



## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE INTERPRETATION

Interpretation Number	Interpretation of Regulation	Relating to	Date of Interpretation
001-11	5.1.1	Proxy Voting and Representation at the ISAF Classes Committee	31 October 2011

### Questions

From the Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee

Interpretation 001-09 was requested by a group of class associations that share the same builder and class secretariat.

- Q1. Can separate classes e.g. 420 and 470 classes appoint a single representative to the ISAF classes committee who then holds 2 votes, one for the 420 and one proxy vote for the 470 class?
- Q2. Can one appointed representative speak at the ISAF Classes Committee on behalf of more than one class if that person has the permission of the class to do so and this has been advised by each of the affected classes in writing to the chair of the ISAF Classes Committee before the start of the meeting?

### Interpretation:

1. The Committee reaffirms the interpretation previously given (001-09).
2. Proxy voting is not permitted in the Council and under Article 47 meetings and proceedings of committees shall be governed by the provisions of the Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Council so far as applicable. Thus voting at a meeting of committee must be by show of hands or by secret ballot as determined by the Chairman.
3. Proxy voting on any committee is therefore not permitted.
4. It is within the discretion of the Chairman of the Classes Committee to determine whether an individual can represent the views of more than one class, which we understand has been the practise adopted previously.
5. It is not therefore permissible for two classes to appoint a single representative to vote for them. A single representative can only hold one vote. Where one appointed representative for a class, speaks on behalf of another class, then we would recommend that the procedure set out in Q2 is followed.

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