

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OKDIA

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of OKDIA will be held at RQYS, Brisbane, Australia on 25 February at 17.00. Venue to be advised.

AGENDA

1. Approval of 2023 Minutes

Approval of minutes, previously circulated, of the 2023 OKDIA AGM, held in Lyme Regis.

2. Reports and Accounts

2.1 To receive the committee reports for the year up to 31 December 2023.

- a. President
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. Chairman of the Technical Committee
- e. Webmaster

2.2 Acknowledgment and approval of reports/comments.

3. Accounts

3.1 To receive the annual accounts for the year up to 31 December 2023.

3.2 Acknowledgment and approval of accounts/comments.

4. Election of Officers

To note there are no positions up for election and no nominations have been received.

5. Appointment of an auditor

Mark Perrow (NZL) has expressed a willingness to continue in this role.

6. Class Rule Changes

The following class rule change proposals have been approved by the Technical Committee

6.1. Register of builders

Proposal - that we add a rule so that we know who is building boats so we can supply them with up-to-date information. And secondly so we can ensure that item (b) below is complied. The process will be a free but will not be a license.

D.2.5 MANUFACTURERS

- (a) The **hull** may be built by any amateur or professional builder.
- (b) From June 1st 2023, the first **hull** manufactured from new moulds that are intended for production, shall be fully measured by either an International Measurer or an **official measurer** appointed by OKDIA.

(c) All builders and manufacturers of **hulls** shall register with the OKDIA secretary using the form on the class website.

6.2. Remove laminated sail approval exception

Proposal - To remove the rule permitting laminated sails to be made on a one-by-one basis. The rule was there to collect data in case Dacron was in short supply. This is not the case. There are also concerns from members that laminated sails will be produced on a national level for performance purposes. Hence, we received the proposal to remove.

~~G.2.2 LIMITATIONS~~

~~(d) Sail makers are only permitted to build sails from laminated sail cloth upon request and approval by the OKDIA Technical Committee and on a sail by sail basis. For laminate sails only, rules G.2.3 (a), (b) & (c) and all dimensions from G.2.4 except leech length, half & three quarter widths and top width shall not apply, if the approval document from the OKDIA is presented when measuring. The use of those sails is allowed in any OK regatta with the exception of International events.~~

6.3. Mast stop

Proposal - a solution to ensure that all masts comply with the upper point rule when racing. The proposal will allow sailors to raise their sail without worrying about being over the limit mark.

C.8.1(b) When the mast halyard is held by a cleat, a device shall be fitted to the mast to prevent any part of the sail extending above the upper point. When the mast has a fixed hook, fork or similar to lock the halyard in place, either at the top or bottom of the mast, no such device is needed.

6.4. Onboard electronics/wearable technology

Proposal - The proposal is that mobile phones and other GPS or communication devices should be permitted to be carried on board while racing provided they are kept inside a buoyancy tank and are not used for any reason unless in an emergency.

Phones are now commonly used for regatta communication and so are needed by the sailor in the boat park. It is also common for the sailors to take them afloat as there is no other safe place to store them.

Some wearable technology devices are also needed for medical monitoring, especially in our aging fleet.

Of the medical monitoring devices, the heart rate monitor is the most obvious, however this is generally used in high performance sport as a training device rather than a medical monitor. There are also devices for monitoring blood sugar levels for diabetics, blood pressure, body temperature, ECG, biosensors and similar. We should also think about fitness trackers such as the Fitbit.

If we plan to limit such devices to a buoyancy tank and maybe in a bag then spot checks can be made at the beach during major events and this can be added to the Discretionary Penalty list.

So, we can make a proposal as follows

C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

C.3.1 (a) MANDATORY

The **crew** shall wear a **personal flotation device** to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50, or equivalent except for short periods when changing or adjusting clothing.

(b) OPTIONAL

- (1) Devices that display timing functions only**
- (2) Wearable technology that is limited to devices that monitor the health of the crew. (eg heart rate monitors).**

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

C.5.1 FOR USE

(a) MANDATORY

- (1) Any equipment supplied or required by the Organising Authority if stated by the Notice or Race or Sailing Instructions.**

(b) OPTIONAL

- (1) Any equipment specifically permitted by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions**
- (2) Any of the following, or a combination, provided that they perform no other function or display any information not relating to the specific function(s) of the device.**
 - (i) Any electronic or mechanical timing devices.**
 - (ii) Any electronic or mechanical inclinometer.**
 - (iii) Any camera.**
 - ~~**(iv) Any heart rate monitor.**~~
 - (iv) Any compass – maximum of two**
- (3) Any mechanical wind indicators.**
- (4) Any hand bailers and/or buckets.**
- (5) Any anchor and warps.**
- (6) Any writing equipment.**
- (7) Any spares such as ropes, fittings, and tools.**

C.5.2 NOT FOR USE

(a) MANDATORY

- (1) Any floating towing rope with a minimum length of 10 m of not less than 6 mm in diameter, and which shall be accessible without opening a watertight bulkhead.

(b) OPTIONAL

- (1) Electronic items such as a phone or other devices.
- (2) One paddle.
- (3) Mooring line.
- (4) Flags.
- (5) Bags.
- (6) Fenders.

C.5.3 If mobiles phones or electronic devices capable of communication (including GPS) are carried aboard while *racing* they shall be sealed inside a buoyancy tank and not used, either to make nor receive voice transmissions, radio or data communications, from the time the boat leaves the shore until returning to the shore, except in an emergency.

C.5.4 A mobile phone is permitted to be connected to wearable technology as permitted in C.3 and if placed in the boat as per C.5.3.

7. Future venues

7.1 2026 World Championship, Proposal from Denmark

7.2 Update on 2024 European Championship, Palma, Spain

7.3 Update on 2025 World Championship, Arco, Italy.

7.4 2025 European Championship, Warnemunde, Germany

8. AOB

8.1 Coach boats – discussion on restrictions, bans etc

8.2 A late proposal came from Thailand to ban the use of cleats to hold the centerboard up. They considered it an unsafe practice to not be able to lower the board when capsized.

Close of AGM

Open forum/discussion

It would be useful if the Secretary could be advised before the start of the AGM of any topics for discussion.