

APPLICATION FOR ISAF INTERNATIONAL CLASS STATUS

Formula 16 Class

- The application fee for International Status was paid to ISAF in April 2008.
- The Formula 16 Class representatives have advised that they now meet the distribution requirements for Recognised Class Status. This is based on the following registered members: AUS (33), USA (31), GBR (21) and a total of 113 worldwide.
- Class constitution – at the November 2008 meeting the item outstanding was formal confirmation that the constitution has been approved by Ballot of the members.
- The Class Rules have been re-drafted into the standard ISAF format following basis of the Formula 18, and invoke the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Formula 16 is a multi-manufacturer class for beach catamarans,. F16 minimum weight is just 107kg (104kg 1-up) with few restrictions on materials and yet costs have proved to be no more than for other race catamarans. The inclusion of an asymmetric spinnaker adds to the excitement.

The F16 is designed to sail equally well 1-up and 2-up, and both configurations race each other on elapsed time. This equality between the two modes has been demonstrated time and again at F16 events where the spread throughout the fleet is well balanced between designs and modes.

The F16 class was founded in 2001 and there are now a number of fully optimised designs in production. Being a modern and truly global class, much of the planning and discussion happens on-line. The class was conceived online by 3 like-minded individuals on 3 continents. Public discussions on a well known catamaran forum resulted in the first designs launching in early 2002. Since then the class has grown to encompass some 9 different designs from 7 different commercial builders. In addition there are a number of competitive home-built boats racing with more known to be in building. The Class formally adopted a Class Constitution via a full ballot of the membership in 2008. In the same year a set of amended class rules were ratified - again by membership ballot. The F16 Governing Council is comprised of the Executive plus representatives from the USA, GBR, AUS, NED and ITA Associations plus builder's representatives from Stealth, Falcon, FC Aus, and AHPC.

Although there are currently believed to be in excess of 200 compliant F16s sailing, It is anticipated that as the class becomes more established and regulated, more F16 owners will wish to join the Association. - John Alani - **Secretary, Formula 16 Governing Council**