

# The International D-ONE Association Constitution D1.2

## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The full title will be the International D-ONE Association (IDA).
- 1.2 The objectives of IDA shall be:
  - (a) To promote International Racing of the Devoti D-ONE Class.
  - (b) To maintain the One-Design character of Devoti D-ONE Class.
  - (c) To publish the Devoti D-ONE class rules.
  - (d) To co-ordinate the activities of National D-ONE Class Associations.
  - (e) To maintain close co-operation with National Authorities, National D-ONE Class Associations.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Membership of the IDA shall be open to anyone interested in D-ONE sailing, upon payment of the subscription fee.
- 2.2 There shall be three types of membership, Honorary, Full and Temporary.
- 2.3 Only Honorary and Full members shall be eligible to compete in events organized by the IDA, which run for a duration of greater than 2 days.
- 2.4 All Honorary and Full members of the IDA shall be eligible to vote on matters relating to the IDA and class rules.
- 2.5 Honorary Membership
  - (a) The IDA Committee may propose honorary membership to individuals or organisations . The individual or organization will be granted the privileges of Honorary membership from time of proposal.
  - (b) Any Honorary membership proposed during a year must be ratified at the next AGM. Failure to get a majority approval at the AGM will result in the offer of Honorary membership being rescinded.
  - (c) The IDA committee may propose to rescind Honorary membership from an individual or organization subject to ratification at an AGM.
- 2.6 Temporary Membership
  - (a) Temporary Membership shall only be valid for a single event with a maximum duration of 2 days.
  - (b) Temporary members shall not be eligible to vote on matters relating to the IDA and class rules.
- 2.7 Only members of the IDA shall eligible to be awarded prizes/trophies for an event organized by the IDA.
- 2.8 A register of IDA members will be maintained.

## 3. NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS

- 3.1 A National D-ONE Class Association (NCA) is deemed to exist when a group of 10 or more IDA members request the IDA to be recognized as a NCA.
- 3.2 There shall only be one NCA per country.

- 3.3 All full members of an IDA recognized NCA shall automatically be full members of the IDA.
- 3.4 The NCA shall pay the full membership fee agreed at the AGM to the IDA for each of their members annually.

#### **4. SUBSCRIPTION FEES**

- 4.1 The Association's subscription year will run from 1st January to 31st December and annual subscriptions for full membership will become due on the 1st January of each year. Where members join after 31st October, their subscription will cover the whole of the following year.
- 4.2 The level of IDA subscriptions shall be decided at the AGM for the following year to cover:
- (a) Full membership. Including contribution from NCA
  - (b) Temporary membership
- 4.3 Any member who has not paid their subscription by 1st June will be deemed to have resigned their membership.
- 4.5 Where no national class association (NCA) is present, the member shall pay their annual subscription to the IDA.
- 4.6 The IDA membership application form and current subscription fees in force shall be published on the IDA website.

#### **5. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 5.1 The affairs of the IDA will be managed by the Management Committee (Committee), subject to the provisions within this Constitution to the objectives of the Association.
- 5.2 The Committee will be elected from members of the Association through the AGM or annual class survey and will consist of the following officers and members:
- (a) Chairman
  - (b) Vice Chairman
  - (c) Honorary Secretary
  - (d) Honorary Treasurer
  - (e) Communications Officer
  - (f) Technical Officer
  - (g) No less than three and no more than nine General Committee members
  - (h) One representative from each region (as defined by the Committee)
- 5.3 The licensed builder will be entitled to appoint a non-voting member to the Committee, as his representative.
- 5.4 The Committee may also co-opt other non-voting members to the Committee, whether a full member of the Association or not.
- 5.5 At least 3 weeks notice of the date, place and agenda for any Committee Meeting will be given in writing by the Secretary.
- 5.6 Any business conducted by correspondence will be circulated through the Secretary, or the Secretary's nominee, by post or e-mail. A Committee Member not answering a motion communicated to them in writing within 3 weeks of the date of sending (or

other date notified in the correspondence) will be deemed to have abstained from the motion.

- 5.7 At meetings of the Committee, 4 of the elected members will form the minimum number for a quorum.
- 5.8 The Committee shall make recommendations to full members in a General Meeting, or by post/email, for alteration or addition to the Class Rules.

## **6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 The IDA will be funded through subscriptions, surplus income from events and any other revenue negotiated by the Committee.
- 6.2 The Committee will ensure that accurate records are maintained, covering:
  - (a) All monies received and expended by the IDA and the reason for such receipts and expenditure.
  - (b) All monies, assets and liabilities of the IDA.
  - (c) Minutes of Meetings.
- 6.3 Any NCA, which has not remitted its annual fees, may cease to be recognized by the IDA. Reinstatement to the list of recognised NCA's would be at the discretion of the Committee after payment of amounts due.
- 6.4 An Annual Financial Statement will be prepared for the 12 months to 31st December and will be presented at the AGM or distributed annually.

## **7. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 7.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association will be held annually at a place, date and time determined by the Committee.
- 7.2 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or upon receipt by the Secretary of a written request signed by no fewer than 15 full members of the Association.
- 7.3 At least six weeks' notice will be given to members of any General Meeting.
- 7.4 At General Meetings, decisions will be limited to matters on the agenda.
- 7.5 Voting will be at the AGM or another method open to all members. The voting results will be carried by majority 60/40 of all members who respond. The Secretary will be responsible for minuting the results of voting. These results will be published on the class website.

## **8. CLASS RULES**

- 8.1 The D-ONE Class Rules are those approved and published by IDA.
- 8.2 The Class rules may be amended or "interpreted" by an NCA, as long as:
  - (a) They do not threaten the spirit of the 'One-Design' principle
  - (b) any NCA amendments or interpretations of published D-ONE class rule shall be published in Notice of Race at least 1 month prior to the event.
- 8.3 The IDA shall be responsible for maintaining the One-Design character of the D-ONE and will report on any matter that may appear to violate or threaten the spirit of the Class Rules.

- 8.4 The Committee will appoint a Class Measurer(s) from the Committee to:
- (a) Advise on any technical matters relevant to the Class.
  - (b) Ensure that the One Design control of the Class is properly exercised by the builders and suppliers in accordance with the Manufacturing specifications and Handbook.
  - (c) Investigate any query by a boat owner regarding the one design or specification of the boat, and to report to the Committee on the outcome.
  - (d) Consult with the builders on any development of the boat or equipment deemed to be desirable as a result of sailing experience and/or improvements to build method.
  - (e) Ensure that boats used in major championships and regattas comply with the Class Rules.
- 8.5 Any changes to the Class Rules affecting the manufacture of the D-ONE may only be approved after consultation with and agreement of the builder.

## **9. SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

- 9.1 A member may be suspended or removed from membership by the Committee only after a hearing, where the individual will be provided with a fair opportunity to present details relating to the matter, prior to the Committee making its decision.
- 9.2 A member may be suspended or removed for the following reasons:  
Committing an unlawful act in relation to the IDA or one of its members,  
or  
any unsportsmanlike conduct or anti-social behaviour, contrary to the interests of the members of the IDA,  
or  
intentional violation of this Constitution or the Class Rules.
- 9.3 A suspended member will not be entitled to the return of any or part of their subscription in respect of the period for which they are suspended or removed from membership.

## **10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- 10.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be made at an AGM, a Special General Meeting or, by the Management Committee. However, amendments to the Constitution will only become valid following confirmation at an AGM, at a Special General Meeting or another method open to all members.

## **11. LIMITATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 11.1 In the execution of their responsibilities under this constitution, Committee members will not be liable for any loss to members or former members or to the assets of the Association, by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by them or any other officer or member of the Committee or for any other matter other than wilful and individual wrong doing, omission or fraud on the part of the person who is sought to be made liable.

11.2 The Association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those full members present at a Special General Meeting convened for this purpose. The resolution may include proposals for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association, following the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities. Such assets will not be paid to or distributed among the members, but given or transferred to such other charitable organisations or institutions having objects similar to some or all of those of the Association, as the members may determine.