

INTERNATIONAL EUROPE CLASS ASSOCIATION (UK) – CONSTITUTION - 2015

1. TITLE

The full title of the Association is the International Europe Class Association (UK), hereinafter "the Association".

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are to promote and further the interests of the International Europe Class dinghy throughout the United Kingdom and to represent the interests of the UK owners as follows:

- a. To keep members informed of all developments concerning the class and any proposals concerning the class rules.
- b. To negotiate with the International Europe Class Union, hereinafter "IECU" on any matters relating to the class rules.
- c. To maintain a close link with the IECU on all matters relating to the class.
- d. To encourage National and International competition in the UK for the class.
- e. To arrange UK Championships and to co-ordinate the programme for championship and open races for the class in the UK.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

a. The following classes of membership shall be recognised.

- (1) Full membership
- (2) Honorary membership
- (3) Associate membership

b. Full membership shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to any UK owner or prospective owner of a Europe Class dinghy.

c. Honorary membership shall be open to any person having an interest in the International Europe Class who is proposed by a full member and seconded by at least one member of the Committee and is elected by members at a General Meeting of the Association.

d. Associate membership shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to any person who is interested in the Class but does not race a Europe dinghy.

e. Members shall be bound by this Constitution and Association rules and class rules.

f. Each Full Member shall be entitled to one vote at a General Meeting of the Association or in a postal ballot. Honorary Members and Associate Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting but shall not vote.

g. All Full Members of the Association shall, Ipso Facto, be members of the IECU.

h. A non member of the Association may compete in a Europe Class event, but their overall finishing position will not count for any National Ranking or Travellers Trophy series. In addition only Members of the Association and any Member of another National Association affiliated to the IECU may compete in the British Open and UK Championships.

4. MANAGEMENT

a. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee which shall be the only body empowered to act in the name of the Association.

b. The Committee shall consist of seven elected Full or Associate members of the Association as follows:

Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Sailing Secretary
Hon Membership Secretary
Webmaster
Scottish Representative

c. All seven shall be elected (or re-elected) annually at a General Meeting, or by postal ballot, after nomination and seconding by Full members of the Association. Any two posts may be combined, in which case another member may be elected or co-opted to the vacant committee place so created.

d. The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt others to assist it, whether members of the Association or not, but such members shall have no vote in Committee.

e. The Committee may co-opt Full members of the Association to fill any vacancies but need not do so until the number of elected members has fallen to 5. Committee members appointed to fill vacancies shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting.

f. At meetings of the Committee 4 elected members shall form a quorum.

5. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Subject to the provision of this Constitution and in particular to the objects of the Association as expressed in Item 2, the Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration. The making of payments and receipts of monies shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of the Hon. Treasurer as elected at the Annual General Meeting. Payments or receipts of monies exceeding the sum of ten pounds shall require the signatures of both the Chairman and Hon. Treasurer. The opening and closing of accounts in the name of the Association shall require the signatures of both the Chairman and Hon. Secretary and shall be approved by the Committee.

6. MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

a. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in every calendar year at a championship or other open event as decided by the Committee. The precise date, time and place shall be arranged by the Committee with the host club. If no suitable event is held the meeting shall be at a place judged by the Committee to be most convenient to the majority of members.

b. A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary upon receipt of a written request by not fewer than five Full Members of the Association.

c. At least six weeks notice shall be given to all members of any General Meeting of the Association. Such notice shall include the Agenda for the meeting. Notice is deemed to be properly given if sent to the the last notified email or postal address of the members.

d. At any General Meeting of the Association or meetings of the Committee, decisions shall be limited to matters on the Agenda and shall be carried by a majority vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by not fewer than three Full members present. At any meeting the Chairman shall have a casting vote. In the event of a postal ballot all returns shall be made to the Hon. Secretary within two weeks of the date of posting of the ballot papers, The Hon. Secretary shall be responsible for circulating all members, or in the case of a Committee ballot all Committee members, with the result of the ballot.

e. At any General Meeting of the Association fifteen percent of the membership shall form a quorum.

f. At any General Meeting of the Association a decision to recommend to the IECU AGM a change or addition to the class rules shall require a majority of two thirds of those present.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

a. Subscriptions shall be paid annually. Unless otherwise determined in the General Meeting the annual subscription shall be £20.00 for Full members and £10.00 for Associate members.

c. Any member whose subscription has not been paid by 1st March in any year shall have their name removed from the list of members. A members name may be restored at the discretion of the Committee on the payment of any subscription due.

8. ACCOUNTS

a. The Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept giving full particulars of:

(1) All monies, assets and liabilities of the Association.

(2) All monies received and expended by the Association and the reasons for such receipts and expenditure.

(3) All sales and purchases by the Association.

b. The Committee shall cause an annual financial statement to be prepared, audited if required under "d" below, and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

c. The accounting period shall be from 1st January to 31st December in any year.

d. Meeting may accept the accounts presented, or propose an independent audit of the accounts.

9. PROTECTION OF THE 'ONE DESIGN' STATUS OF THE CLASS

a. The Association shall assist the IECU and the Royal Yachting Association in making recommendations to the International Sailing Federation concerning the number and distribution of licensed builders in the UK.

b. The Association may arrange for the inspection of certificates, and/or scrutineering, of all boats competing in the UK National Championships and other open events in the UK.

10. WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

At a properly convened Annual or Special General Meeting a resolution to wind up the Association may be passed. Such resolution must be notified in accordance with Rule 6 c. In the event that such a resolution is passed, the Association's bank account is to be closed, any balance being remitted to the RYA to be held as custodians in case of a future re-forming of a Europe Class association.

