Request for Interpretation by the International Hobie Class
Voting Situation

Constitution Committee Interpretation

By an email sent from David Brookes, Executive Director of the International Hobie Class Association dated 5 December 2008, the International Hobie Class Association wishes to clarify the voting situation at the International Classes Committee under ISAF Regulation 3.2.

The International Hobie Class Association has six ISAF Classes (Hobie 14, 16, 17, 18, Tiger and Dragoon) and as such has six votes at the ICC. There is on occasion’s only one Hobie representative at the ICC. At the recent ISAF Conference the question was raised if one delegate could hold votes for more than one class., the concern being that one person could get a group of proxies and sway the voting. The individual did not have proxies as he was the Executive Director of the Hobie Class, and his name is listed as the contact for all the Hobie Classes

The relevant part of Regulation 6.1.1 (a) reads as follows:

In addition to provide for special representation required for organizations of sailors which are not directly represented through the process set out in Regulation 6.1 or for required specialty knowledge the following additional nominations may be made:

(a) (i) An ICA Member may appoint one member to the ISAF Classes Committee. The ICA Members which have specific fleets for disabled sailing may appoint a second member to the ISAF Classes Committee to represent the interests of disabled sailing. The names of these members shall be advised to the ISAF Secretariat in writing not less than fourteen days prior to any meeting of the ISAF Classes Committee. There shall be only one vote per class association so represented.

The Constitution Committee considered the concerns raised and confirmed that each ISAF class has the right to sit at the Classes committee, and therefore, if the Hobie Class wish to have six votes, then six individual people need to attend.