

Fair Representation for Classes

A submission from the International Funboard Class Association, International Hobie 14 Class Association, International Hobie 16 Class Association, International Hobie 17 Class Association, International Hobie 18 Class Association, International Hobie Dragon Class Association, International Hobie Tiger Class Association, International Hobie Wildcat Class Association, International Lightening Class Association, the International Star Class

Purpose or Objective

The ISAF Classes shall each be given the same representation rights as a Full MNA member at both a meeting of the Federation and at the Council and its committee levels.

Proposal

The Constitution and the Regulations of the ISAF are to be changed to give effect to the principle that an ISAF Class shall have the same right of representation at the Meetings of the Federation and at the Council Level as does an MNA.

This will mean that each Class will have a vote just like an MNA at a Federation meeting. Additionally Classes will be given seats at the Council table in proportion to their numbers vis a vis the MNA's. They will also be given the right to nominate members to committees and other parties just like the MNAs currently do.

Regulations to this effect will be drafted and re-affirmed at the next Council meeting and Constitutional Change proposals effecting this change will be made for ratification at the next General Meeting of the Federation.

Current Position

The Classes currently have no vote at the meetings of the Federation despite paying virtually the same fees as the MNAs and have only a token representation at the council and its committees.

Reasons

The Classes are democratically governed on a worldwide basis and are comprised of active sailors who are part of the world wide sailing community and who have a broad geographical distribution. However due to the current system have no say for the election of the Board of the ISAF and very little say in the council.

The current system is not representative of the sailors or their numbers as distributed around the world. This will give a more representative and therefore more democratic situation than we currently have where a small number of sailors in one MNA can have the same vote as an MNA with many thousands of times more sailors. There is no representation by population of sailors in the current system of electing at Meetings of the Federation.
