

## 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OKDIA

The 2008 Annual General Meeting of OKDIA will be held in Warnemünde during the World Championships 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Date: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

Time and venue to be confirmed.

### Agenda

1. To receive the committee reports and annual accounts for the year up to 31 December 2007.
2. To elect the following officers and members of the committee:  
Treasurer  
Vice-President, Southern Hemisphere  
Chairman, Technical Committee (ex-officio)
3. Appointment of an auditor.
4. Membership subscriptions
5. OK CLASS RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS 2008

### CONSTITUTION

#### Constitution amendments

These amendments are the recommendations of the Committee to the Members to alter and add to the Association Rules, according to 10c of the Constitution. The proposals were originally circulated in the December 2007 Newsletter.

#### Amendment 1

Constitution Section 4 Paragraph 10c:

Delete:

‘the Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Members in General or by post for alterations in or additions to the Association Rules’

Insert:

‘the Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Members in General or by post **or email** for alterations in or additions to the Association Rules’

#### Amendment 2

Constitution Section 4 Paragraph 11

#### Meetings of the Committee

Delete:

Business will mainly be conducted by correspondence through the Class Secretary. All communications to countries outside that of the Secretariat shall be sent by airmail. Any committee member not answering a motion communicated to him or her in writing within three weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to the motion.

Insert:

‘Business will mainly be conducted by correspondence through the Class Secretary. All communications to countries outside that of the Secretariat shall be sent by airmail **or email**. Any committee member not answering a motion communicated to him or her in writing **by airmail** within

three weeks, or email within two weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to the motion.’

### Amendment 3

Constitution Section 5 Paragraph 12g

#### Meetings of the Association

Delete:

In the event of a postal ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat within 6 weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.

Insert:

In the event of a ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat. A postal ballot shall be returned within 6 weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper. A ballot circulated by email shall be returned within 3 weeks of the date of circulation of the ballot paper.

### Amendment 4

ADDENDA

A International Championship Races Paragraph 1 (c)

Delete:

The number of boats taking part shall not exceed 80, not including last year’s World Champion, who shall have the right to defend the title, and the current Committee and officers of OKDIA. These places do not count to the quota of the relevant National Association.

Insert:

‘The number of boats taking part in a World Championship shall not exceed 80 and the 80 place allocation will reflect the proportion of Full Members in each of the National Associations. Extra to the 80 places, the current and all previous World Champions, the current Committee and officers of OKDIA may participate in the World Championship.

### Amendment 5

ADDENDA

Insert:

#### C Hall of Fame

Nominations to the Hall of Fame may be submitted to the OKDIA Committee by the Secretary of a National Association or a member of the OKDIA Committee. A short report justifying the nomination shall be submitted with the name. A Hall of Fame plaque will be presented to the successful nominee. The final decision on successful entry to the OK Dinghy Hall of Fame will lie with the current OKDIA Committee.

Reasoning:

It is important nomination to the Hall of Fame is seen to be a transparent process, which is open to every Full Member of OKDIA. The short report fulfils two functions:

- (i) enlightens those who may be voting on the Hall of Fame nomination
- (ii) the report may be recorded within a Hall of Fame document which may be preserved as part of the heritage of the OK Dinghy Class.

## **CLASS RULES**

Origin: Chairman of Technical Committee OKDIA  
Effective if approved: January 1, 2009  
Amendment 6

## 8.2 HULL CONSTRUCTION (INSPECTION HOLES AND COVERS)

### delete:

Any holes in buoyancy tanks shall be made watertight and each buoyancy tank shall have at least one and not more than three inspection holes of diameter not less than 85mm. Each hole shall have a detachable cover capable of resisting accidental dislodgement and such covers shall be positively secured at all times when racing. Covers to holes in the bulkheads shall not extend into the buoyancy compartments by more than 200mm.

*(rest of this rule omitted here)*

### insert:

Any holes in buoyancy tanks shall be made watertight and each buoyancy tank shall have at least one and not more than three inspection holes if their covers are not threaded and of diameter not less than 85mm. Each hole shall have a detachable cover capable of resisting accidental dislodgement and such covers shall be positively secured at all times when racing. Covers to holes in the bulkheads shall not extend into the buoyancy compartments by more than 200mm.

*(rest of this rule omitted here)*

### documentation of changes:

Any holes in buoyancy tanks shall be made watertight and each buoyancy tank shall have at least one and not more than three inspection holes **if their covers are not threaded and** of diameter not less than 85mm. Each hole shall have a detachable cover capable of resisting accidental dislodgement and such covers shall be positively secured at all times when racing. Covers to holes in the bulkheads shall not extend into the buoyancy compartments by more than 200mm.

*(rest of this rule omitted here)*

### reasoning:

*The maximum of three inspection holes seems to be reasoned in former times, when these are made from rubber and have simply plugged in. modern threadable (screwable or tapped) are that safely plugged in, that no-one has to be afraid of "accidental dislodgment".*

Amendment 7

#### 8.4 (xiii) KEEL BAND

delete:

A keel band, minimum section 9mm wide by 3mm deep, maximum section 22mm wide by 10mm deep, of any material shall extend for a distance not less than 3500mm, measured along the keel band, from the aft face of the transom. The radius of the bow forward of a point 3500mm from the lowest point of the aft face of the transom, measured along the base line, shall not exceed 11mm.

insert:

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reasoning:

*There is no need for a real keel band anymore and actually it has become not more than a complex part of the hull construction in modern boats - specifically if it has to be integrated into a negative mould - and it is made from the same material as the hull itself and has therefore not the intentional function as in earlier times.*

Amendment 8

## 12.1 MAST MATERIALS

delete:

The **spar** shall be made of wood, aluminium alloy, plastic or any combination of these. For the purpose of rule 12 plastic is defined as glass fibre, carbon fibre, aramid, polyester resin or epoxy resin. An external sail track may be of any material.

insert:

The **spar** shall be made of wood, aluminium alloy, plastic or any combination of these. For the purpose of rule 12 plastic is defined as glass fibre, carbon fibre, aramid, polyester resin or epoxy resin. An external sail track may be of any material. The tensile modulus of any material used in the spar shall not exceed 400GPa.

documentation of changes:

The spar shall be made of wood, aluminium alloy, plastic or any combination of these. For the purpose of rule 12 plastic is defined as glass fibre, carbon fibre, aramid, polyester resin or epoxy resin. An external sail track may be of any material. **The tensile modulus of any material used in the spar shall not exceed 400GPa.**

reasoning:

*Disallow the use of Extra High Modulus Carbon*

Amendment 9



## 12.2 (v) MAST CONSTRUCTION

delete:

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insert:

Mast bases must either be removable or have an access hole of at least 20mm diameter to allow internal inspection of construction. The Measurer has the discretion to require the mast base to be removed or modified to facilitate this inspection.

documentation of changes:

Mast bases must either be removable or have an access hole of at least 20mm diameter to allow internal inspection of construction. The Measurer has the discretion to require the mast base to be removed or modified to facilitate this inspection.

reasoning:

*Any measurer shall have the possibility to check the correctness of any mast made from new materials i.e. the compliance with the rules regarding to inner tubes, webs, disallowed weight inside or shape of the profile with devices such as boroscopes.*

Amendment 10

## 16.7. TRASH DISPOSAL

delete:

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insert:

Boats shall not put any trash in the water while racing. For the purpose of this rule racing is defined as the whole time being on the water for the purpose of racing.

documentation of changes:

Boats shall not put any trash in the water while racing. For the purpose of this rule racing is defined as the whole time being on the water for the purpose of racing.

reasoning:

*Avoid any rubbish in the water to protect the environment our sport relies on by making this mandatory and protestable, although this rule does not really targets on being protested, it is targeting more on getting the idea of keeping care for the environment into the egg heads in our class. It also shall make the OK a more advanced class than others - at least in this respect.*

## Amendment 11

**Proposal from:** Swedish OK Dinghy Association

Delete:

### **Racing Rules**

- 2(a) The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* using the Low Point System modified so that each boat's score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed. Ten races are scheduled, of which 5 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 2(b) Every attempt should be made to sail ten races for a series. Three races can be scheduled on each of two days.
- 2c The course shall be a triangle, a sausage and a beat with angles of 45<sup>0</sup>, 90<sup>0</sup> and 45<sup>0</sup>, start and finish about 200m from the marks. The length of the course shall be such that the race takes approximately 70 minutes for the leading boat to complete the course. The course is not to be shortened.

**Insert:**

- 2(a) The series will be scores as provided in Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* using the Low Point System modified so that each boat's score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed. **Seven** races are scheduled of which 5 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 2(b) Every attempt should be made to sail **seven** races for a series. **Two** races can be scheduled on each of two days.
- 2c The course shall be a triangle, sausage and a beat with angles of 45, 90 and 45, start and finish about 200m from the marks. The length of the course shall be such that the race takes approximately **85** minutes for the leading boat to complete the course. The course is not to be shortened.

Reasoning:

We believe that the class would benefit from going from ten to seven races. It will lift the status on each race and media can concentrate better on the week's results. The amount of races will be less than today and the social aspects will better be taken care of. The class has a long history and we think that seven races with a potential layday can make the event more attractive for many sailors. The length of the races will be approximately a little bit longer in order to still get good time on the water.

6. A.O.B.
  - (i) GBR presentation on 2011 World Championships

7. Close of AGM

**Open forum**

Discussion is welcomed on the following topics:

- (i) Proposal that 50% of World Championship entry fee should be applied to all Junior entrants to the World Championship
- (ii) Ways in which OKDIA can promote/persuade USA, Canada, Asian countries to participate in the World Championships
- (iii) 50<sup>th</sup> World Championships December 2012. Thoughts on the following: to be run in conjunction with the Phuket King's Cup Regatta held annually in December each year as a celebration of His Majesty's birthday. His Majesty the King of Thailand, a long time OK Dinghy man, will be 84 years old in 2011.

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