Electronic Voting

MNAs right to participate at AGMs through electronic voting – Article 29

A submission from The Federacion Venezolana de Vela

Purpose or Objective

To allow a wider representation of MNAs in the decision making process, through electronic voting at AGMs.

Proposal

To amend Article 29 of ISAF’s Constitution as below:

29. Decisions at any General Meeting (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any General Assembly) shall (save where otherwise required by the Acts or these Articles) be taken by a simple majority of votes of those present and entitled to vote and via the Member’s National Authority official email if not present except that no resolution for the amendment of the Memorandum of Association or these Articles shall be carried unless 75% of the votes cast shall be in favour of such resolution (but this provision shall not affect the right of the Council to vary the table contained in Schedule A in accordance with Article 40(b)).

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. It allows for a wider voting representation of our sailing community.
2. It eliminates monetary inequalities across the different MNAs, giving all of them the same right to vote whether they have the time and money to attend AGMs or not.
3. It allows for the redistribution of funds destined to travel to AGMs, which MNAs may employ in youth/Olympic development, boat purchases/maintenance and regatta attendance.
4. ISAF would be catching up with the times since electronic voting, or E-Voting, is not a new concept. Lots of big corporations allow their shareholders to vote electronically (ABB, RSA Group, Tata Motors, Tesco PLC, BP PLC, Siemens, UBS AG, Pfizer Ltd, Groupe Renault, Roche Holding Ltd, Novartis, Vodafone, Nestlé Group and a very long etc.).