NCA or NCS member in any vote at World Council Meetings will be in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation.

8.7. Each Member of the World Council will have one vote.

8.8. Resolutions

8.8.1. Proposals to amend this statute of the GG-65 Class rules will be made by a special resolution at a meeting of the World Council. All the other resolutions of the World Council will be ordinary.

- 8.8.2. A special resolution will only be approved with 66.7% or more of the votes cast.
- 8.8.3. Voting at meetings of the World Council for ordinary resolutions will be by simple majority of the votes cast.
- 8.8.4. A special Resolution at the World Council requires that each NCA or NCS member submits this resolution for voting of all the certified Owners, An NCA or NCS member who is unable to demonstrate the results of the owners in a special resolution will abstain from voting in that resolution.
- 8.9. Emergency decisions taken by the Executive Committee will be presented as resolutions at the following meeting of the World Council for their ratification.

## **9. RG65 ICA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 9.1. The executive committee of the RG65 ICA will be formed of:
  - 9.1.1. President
  - 9.1.2. Vice-President -(Technical)
  - 9.1.3. From one to three Vice-Presidents
  - 9.1.4. Secretary
  - 9.1.5. Treasurer
- 9.2. Its members will be Registered Owners.
- 9.3. The By-laws foresee the method of election of its officials

## **10. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 10.1. Each official will have one vote in any voting that may occur at an Executive Committee meeting.
- 10.2. Executive Committee meetings will be made by electronic communication or at physical places if it is so decided at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 10.3. There will be at least one Executive Committee meeting per 12 months.
- 10.4. The regulation will ensure the Executive Committee conduct.

## **11. TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 11.1. The world council will elect a Vice-President (Technical) The Technical Sub-committee will be composed of: The Vice-President (Technical) who will act as its president plus at least 2 and not more than 4 registered owners designated by the executive committee.
- 11.2. The Technical Sub-committee's function will be to advise the World Council and the Executive Committee on any technical matter relevant to the Class. This function can imply but is not limited to:
  - 11.2.1. Assistance to constructors and suppliers regarding the RG-65 Class Rules.
  - 11.2.2. Investigation of any enquiry made by an NCA or NCS member regarding the specifications of the boats.
  - 11.2.3. Consult with constructors and suppliers on any development of the boat, equipment or rules of the RG-65 class that may be judged as a result of acquired experience.
  - 11.2.4. Help to ensure that the boats used in World and Continental Championships and other international regattas comply with the RG-65 Class rules providing technical assistance required to the authorities of the organization.
  - 11.2.5. Recommendations for licensing constructors and suppliers.
  - 11.2.6. Recommendations concerning any interpretation of the RG-65 Class rules
  - 11.2.7. Considering and advising on any proposal to change the rules of the RG-65 Class to the World Council.
  - 11.2.8. Propose any change to the RG-65 Class rules to the World Council.

11.3. The By-laws foresee the conduct of the Technical Sub-committee.

## **12. OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES**

12.1. The Executive Committee can create other sub-committees when it deems it necessary. Any sub-committee will consist of a vice-president, who will act as its president plus 2 and not more than 4 certified owners designated by the Executive Committee.

12.2. The By-laws foresee the conduct of other Sub-committees.

## **13. FINANCES**

13.1. The RG-65 ICA can be financed by, but not limited to:

13.1.1. Subscriptions from NCA and NCS members.

13.1.2. Television rights from international events

13.1.3. Fees for approval of World and Continental Championships and other international events, negotiated between the Executive Committee and the event organizers.

13.1.4. A quota in World and Continental Championships, negotiated between the Executive Committee and the event organizers.

13.1.5. A payment when a boat is registered.

13.1.6. Fees for services performed in World and Continental Championships and other international events.

13.2. The By-laws foresee the conduct of finances including the payment of expenses and maintaining accounts.

## **14. ACCOUNTS**

14.1. The Executive Committee will keep a summary of annual accounts that will show income, expenses and the capital of the RG-65 ICA.

14.2. The financial year of the World Council will be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year unless modified by a resolution of the World Council.

14.3. A copy of the accounts for the previous complete financial year will be sent by the Treasurer to each World Council member with the notification of the next annual meeting of the World Council.

## **15. AVISOS**

15.1. Where, under the By-laws or this Statute, the Secretary is required to give written notice to any person or entity, such advice will be deemed given according to the relevant provisions of the By laws.

15.2. The Secretary will keep a register of such notices, including evidence that the notice has been sent.

## **16. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WORLD COUNCIL**

16.1. A member of the World Council can be removed from the World Council by the Executive Committee only after a hearing that protects its rights of due process.

16.2. A member of the World Council can be removed for the following reasons:

16.2.1. Committing an illegal act concerning the RG-65 ICA, the World Council or any NCA, NCS or owner.

16.2.2. For any non-sporting conduct against the interests of the RG-65 ICA, the World Council or any NCA, NCS or owner.

16.2.3. For intentional violation of the RG-65 class rules.

16.2.4. Any fault of compliance with the By-laws or Statute.

16.2.5. Not fulfilling its duties, responsibilities and/or functions required by World Council resolutions, the Statute or the By-laws.

16.3. A world Council member will be removed if:

16.3.1. When it has not paid its subscription or other dues to the RG-65 ICA. Inclusion can be renewed immediately on payment of the sums owing.

16.3.2. On receipt of its notice of withdrawal by the Executive Committee.

16.3.3. Due to inability to take part in the World Council or Executive Committee or Subcommittee meetings held by electronic communications.

16.4. A world Council member will not have any right to repayment of all or any part of its subscription paid before withdrawal.

## **17. AMENDMENTS**

17.1. This Statute can only be amended by a Special resolution of the World Council.

## **18. LIMITATIONS**

18.1. In carrying out their duties in accordance with this Statute of By-laws, no official or other member of the Sub-committee of the Executive Committee will be accused of any loss, error or omission made in good faith by him/her or any other official or Sub-committee member of the Executive Committee.

## **19. WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION**

19.1. If the total membership falls below 100 Certified Members, the RG-65 ICA can be wound up by a majority vote of the World Council, which will act alone.

19.2. In such circumstances the RG-65 ICA funds will be destined to charitable institutions designated by the World Council.