

# **International RS Feva Class Association** **Constitution**

## **1. International RS Feva Class Association**

The full title of the Association shall be the International RS Feva Class Association.

## **3. Objects**

The objects of the Association are:

- (a) To co-ordinate the activities of the National RS Feva Class Associations as applicable.
- (b) To maintain the RS Feva Class Rules.
- (c) To keep members informed of developments concerning the RS Feva Class and any proposals concerning RS Feva Class rules.
- (d) To encourage International competition for the RS Feva Class.
- (e) To keep an International Association register.

## **4. Terms and Definitions**

Throughout these rules the following defined terms will be used:

- (a) "The International Association" shall mean the International RS Feva Class Association formed to control the affairs of the RS Feva Class Associations throughout the world.
- (b) "The National Associations" shall mean the National RS Feva Class Association members of the International Association.
- (c) "The International Committee" shall mean the Committee of the International Association, consisting of duly elected Committee members and members appointed as regional members.
- (d) "The International Association Rules" shall mean the rules governing the conduct of the International Association.
- (e) "The International Association Register" shall mean the register of members of the International Association.
- (f) The "RS Feva" shall mean the RS Feva dinghy adopted by the National Associations and built in accordance with the designer's drawings and specifications and licensed by LDC as an RS One

Design.

- (g) "The Copyright Holder" shall mean the person or person or company holding the copyright to the design of the RS Feva.
- (h) "The Licensed Builder" shall mean the person or persons or company licensed by the Copyright Holder to build the RS Feva.
- (i) "The Class Rules" shall mean the rules relating to specification, equipment, construction and racing conditions of the class and governing the building of each RS Feva and its rating as a recognised boat within the class for racing purposes.
- (j) "The Registered Number" shall mean the sail number allocated to the boat.
- (k) "The International Class Secretary" shall mean the duly elected honorary secretary or duly appointed secretary as the case may be, of the International Association.
- (l) "Owner" and "Joint Owner" shall mean any person or persons, corporation or association entered on a certificate as owner of an RS Feva Class dinghy.

## **5. Membership and Voting Rights**

- (a) The following classes of membership shall be recognised:
  - (i) Full Membership
- (b) Each National Association can be a Member of the International Association upon payment of the prescribed levy to the International Association. In a country where no National RS Association exists, the National Authority can be a member of the International RS Association.
- (c) Acceptance of a request to join the International Association shall require a majority vote in favour by the current members in accordance with rule 5(e) and approval of the proposed new member's Constitution or Rules by the International Committee.
- (d) Members shall be bound by the International Association rules.
- (e) Each member shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the International Association, or in a ballot. Each member National Association's vote will be counted in proportion to that National Association's Full membership number as a percentage of the total number of Full members of the member National Associations in the previous calendar year.

## **6. Management**

- (a) The International Committee shall manage the affairs of the International Association.
- (b) The International Committee shall consist of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and up to four other members. Each International Committee member shall be a member of a National Association.
- (c) The Committee shall have powers to co-opt any person to assist it, whether a full member of the association or not, but such persons shall have no vote in Committee.
- (d) No member of the Association elected in accordance with the provision of clause 6b shall serve on the Committee as Elected Committee members for more than five years, however, any member of the Committee who has served for five years may continue to serve if specifically re-elected by members.
- (e) The Committee need not fill a vacancy arising in the Committee unless the total number of Committee Members has dropped below the minimum of five. Committee Members appointed to fill vacancies shall remain in office until the expiry of the term of office of the person whose position they have filled.
- (f) At its first meeting to be held immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the International Association, the International Committee shall:
  - (i) Elect a President for the International Association.
  - (ii) Elect sub-committees as necessary to manage event organisation, communications or other activities deemed necessary by the International Association.
  - (iii) Elect an Honorary Secretary or appoint a secretary, who shall keep correct Minutes of all Committee and General meetings and shall be responsible for communicating the decisions of the Committee to members of the International Association.
  - (iv) Elect an Honorary Treasurer who shall control the funds of the International Association: make such disbursements, as the Committee shall direct: present an annual financial statement at each Annual General Meeting. The Secretary or Honorary Secretary may act as Treasurer.
  - (v) Elect a Membership Secretary to maintain the International Register. The Secretary of Honorary Secretary may act as Membership Secretary.
- (h) At meetings of the International Committee, half of the elected members shall form a quorum.
- (i) The International Committee shall co-ordinate such championships as may be required. All matters pertaining to International Championships shall be settled by the International Committee in consultation with the sponsoring club or clubs, the host national sailing authority, the ISAF and the host National RS Association.

- (j) At least two weeks notice of the date, place and agenda for any Committee Meeting must be given in writing by the Secretary to each Committee Member. Any business conducted by correspondence shall always be circulated through the Secretariat and any Committee Member not answering a motion communicated to him in writing within three weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to such a motion.
- (k) Membership of a National RS Association by an owner or joint owners shall ipso facto render him or them subject to the jurisdiction of the International Association or the Committee in any matter pertaining to Class Rules.

## **7. Power of the Committee**

Subject to the provision of these rules, and in particular to the object of the International Association, as expressed in rule 3, the International Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration.

The making of payments and receipt of monies shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of the Treasurer or his Deputies as appointed by the International Committee.

## **8. Conduct of Meetings of the International Association**

- (a) A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Chairman or Secretary upon receipt by the Class Secretary of a written request, signed by not fewer than two full members of the International Association.
- (b) At least six weeks written notice shall be given to members of any General Meeting.
- (c) At any General Meeting or Committee Meeting decisions shall be limited to matters on the agenda and shall be carried by a majority vote as prescribed in rule 5(e). Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by not less than three of the full members present. The Secretariat shall be responsible for circulating all members or in the case of Committee Meetings, all Committee Members, with the result of any voting. In the event of a postal ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat within two weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.
- (d) At any General Meeting of the International Association, four shall form a quorum.

## **9. Subscriptions and Registration Fees**

- (a) A percentage of each National Association's annual income from subscriptions, which shall be the same as that applied to all other National Associations, shall be contributed to the International Association annually as a general levy, the percentage to be fixed bi-annually by agreement between the International Association and the National Associations. The membership fee will be based on the previous calendar year's subscriptions and will be payable to the International Association by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

- (b) If a National Association's subscription levy remains unpaid for more than 3 months after the due date, the National Association's membership of the International Association may be suspended. Membership may be restored at the discretion of the International Committee if payment is subsequently received.

## **10. Accounts**

- (a) The Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept giving full particulars of:
  - (i) All monies, assets and liabilities of the International Association.
  - (ii) All monies received and expended by the International Association and the reasons for such receipts and expenditure.
  - (iii) All sales and purchases by the International Association.
- (b) The Committee shall cause the annual financial statement, which has been duly audited by a suitably qualified person appointed by the Committee, to be prepared and presented at Every Annual General Meeting of the International Association.
- (c) A copy of the annual financial statement as prepared for presentation at a General Meeting will be sent upon request to any full member of the association.
- (d) A copy of the annual financial statement audited and as accepted by the General Meeting, shall be forwarded to the affiliated National Associations within 14 days of its acceptance by a General Meeting.

## **11. Language**

- (a) The official language of the International Association is English.

## **12. Protection of "One Design" of the Class**

- (a) The Copyright Holder and licensed Builder have provided the original RS Feva Class Rules, which shall at all times remain the property of the Copyright Holder and Licensed builder. The International Association have adopted the RS Feva Class Rules as provided by the Licensed Builder.
- (b) Changes to the RS Feva Class Rules as recommended by the International Committee and approved by the International Class Association cannot be introduced without the explicit approval of the Copyright Holder and the Licensed Builder [and ISAF](#), whose decision shall be final.
- (c) The Executive or National Committee of a National Association may make recommendations to the International Committee for changes to be made the RS Feva Class Measurement Rules, in

accordance with their own Constitutions.

(d) If the Copyright Holder and Licensed builder approve the proposed change to the Class Rules, then the International Association shall request all National Associations to hold a ballot of the registered members of the Class or Classes affected in accordance with their Constitution. The ballot shall be concluded and the result shall form the Member National Association's vote on the proposed rule change to the International Association. The vote shall be forwarded to the International Association within two months of request. Non-replies will not be counted.

(e) A change to the Class Rules will require a majority vote from the Member National Associations, counted as per Rule 5(e).

(f) The Secretariat of the International and National Association Committees shall be informed in writing of any rule changes. Rule changes will become valid one month after posting unless otherwise prescribed.

### **13. Changes to the International Constitution**

(a) Changes to the International Constitution may be proposed by the International Committee or the National Committee of a National Association.

(b) A change to the International Constitution shall be approved by a majority vote of the Member National Associations, in accordance with rule 5(d).