

### **Deletion of ACO Membership**

#### Article 5

A submission from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

#### **Proposal:**

That Council make a submission to the General Assembly that Article 5(e) of the Constitution shall be deleted.

5. Membership in the Federation may be granted by the Council in the various classes of membership as follows:-
- (a) Full Member – Application for full membership of the Federation shall be made to the Secretary General who shall place it before the Council. The Council shall take into consideration the status of the sport in the country and of the constitution of the National Authority making the application.
  - (b) Associate Member – Application for associate member status as defined in the Regulations shall be made to the Secretary General who shall place it before the Council. The Council shall take into consideration the status of the sport in the country and of the constitution of the National Authority making the application.
  - (c) ICA Member – Class Associations governing International and Recognized Classes that have met the criteria specified in the Regulations and have been granted International or Recognized status by the Council shall be granted ICA membership.
  - (d) Affiliate Member – An Affiliate Member is any self-administered international organization, other than a national authority or international class association or recognized class association, or members thereof, interested in or associated with the sport of sailing in any of its forms and who activities are not in conflict with member national or ICA's or recognized CA's may be granted affiliate membership subject to conditions and terms of such membership as the Council may respectively from time to time decide. An Affiliate Member shall not be entitled to voting rights, except where otherwise specifically provided for in these Articles.
  - ~~(e) ACO Member – An independent international organization which is interested in or associated with the sport of sailing in any of its forms which has met the criteria specified by the Regulations, if any, may be recognized as an Autonomous Consultant Organization by the Council. Such ACO may be but need not be an Affiliate Member.~~

- (f) Individual Member – There shall be two classes of individual members:-
  - (i) ISAF Member – any individual who is a member of Council, an Officer or Officer of Honour, a member of any committee, working party or commission of ISAF may become an individual member of ISAF upon acceptance of his application and payment of the annual fee established by Council.
  - (ii) Individual Member – any individual, other than an individual who would qualify as an ISAF Member may become an individual member of ISAF upon acceptance of his application and payment of the annual fee established by Council.
- (g) Honorary membership of the Federation may be conferred by the Council upon such persons as it may determine.

In addition, individuals may be admitted to individual membership by or with the authority of the Executive Committee.

Current Position:

As above

Reason:

1. In November 2005, the Constitution Committee recommended to Council that there was no demand for ACO members. Indeed so far as could be ascertained no ACO member has been elected for many years if ever. There are certainly no ACO members at present and if a body which would qualify for membership wishes to join ISAF there are other categories which would be equally suitable.
2. At the Council meeting in November 2005 Council approved the recommendation and instructed the Constitution Committee to prepare a suitable submission for November 2006.
3. Amendments to the Constitution must be made by the General Assembly. Council has the authority to make submissions to the General Assembly.