CLASS 40 APPLICATION FOR RECOGNISED STATUS

History

At the 2009 ISAF mid-year meeting of the Equipment Committee the Class 40 Application was considered with the following recommendation:

2009 Mid-year Equipment Committee meeting - Minute 4(a)

(a) Class 40
The Committee received an application from the Class 40 Association regarding the 40ft development class monohull with a fixed keel, twin rudders and water ballast developed for ocean and offshore racing. It was noted that the Class wish to hold a World Championship in August 2009 at Hamble, UK, using their existing class rules.
The Class 40 have 84 boats worldwide, in 18 different nations with 14 different designs and meet the requirements for Recognised Status with 39 FRA, 11 GBR, 6 USA.
The Class has an active Class Owners Association and a copy of the Class Constitution has been passed to the Chairman of the ISAF Constitution Committee.
The Class have signed an agreement regarding the payment of class fees on boats built. The current Class Rules invoke the Equipment Rules of Sailing, but are not in the Standard Class Rules format. Following recent proposed amendments to the SCR format to suit these types of boats (which require certification of the hull combined with hull appendages and spars), further work should be undertaken with the class to adopt class rules in the standard format and it was suggested that these might even take the format of closed class rules. This provisional class status will be reviewed in November 2009, Recognised Status will be conditional on the Class adopting the revised class rules.
Recommendation to Council
The Equipment Committee recommend that the Class 40 be granted Provisional ISAF Class status to hold their World Championship in August 2009.

Update October 2009:
Members of the Equipment Control Sub-Committee have proposed a format solution, and a draft is being prepared for consideration by the Class 40 Association in November/December.