

29erXX Class Association

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ISAF Equipment Committee Members,

I'm writing to you to respectfully request recommendation to the ISAF Council that the 29erXX be designated a Recognized Class. The 29erXX meets or is able to meet the requirements detailed in Regulation 26.2.1 with the exception of 26.2.1(e)(ii). Therefore, we request that the Committee consider waiving the requirements of 26.2.1(e)(ii) as the 29erXX serves a unique aspect of our sport of sailing.

The 29erXX fleet has seen tremendous growth following the 2007 Women's High Performance Dinghy Trials. The equipment has been through many improvements thanks to feedback from the WHPDT evaluators and active fleet participants and is now finalized. Fleets are established and growing on five continents (Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Oceania). Builders who charter rigs at events have sold every available rig prior to the end of the respective event. With hulls around the world the fleet is able to grow quickly.

The 29erXX caters to three distinctly strong groups of sailors. First, female teams looking to race an advanced, twin-trapeze skiff have few options available to them and thus are leading supporters of the 29erXX. Additionally, Young male teams look to the 29erXX as a stepping-stone into the 49er and their Olympic aspirations. And finally, male, female, and mixed teams alike who are looking for a challenging skiff without the

pressure of an Olympic fleet are drawn to the 29erXX as a “small 49er” that is more manageable but still thrilling to race. Many sailors come to the 29erXX and say “this fills the gap that I’ve been battling with for years”.

With regards to the requirements in Regulation 26:

(a) an active Class/Owners Association;

The 29erXX class/owners association is an active subset of the 29er class. The 29erXX has a separate email distribution list where sailors discuss events, rigging, tuning and other related topics. Members register and pay class dues.

(b) a Constitution passed by a pre-existing Class/Owners Association and approved by the Equipment Committee and the Constitution Committee containing at least:

- (i) the name of the class,**
- (ii) provision for control by a Class/Owners Association,**
- (iii) an elected Board and Executive Committee,**
- (iv) an Executive Committee, including at least the Executive Officers, and**
- (v) a statement of the objectives of the class;**

Included with this application is the 29erXX Constitution as well as a list of the 29erXX Executive Committee members.

(c) a set of class rules in the ISAF Standard Class Rules format, and adopting the Equipment Rules of Sailing, approved by the Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee may approve an exemption to either requirement if in its opinion the class rules are satisfactory and well established;

The 29erXX Class Rules are attached to this application.

(d) demonstrated, either by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National

Authorities set out below or a listing of registered boat owners, that it is ‘actively racing’;

See the following section.

(e) (ii) in the case of Recognized Classes, in at least four Member National Authorities or three Member National Authorities which are from two continents and meet the following criteria as to the number of boats per country according to size:

<u>LOA</u>	<u>Boats per country</u>
Up to 5.0m	20
<u>LOA</u>	<u>Boats Worldwide</u>
Up to 5.0m	100

29erXXs Owned Worldwide

Note: More rigs were recently sold in Denmark, Italy and Australia – names pending.

Country	29erXX	Sailors
Argentina	1	Sofia Tedin
Australia	4	Amy Lee, James Sly, 2 charter rigs
Austria	1	Michael Praxmarer
Canada	3	Jessica Round, Lauren Laventure
Denmark	4	Rie Galsgaard, Ida Marie & Marie Olsen, Stine Quorning, Frederikke Graversen
Finland	3	Tiina Kotamies, 2 charter rigs
France	1	Simone Stanchi
Germany	10	Phillip Muller, Moritz Janich, Philip Kramer, Thilo Kramer, Werner Gieser, Monika Aigner, Felix Ewald, Florian Ender, Anne Schwarz, Bernd Jahn
Greece	1	Charter rig
Hong Kong	1	John Tsang
Italy	1	Alessandra Angelini, Riva del Garda
Luxembourg	1	Pierre Kiefer
Netherlands	4	Annemiek Bekkering, Kaj Bocker, Miguel Koster, Jason Hogendoorn
New Zealand	1	Fiona Balch
Norway	1	Kristin Nyland
Singapore	1	Charter rig
Spain	2	Eduard Rodes, Marta Riverola
Sweden	1	Hannah Dahlborg
Ukraine	1	Rodian Luka
United Kingdom	4	Lizzi Rountree, 3 charter rigs
USA	8	Helena Scutt, Kristin Lane, Jen Glass, Paris Henken, Zack Downing, CC Childers, Brady Sih, Nina Viggi
Total	44	

Distribution by country and continent of boats actively racing – both 29er hulls and 29erXX rigs



	29er	29erXX		29er	29erXX
Argentina	45	1	Ireland	4	
Australia	114	4	Italy	44	5
Austria	8	1	Japan	15	
Belgium	2		Luxemborg	6	1
Bermuda	2		Netherlands	63	4
Canada	96	3	New Zealand	21	1
Cayman Islands	2		Norway	29	1
Chile	4		Poland	2	
Croatia	5	1	Singapore	10	1
Denmark	56	4	South Africa	14	
Finland	24	3	Spain	56	2
France	44	1	Sweden	21	1
Germany	193	10	Switzerland	18	
Great Britain	188	4	UAE	2	
Greece	2	1	USA	101	8
Hong Kong	3	1			
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Additional countries where 29ers exist:

Bolivia	Brunei	China	Colombia
Dubai	India	Indonesia	Israel
Mexico	New Caledonia	Portugal	Russia
Tanzania	Thailand	Uruguay	Zimbabwe

We thank you very much for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact either myself or our Executive Director, Jerelyn Biehl, with any questions.

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Item 5(a)(i)

Best Regards,

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Attachments:

- 29erXX Constitution
- 29erXX Executive & Elected Board members
- 29erXX Rules Appendix (to 29er Class Rules)