

ISAF CLASS APPLICATION – Volvo Ocean 65

Dear Rob,

As the VO65 Class Manager and a member of the **class rules authority**, as appointed by the VOR and approved by the VOCA to carry out the administrative functions of the class, I would like to apply to ISAF for the Volvo Ocean 65 Class to be designated as an ISAF Class Association.

With regards to regulation 10.2.1 the following information is provided:

10.2.1(a) The class has been active since December 2013 in training and competition, competing in the Seven Star Round Britain and Ireland Race 2014 and the Volvo Ocean Race 2014-2015, Rolex Fastnet Race 2015 amongst other events. The class will continue to be active with confirmation of all participants in the Volvo Ocean Race 2017-2018 competing in this class and the intention of an active circuit leading up to that date for training and competition purposes, to include mainly offshore and oceanic racing, to be confirmed in the autumn of 2015 with agreement of the class association.

10.2.1(b) A constitution is currently being drafted and will be made available to ISAF prior to the 1st September incorporating all required elements.

10.2.1(c) Please find attached the current set of class rules.

10.2.1(d) A total of 7 boats are actively racing, and have all competed in the Volvo Ocean Race 2014-2015. These boats are from 7 different MNAs on 3 continents.

10.2.1(e) It is requested that the requirements of 10.2.1(d) be waived by Council. It is recommended to the Council and Equipment Committee that it be considered as the VO65 class is unique in being the only class to be used for fully crewed, professional competition in an around the world race. As such, the competition is wholly international and the class travels extensively to all events. This means that competition within any single MNA waters is not a barrier to competition and does not limit the level of competition in the class. It is also intended that up to 3 additional boats be manufactured over the next 2 years for competition in the Volvo Ocean Race 2017-2018 and any events agreed upon by the class association in the lead up to that event.

10.2.1(f) The invoice has been received and Volvo Ocean Race will respond shortly.

10.2.1(g) This can be arranged in very short order as necessary.

As discussed, the class constitution and access to the build specification will be provided as soon as we have them compiled.

Best regards,
James

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