Kona Class Application for ISAF Recognized Status

A submission from the Kona Class Association

Proposal
To adopt the Kona One Design as an ISAF Recognized Class.

Current Position
The Kona One Design Class is currently not an ISAF designated class

Reason
To date, more than 3000 boards have been produced and sold around the world, and racing in accordance with the Kona Cup format, class rules and ranking system has already been established in 15 countries and 4 continents. Our major International event - referred to as Kona Gold Cup has been successfully organized since 2006.

The class is divided into weight groups plus a women and youth division to ensure even probabilities for all. Additionally different sail sizes have been carefully tuned to match the (weight) divisions – making the Kona Class the first in the history of windsurfing to eliminate “the sweet spot” or weight advantage of any particular group. The Class is open to register boards from other brands complying strictly with measurements and the class rules.

The Kona One design is aimed at competitors of all age groups and specifically those preferring tactical sailing rather than physical propulsion and equipment to gain speed. The class represents the philosophy of low cost, durable and modern design windsurfing material. It also offers strict stability in designs as well as strict cost limitations.

There are currently over 800 active Kona sailors worldwide representing 13 countries and 2 continents and the class has got a set of class rules in the ISAF Standard format.