

Title: RS 500 Class – Recognised Status Application

RS 500 Class application for ISAF Recognised Status for the RS 500 Class

A submission from the RS 500 Owner's Club (International Class Association)

Proposal

To adopt the RS 500 Class as an ISAF Recognised class.

Current Position

The RS 500 is a 2 person single-trapeze class with asymmetric spinnaker suitable for racing and training for youths or adults.

Reason

The RS 500 is a modern performance dinghy designed to appeal to a wide range of age and ability. The hull, cockpit and rig design allow young sailors to compete alongside adult racers, so the RS500 transcends the usual age 19 break point in racing dinghies. It has proved to be a popular racing boat since its introduction in 2006 and racing is spreading internationally – the RS 500 Europeans Championships is taking place soon in Italy.

There are now over 300 RS 500s sailed in ten nations and two continents. The RS 500 Owner's Club believes that gaining ISAF Recognised Status will help the RS 500 to spread internationally and encourage more young sailors to stay interested in dinghy racing when reaching their late teens. More information on the class can be found on the class's website (<http://www.rs-association.com/index.asp?fleet=RS500>).

This formal application was made to the Secretary General before the 1st August 2009 in accordance with ISAF regulations 26 to obtain ISAF Recognised status.

ISAF Regulation 26.2.1.

(a) Active Class/Owner Association

The RS 500 has an active owner run international class association (the RS 500 Owner's Club) with an international race program. The RS 500 Owner's Club is affiliated to the RS Association, a well established association for owners of RS manufactured classes, and supported by RS Racing.

(b) Class Constitution

The current RS 500 Class Constitution has been provided and can be amended as necessary to include ISAF reference and any ISAF requirements on the approval of ISAF.

(c) Class Rules

The RS 500 Class Rules have been provided in ISAF format (closed rules) and can be amended as necessary to include any ISAF requirements on the granting of ISAF recognition.

(d) *Provided a list of register boat owners*

The RS 500 Class Association has supplied the boat numbers and nationality at present, and contacts for National Class Association.

(e) *Qualification Numbers*

For ISAF Recognised status for a boat up to 5 m is a minimum of 20 boats in four MNA from if from one continent.

The RS 500 Class meets this requirement – see international distribution list provided. There are fleets of 20 or more boats in the UK, Italy, Sweden, and Germany.

The Class is also active in the following countries to meet the distribution requirements too: NED, SUI, ESP and USA.

(g) *Application Fee*

The ISAF Recognised Status application fee for the RS 500 has been paid.

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