

Maxi Class Application

Equipment Committee minutes – November 2009 – Item 4

(c) Maxi Class

The committee received the application from the Maxi Class for International Class status.

It was noted that a 2nd world championship for the Maxi division of the International Maxi class was awarded by the ISAF Executive Committee in their meetings in September.

The Committee were informed of the ongoing correspondence between the Class and the ISAF Staff and how they were working towards conforming with the necessary regulations. This was reiterated to the Committee by Fabrizio Pirina (Maxi Class representative and observer) who said the class were very keen to become involved in ISAF and were committed to gaining ISAF Class status.

It was noted that the class rules are still contained within their by-laws and not in a suitable ISAF rules format, and that they still had some considerable work to be done in order to make this happen. Questions were raised over the distribution of boats, especially those that attended the Class World Championship earlier in the year. Concern was raised over the owner/driver and professional divisions in the class and that there was confusion over which division was actually awarded the World Championship title. It was noted the class had stated that there would be only one World Championship in each of the two divisions (Mini Maxi and Maxi) in a letter sent to the Secretariat

It was agreed by the Committee to defer awarding ISAF International Status to the Maxi Class until such a time that they fully meet the requirements of the regulations and that the class would use this time to continue working with the ISAF Staff to achieve this.

Recommendation to Council:

Defer

Maintain Provisional status until such time that they fully meet the requirements of ISAF International Status

Current Situation

The ISAF secretariat has worked with the Class Association and the Sailor Classification Commission to produce a separate set of class rules with suitable owner/driver regulations. The rules can be seen in the Equipment Committee supporting paper EQ_4(c)(ii). These rules have been adopted by the class association and have been used at the recent Mini Maxi World Championship.