IFCA CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The full title of the association shall be the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).

2. FLAG AND LOGO

The logo and the flag will incorporate the graphics and text in white on a royal blue background.

3. ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

3.1 Class Rules shall mean rules relating to equipment and its use in the class.

3.2 Class Language. The official language shall be English and in any dispute over the text, the English text shall prevail.

3.3 IFCA shall mean the International Funboard Class Association.

3.4 NCA shall mean National Class Association recognised by IFCA as representing and organizing national funboard activity.

3.5 NFO shall mean the National Funboard Organiser.

3.6 IWA shall mean the International Windsurfing Association.

3.7 Council shall mean the President, and the appointed representatives from each NCA.

3.8 The Executive shall mean the committee elected by the Council to administer the day to day operations of the IFCA.

4. OBJECTS

The objects of the association are to promote and further the interests of the Funboard Classes throughout the world by:

4.1 Keeping the fun in Funboarding.

4.2 Keeping members informed of matters that concern the class.

4.3 Organising in conjunction with the IWA, World and Continental Championships.

4.4 Encouraging international competition in series production boards.

4.5 Negotiating and representing class matters to World Sailing, National Authorities and all other organisations.

4.6 Reviewing and amending the Constitution, Championship Rules and Class Rules.
4.7 Checking and ensuring that the class rules are observed by National Authorities, NCA’s and NFO’s.

5. MEMBERSHIP

The following classes of membership are recognised:

(a) National Class Associations.

(b) National Funboard Organisers (non-voting members).

*National Class Association membership is open to associations approved by IFCA. Only one NCA will be recognised for each country.*

*National Funboard Organiser membership is open to those organisation or institutions recognized by the IFCA as official organisers for their country or area, where no NCA exists, and which wishes to organise the International Funboard Class. Recognition will be reviewed annually.*

6. MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the IFCA shall be managed by the executive subject to the authority of the Council.

The Executive shall be empowered to make payments and receive moneys. Payments shall be authorised by the signature of the treasurer as appointed by the Executive.

6.1 Each NCA or NFO shall nominate a representative to the Council, and advise the secretary in writing accordingly.

6.2 The Council shall elect 5 persons to the Executive. In addition Council may appoint one representative for each funboard discipline.

6.3 Executive members may hold office for two years and may be re-elected for additional terms.

6.4 The Executive shall appoint a President and two vice-presidents, each to represent a different discipline, from its elected members. A Secretary, and a Treasurer may be appointed if membership of IWA is terminated. It may co-opt two or four additional members.

6.5 The President shall hold office for a term of two years and may be re-elected for an additional term or terms.

6.6 An auditor may be appointed by the President and approved by the Council to certify the annual financial statements.

7. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

7.1 The Council shall be the only body with power to change the class rules and constitution, with the approval of World Sailing if required.
7.2 A two thirds majority of the votes cast by the Council shall be required to alter Class Rules or the Constitution.

7.3 The Council shall have absolute authority in the management of the IFCA.

8. MEETINGS AND POSTAL BALLOTS

8.1 A general Meeting of the Council of the IFCA shall be held at Each World Championships or as decided by the Executive not less than once every 18 months. The date and time shall be published by the Executive.

8.2 The officers and officially nominated NCA or NFO representatives shall be entitled to attend the meeting. Other individuals may attend the meetings at the discretion of the Executive.

8.3 The names of representatives must be notified to the secretary before the meeting, in writing by the NCA or NFO.

8.4 Quorums: Executive Meetings – 3
        Council Meetings – 10

8.5 Voting: The voting of the Council shall take place at the General Meeting of the Council. NCA’s wishing to vote by post may do so in advance.

8.6 Proposed amendments to the class and constitution rules must be submitted to the Secretary at least 30 days before the General Meeting of the Council.

8.7 The proposals will be circulated to all NCA’s and NFO’s at least 15 days before the General Meeting of the Council.

8.8 When in any one year, the World championships take place after the World Sailing annual conference, the Executive may request a postal vote on any matter which is subject to joint agreement between World Sailing and IFCA.

9. ACCOUNTS

The executive will be responsible for ensuring that accounts are circulated annually to all NCA’s.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER INCOME

10.1 Subscriptions will be circulated to all NCA’s and the Executive, and shall be due on January 1st each year.

11. WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IFCA is responsible for sanctioning or organising regular Funboard Class World and Continental Championships.
11.1 The allocation of places at the World Championships shall be subject to the approval of the Executive.

11.1.1 Every nation is entitled to one male and one female entrant provided the current annual subscription has been paid.

11.1.2 Any vacant places shall be allocated by the President subject to Executive approval.

11.2 The allocation of places at Continental Championships shall be approved by the Executive.

12. DISCLAIMER

IFCA, NCA’s and NFO’s accept no responsibility in respect of the constitution of the IFCA or the Class rules or any claim arising therefrom.

13. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the IFCA shall take place by a resolution of the Council passed by two thirds majority of those voting. After payment of all liabilities, the assets and funds shall be disposed of as directed by the Council on a simple majority of those voting.