

## **TECHNO 293 CLASS ASSOCIATION - CONSTITUTION**

### **NAME, RESIDENCE & PURPOSE**

#### **1. NAME & RESIDENCE**

The name of the association is the Techno 293 Class Association, a non-profit sports association; a class member of the International Windsurfing Association (IWA), currently resident in the UK.

#### **2. PURPOSE**

To promote and manage Techno 293 and Techno 293 Plus competition at International, Continental and World Championship level and represent the interest of the owners and their National Associations at World Sailing.

#### **3. LANGUAGE**

The official language of the class and all its publications is English, in this constitution the word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **4. ASSOCIATIONS**

4.1 Membership may be granted to those National Techno 293 Class Associations or National Sailing Federations controlling the class activity in a country, and recognised as such by the World Sailing member organisation for that country.

4.2 Membership may be granted to those National Techno 293 Class Associations who apply for membership to the class Secretariat.

#### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

4.3 Individual membership may be granted by the class committee to individuals. Individual members have no voting rights.

#### **5. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

5.1 Each member shall pay annual fees, as set by the General Assembly. As long as the Techno 293 Class Association wished to remain a member of the IWA, the fee structure for classes will be agreed with the IWA.

5.2 All subscriptions are due on 1 January each year.

5.3 A member who has not paid his (their) annual fees will not be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership.

### **ORGANISATION**

#### **6. BODIES**

The Techno 293 Class Association consists of the Class Committee and the General Assembly.

#### **7. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

7.1 The General Assembly shall be the authoritative body of the class which will devolve such general administrative and/or executive power to the Class Committee it deems relevant.

7.2 The general assembly shall consist of member delegates (appointed by the member Associations) and the elected members of the Class Committee, each with one vote. The general assembly may appoint honorary members with or without voting rights.

7.3 Ordinary meetings of the general assembly shall be held annually, usually at the World Championships.

7.4 A special meeting of the general Assembly shall be held on demand of 1/3rd of the current associations as defined in Item above.

7.5 The Agenda of ordinary General Meeting shall contain:-

Previous Minutes

Chairman's Report

Financial Statements

Class Committee Elections (Bi-annual)

Class Committee recommendations

Class Rule change submissions to World Sailing

7.6 Each delegate or Committee member has one vote, but may represent no more than two other member associations from whom he or she had received a proxy vote mandate. These proxy mandates shall be in writing and declared not less than 14 days before the relevant meeting. Alternatively, member associations may put in their vote by password protected e-mail. Postal votes must be emailed to the Techno 293 Class Committee at least 24 hours before the date and time of the General Assembly as posted on the official class web site.

7.7 The decisions of the general Assembly shall be by simple majority of votes, in the case of equality of votes, the Class Chairman shall have a casting vote.

7.8 The Quorum at a general assembly shall be delegates, electoral committee members and postal votes, together holding a minimum of 8 votes as defined in above.

7.9 At least 4 weeks notice of the general assembly and its agenda shall be given, this will be by email to the member Associations and by posting it on the Class Website. Any items to be voted on shall be posted on the Class website not less than 14 days before the general assembly.

7.10 The date and place for the general assembly shall be decided by the class committee.

## 8. CLASS COMMITTEE

8.1 The Class Committee size shall be determined by the general assembly (Minimum of 6) and is elected for a period of four years. After an initial two years half of those elected shall stand down.

8.2 All retiring Class Committee members may stand for re-election.

8.3 The Class Committee shall elect from within a Chairman & Vice-Chairman, (should the IWA affiliation cease) a Treasurer. In case of a vacancy the Class Committee may co-opt a member until the appointment is confirmed at the next general assembly.

8.4 The Class Committee is responsible for the technical management of the Association and all matters not delegated to other bodies by the general assembly. The Class Committee represents the Techno 293 and T293 Plus to all national and International organisations and event organisers.

8.5 Class Rule change recommendations submitted to World Sailing, shall be subject to ratification by the general assembly prior to implementation.

8.6 Decisions of the Class Committee shall be by a simple majority of votes, each member shall have one vote. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8.7 Meetings will normally occur only at major championship events, where a minimum of 4 present (Including the Class Chairman and/or vice-chairman) shall form a quorum. Normal business will be conducted by Email where a Quorum of 4 votes (including the chairman or vice-chairman) shall be the minimum.

8.8 The Class Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be responsible for the proper execution of the General Assembly.

8.9 The Class Chairman shall report to the general assembly on all relevant matters pertaining to the relationship with bodies.

## 9. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

9.1 Consultative Committees may be established by the General assembly.

9.2 Consultative Committees shall contain at least one Class Committee member.

9.3 Consultative committees shall report to the General Assembly.

9.4 Consultative committees may be established for a definite or an indefinite period.