Designation of International Class Status

Subtitle: RC44 Class

Proposal
To adopt the RC44 Class as an ISAF Recognised class

Current Position
None

Reason
The RC44 Class has now reached his maturity. We are currently racing our 3rd annual Championship Tour in 2009. The 6 regattas of the Tour, with the combination of Match and Fleet racing, attract some of the best sailors in the world.

After some last upgrades over the last winter break the RC44 boat is now 100% reliable and safe. The Class Rules are now frozen and the owners did agree that there will be no more major changes or upgrades in the near future.

With the delivery of the 20th boat we feel that our Class is now ready to join the official Sailing Community by applying for the ISAF Status. Applying for the ISAF status is an important step in the development of a new Class. If hopefully we can get the ISAF status we will be recognized as a well established Class, with of course a World Championship.

A formal application was made to the Secretary General on 1st August 2009 in accordance with ISAF regulations 26.

**ISAF Regulation 26.2.1.**

(a) **Active Class/Owner Association**
   The RC44 has an active owner run association with a class race program shown by a dedicated series of events.

(b) **Class Constitution**
   The RC44 class has been managed from its initial conception by the owners’ association. The RC44 Class Association has adopted a formal constitution.

(c) **Class Rules**
   Class rules have been established by the class and are meet ISAF standards using the ISAF standard class rules as a model in consultation with the ISAF Secretariat.

(d) **Provided a list of register boat owners**
   The Class association has supplied the boat names / numbers and nationality of the present owners

(e) **Qualification Numbers**
   For recognised status at a length 13.7m require 2 boats in either 4 MNA from a single continent or 3 MNA from 2 continents.

   The RC44 meets the requirement laid down in regulation 26 with 20 boats in 16 countries on 3 continents actively racing