

Application to become an ISAF International Class

Kiteboarding

A submission from the IKA

Proposal:

That the International Kiteboarding Class Association (IKA) be designated as an ISAF International Class

Current Position:

The IKA is currently not an ISAF designated class.

Reason:

1. There is an urgent need for a Class to represent the interests and development of kiteboarding inside the recognized structures of ISAF
2. There is need for an ISAF approved body to co-ordinate the activities of kiteboarding worldwide.
3. Kiteboarding is opening the way to get young, lifestyle oriented people involved in international sailing as well as adding an media-attractive class to the ISAF family.
4. Kiteboarding on an national level is already administered “unofficially” by many MNAs
5. Parts of kiteboarding disciplines are already administered in co-operation with ISAF international classes (e.g. speed, course racing).
6. There are currently over 700 active kiteboarders worldwide, representing 35 countries from all continents; at least 6 countries have 50 or more active competitors: AUS (63), BRA (52), FRA (118), GER (67), RSA (138) USA (70)
7. IKA have a set of class rules in the ISAF Standard Class Rule format ; and a constitution that follows an ISAF approved model.