

Kona Class Association Constitution

1. Name

The name of the class association shall be the Kona Windsurfing Association. (KWA)

2. Insignia

The emblem of the class shall be the oval Kona logo. (see attachment)

3. Objects

The objects of the KWA are;

- a) To provide a medium of exchange of information among Kona sailors throughout the world
- b) to enhance the enjoyment of fair one-design racing,
- b) to develop and promote the class in all countries, and
- c) to encourage and foster the enjoyment of sporting and recreational aspects of sailing.

4. Policy

It shall be the policy of the Association

- a) to promote the interest of the Kona One design class throughout the world,
- b) to obtain and to maintain the ISAF (International Sailing Federation) recognition as an Registered or International Class and to co-ordinate and manage the affairs and rules of the class with ISAF.

5. Terms and Definitions

Throughout these rules the following defined terms will be used:

- a) The KWA shall mean Kona Class Association.
- b) The Member National Authority (MNA) shall mean the organisation recognised by the ISAF to control and organise sailing on a national basis in any country.
- c) The NKC shall mean the National Kona Class Association organised inside individual countries and officially recognised by the KWA and the corresponding MNA.
- d) Fleets shall mean any organization or club within a NKC of 10 or more windsurfers who are individual owners of Kona boards, having access to localities where regular racing activities take place.
- e) The Class Rules shall mean the rules relating to measurement, construction and racing condition of the Kona One Design Class. The ISAF is the only body with the power to make changes in the Class Rules upon proposals from the KWA.
- f) Builder shall mean the builder of the Kona board, Exocet Flying Fish.
- g) The council shall mean the assembly of the NKCs.

6. Membership

The following types of membership shall be recognised:

- a) Full membership.

b) Associate membership.

Full membership shall, upon recognition by the KWA and payment of any of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to any NKC.

The KWA will recognize a NKC per country if their constitution is in compliance with this constitution and if they are arranging at least five regattas under the Class Rules each year.

Associate membership shall, upon payment of any of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to all individuals, clubs or fleets in those countries where no NKC are recognized.

Associate members are entitled to attend and speak at any meeting, but not to vote.

7. Annual Subscription

The KWA shall be financed by

- a) building fees from the builder or licensed manufacturers paid according to the number of Kona boards sold,
- b) contributions from the NKCs paid according to their number of members,
- c) contributions from annual subscriptions from associate members,
- d) other fees.

The subscription shall be determined annually by the Council. Full members have to register annually. All subscription and fees shall be made payable to the IKC Treasurer. Subscriptions and fees for each calendar year are due on the first of March.

8. Management and Voting Rights

a) The KWA has authority over all activities of the Kona Class throughout the world, and its powers shall be vested in and carried out by the (world) Council; comprised by the chairmen of each NKC, and by a builder's representative.

b) The Council shall elect from amongst themselves the President, secretary, class representative, treasurer and additional officers who shall hold office for two years. Re-election is allowed. The council may appoint Honorary Commodores from time to time as they see fit.

c) The Council shall meet not less frequently than once a year and the time and location of meetings may coincide with the holding of a world or a continental championship. Each NKC shall have one vote. Proxy votes shall not be accepted. In addition to the national votes the president, the secretary, the builder's representative and other additional elected officers shall each have one vote.

d) The secretary of the KWA shall be responsible for the management of all business of the KWA, subject to -and in accordance with the constitution and by-laws, including;
- the coordination of all inter-regional activities,

- the organization of all activities relating to world championships,
- and liaison between the KWA and all other sailing authorities.

e) The One Design Class representative of the KWA, shall be authorized to discuss all technical matters with ISAF acc. ISAF part V – Classes and Class Administration 26.5 (g) (ii) and shall be responsible to maintain ISAF designation of the Kona One Design Class.

f) The decision of the council shall be by simple majority of votes.

9. National Kona Class Associations

a) The KWA may establish a NKC. Then the NKC shall appoint a committee comprised of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, One Design Class Representative and a Treasurer.

b) Any NKC whether established by the KWA or elsewhere established and recognized by the KWA shall have those powers, vested in the Council by this constitution (other than the power to amend the rules of this constitution and the class rules) as specifically delegated to the NKC by their regional by-law, including the power to appoint additional officers for such term as it from time to time determine.

c) The Secretary of the NKC shall be responsible for all National matters in accordance with the direction of the National Committee, including;

- the co-ordination of National activities and events,
- liaison with the Secretary of the KWA,
- maintenance of all national records, and
- maintenance of all membership records and information.

d) In the event that a National Chairman shall be unable to attend any meeting at the Council, the Secretary or any other member of the committee nominated for that purpose, may attend and vote on his behalf.

e) Nothing shall preclude a Secretary of a National Association, also serving as Secretary of the International Association.

f) The National Association may constitute by-laws for any purpose necessary to carry out the regional functions and responsibilities, and copies of such by-laws shall be passed on to the Secretary of the KWA.

10. Fleets

a) Whenever or wherever seen appropriate, Fleets may be established within a National Association.

b) A fleet captain may be elected annually from among its members, and shall be responsible for the organization of the fleet and the due compliance by the members of the Fleet. He shall report any

event or activity directly to the National Secretary.

11. Transition Provisions

a) This constitution shall come into force on the date of the approval thereof by the interim council of the KWA.

b) On coming into force, each NKC and Fleet shall be deemed to be such within the meaning of this constitution, and all officers and Fleet Captains shall be deemed to be the officers under this constitution until their successors have been appointed or elected, as the case may be.

c) Current appointed Interim officers of the council of International Kona Class Association:

President; Tor Bakke, Norway

Secretary; Rainer Frohböse Germany

Chairman; Joachim Larsson, Sweden

Chairman; Greg Johns, Australia

Chairman; Koen Sonck, Belgium

Chairman; Pieter Schutijser, Belgium

Treasurer; Sirima Chanted, Thailand

Measurer; Bruce Matlack, USA

Builders and Class representative; Patrice Belbeoch, France