

Application for International Class Status for the O'pen BIC Class

A submission from the O'pen BIC Class Association

Proposal:

To adopt the O'pen BIC Class as an ISAF International Class.

Current Position:

O'pen BIC Class is an ISAF Recognised Class.

Reason:

The O'pen BIC was launched by BIC Sport in April 2006.

Over 2000 O'pen BICs have been delivered by BIC Sport as of end June 2008. Up to another 500 boats are forecast to be delivered by the end of 2008. It is estimated that no more than 5% of these boats delivered are currently in stock at BIC Sport distributors or sailing dealers worldwide.

For more information on the Class, please visit the class association website at <http://class.openbic.com> or the manufacturer's website at www.openbic.com / www.bicsport.com.

With reference to ISAF Regulation 26.2.1

a) **Active Class/Owner Association**

An interim management team established by the manufacturers is currently in charge of the international class association. This team is actively organising international regattas and growing the international class. An independent Class Committee is expected to be established by end of 2008.

b) **Class Constitution & Class Rules**

Both documents were approved by ISAF for the Recognised Class status application.

c) **Boat is actively racing in requisite number of markets / Letters of support from MNAs**

For Recognised Status, letters of support were received from 3 MNAs across 3 different continents: France, USA & Chile. Additional letters and evidence of active racing in 3 other markets will be provided for review at or prior to the 2008 Annual Conference.

d) **Application Fee**

This was transferred to the ISAF Secretariat before the application deadline.