

Dear Member NCA,

I'm very happy with the response we have received for the changes in the new constitution. The fact that all of you have concerns reflects greatly on the strength and the breadth of our class. What surprised us was the fact that you voted so quickly since we only asked for a review so that each NCA could give us some guidance with their suggestions and comments. The overwhelming vote shows that you either may not have understood the process, the need for such work, or there might have been a problem with language. Allow me to take this time to explain both the process and the need for such work.

The decision to introduce a new Constitution was brought up last year and was accepted by all of the NCA's in attendance during the 2004 AGM, in Gävle. In writing such a document, we thought that because of the complexity, it would be best to put a couple of individuals to develop a draft rather than involve the EC and all member NCAs. Myself, Rikard Björnström, and Thomas Franklin began the work. We first identified areas of managing the affairs of the ICA that needed to improve to allow the Class to grow and develop. We reviewed 10 Constitutions from other ISAF Classes that are currently in force. We took areas of these Constitutions to form a new document while keeping the general direction of the current ICA Constitution.

In a teleconference of the EC held on 15 March 2005, the EC made a decision to vote on the final draft 10 June. This was a unanimous decision from your 4 EC members Danny McCoy, Stellan Berlin, Rikard Björnström, and Heiko Kroeger. It was Stellan's idea that we make this an Internet vote.

Now, we have taken all the suggestions and comments we received and applied them as best we could into the final draft. So please read carefully the final draft and vote accordingly. Also, please vote without CC'ING everyone else as this is a **closed** ballot. You will also find attached a document that outlines the changes that were made, in the initial draft, as suggested by member NCAs.

Many of you have concerns that this is either being rushed through or if there is really a need for such work. The existing Constitution does not address many issues that are effecting how the ICA operates. Here are a few reasons

1. To define the responsibilities of officers running the Class,
2. To increase the number of the EC to reflect majority rule, and
3. Adding a Chief Measurer
just to highlight a few things.

In an Email to the ICA Secretary dated 16 June 2005, Simon Forbes who is the ISAF Technical Manager said,

'Thomas,

I saw a reply that my colleague Becky gave you – and need to make some clarifications and corrections.

2005 is a transition year, ISAF Council decided in November 2004 that Class Rule changes may be submitted, considered and approved throughout the year. The ISAF Regulation 1.6 has not yet been formally amended and so that still says Class Rule change submissions shall be received by 1 September.

If the class wish to have their class rule changes considered by the full Committee meeting in November that is the deadline to use.

I suggest for your purposes that you take 1200 UTC, 1 August as the deadline for submitting Class Constitution changes as they are not Class Rule changes.

Sorry for any confusion.

Regards,
Simon Forbes
ISAF Technical Manager'

It is very important to the future growth and development that we have a Constitution that better defines how the Class operates and to stay current with changes within ISAF. If we cannot finish this work and submit it to ISAF by 1 August 2005, it will be 1 March 2007 before we have a working Constitution approved by ISAF.

So let's take advantage of this opportunity and move our club into a new era of growth and productivity.

Best Regards and Happy Sailing,

Danny McCoy

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