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ISAF Equipment Committee Members,

I’m writing to you to respectfully request recommendation to the ISAF Council that the 29erXX be designated a Recognized Class. The 29erXX meets or is able to meet the requirements detailed in Regulation 26.2.1 with the exception of 26.2.1(e)(ii). Therefore, we request that the Committee consider waiving the requirements of 26.2.1(e)(ii) as the 29erXX serves a unique aspect of our sport of sailing.

The 29erXX fleet has seen tremendous growth following the 2007 Women’s High Performance Dinghy Trials. The equipment has been through many improvements thanks to feedback from the WHPDT evaluators and active fleet participants and is now finalized. Fleets are established and growing on five continents (Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Oceania). Builders who charter rigs at events have sold every available rig prior to the end of the respective event. With hulls around the world the fleet is able to grow quickly.

The 29erXX caters to three distinctly strong groups of sailors. First, female teams looking to race an advanced, twin-trapeze skiff have few options available to them and thus are leading supporters of the 29erXX. Additionally, Young male teams look to the 29erXX as a stepping-stone into the 49er and their Olympic aspirations. And finally, male, female, and mixed teams alike who are looking for a challenging skiff without the
pressure of an Olympic fleet are drawn to the 29erXX as a “small 49er” that is more manageable but still thrilling to race. Many sailors come to the 29erXX and say “this fills the gap that I’ve been battling with for years”.

With regards to the requirements in Regulation 26:

(a) an active Class/Owners Association;

The 29erXX class/owners association is an active subset of the 29er class. The 29erXX has a separate email distribution list where sailors discuss events, rigging, tuning and other related topics. Members register and pay class dues.

(b) a Constitution passed by a pre-existing Class/Owners Association and approved by the Equipment Committee and the Constitution Committee containing at least:

(i) the name of the class,
(ii) provision for control by a Class/Owners Association,
(iii) an elected Board and Executive Committee,
(iv) an Executive Committee, including at least the Executive Officers, and
(v) a statement of the objectives of the class;

Included with this application is the 29erXX Constitution as well as a list of the 29erXX Executive Committee members.

(c) a set of class rules in the ISAF Standard Class Rules format, and adopting the Equipment Rules of Sailing, approved by the Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee may approve an exemption to either requirement if in its opinion the class rules are satisfactory and well established;

The 29erXX Class Rules are attached to this application.

(d) demonstrated, either by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities set out below or a listing of registered boat owners, that it is ‘actively racing’;

See the following section.

(e) (ii) in the case of Recognized Classes, in at least four Member National Authorities or three Member National Authorities which are from two continents and meet the following criteria as to the number of boats per country according to size:

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29erXXs Owned Worldwide
Please see attached owner list.

We thank you very much for your consideration. Please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or our Executive Director, Jerelyn Biehl, with any questions.

Best Regards,

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Attachments:
- 29erXX Constitution
- 29erXX Executive & Elected Board members
- 29erXX Rules Appendix (to 29er Class Rules)