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Subject: RS21 Sailboat - World Sailing Class Application - 29.07.2020

Date: 29 July 2020 at 14:43

To: Jaime Navarro jaime.navarro@sailing.org Cc: office@sailing.org, alastair.fox@sailing.org

## Dear Jaime,

At the request of the RS Sailing Commercial CEO Mr. Jon Partridge and on behalf of the RS International Class Association Chairman Mrs. Lucy Jameson, I am hereby formally submitting an application for consideration by World Sailing for Class status of the RS21 sailboat.

In accordance with your application procedures, please find the following documents attached to this email:

- RS21 Class Draft Constitution (PDF)
- RS21 Class Draft Rules (PDF)
- RS21 Global Spread / Distribution by Region (Excel spreadsheet) as well as RS21 Global Spread / Distribution by continent (separate PDFs) for Asia, North America, Central and South America, Europe, Oceania
- Letters of support (PDFs) for this Class Application from Lakewood Yacht Club (USA), British Keelboat League / Royal Yachting Association (UK) and New Tack Events / Asia-Pacific Keelboat league (AUS)

In addition to the documents attached, our Class Website (<u>LINK HERE</u>) will have a list of Class Executive Committee members added shortly. We are just waiting on a few of the appointees to respond to the formal requests they have received regarding their proposed appointed. This list of roles featured will include the following:

- 1. A Class President: TBC
- 2. A Class Manager: Confirmed as Mrs. Lucy Jameson (GBR)
- 3. A minimum of 1x National Class Representative: TBC
- 4. A minimum of 2x International Class Association members: TBC
- 5. An honorary treasurer: TBC
- 6. A builders' representative: Confirmed as Mr. Michiel Geerling, European Business Development at RS Sailing
- 7. A Chairman of the Class Technical Sub-committee: Confirmed as Mr. Jim Hood, RS Sailing Technical Manager

So that we know this process has been completed on time, please confirm at your earliest convenience that you have received this application before the deadline set by World Sailing of July 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any further questions on this part of the application process, please contact me direct and I will be happy to support you as required.

#### Kind regards

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Tuesday, 21 July 2020

- Sent by email -

# To whom it may concern,

I can confirm that our organisation, New Tack Events of Melbourne, Australia owns and manages a fleet of 6no. RS21 one-design sailboats.

As well as making our 6 boats available for club-based events in Australia at venues such as the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Royal Geelong Yacht Club and Hunters Hill Sailing Club, we operate these boats as the National Sailing League – Oceania, providing sailing clubs in the wider region to access opportunities to create a pathway for their club-based keelboat sailors. As well as regional qualifier events the participation of which is open to all, we also deliver dedicated Women's and Youth regattas.

As part of our work in supporting the growth of club-based keelboat sailing in Oceania, we have been officially appointed by the SAILING Champions League Gmbh and ISLA to create the SAILING Champions League: Asia Pacific, which is the pathway for the top ranked club teams from all of Asia Pacific to complete in the SAILING Champions League: World Final.

The RS21 has been chosen as our official keelboat of choice for all Asia-Pacific and Oceania-based League Sailing activity and we look forward to being able to further grow this activity once the RS21 achieves World Sailing Class Status.

Sincerely

Mark Turnbull OAM

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CC.



Tuesday, 9 September 2020 - Sent by email -

Dear World Sailing

### RS21 Class Association – Australian activities / numbers

Having spoken to Dan Jaspers of RS Sailing regarding the current status of the RS21 sailboat class application, I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that, in addition to the fleet of 6 RS21 one-design sailboats which our organisation, New Tack Events of Melbourne, Australia owns and manages, there is also currently a 7th privately owned RS21 which is sailing and racing in events held here in Australia. This boat is located in New South Wales, a region where we have seen a growth in interest in the League Sailing format and where we expect to see an additional 2-3 new RS21 sailboats active by the start of the 2021 season as Sailing activity ramps up again after the Australian winter ends.

As I mentioned in my previous letter of support, as well as making our 6 boats available for keelboat racing events in Australia at venues such as the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Hunters Hill Sailing Club, and Royal Brighton yacht Club we operate these boats as the SAILING Champions League; Asia Pacific, providing nations in the wider region with to access opportunities in creating a pathway for their clubs and existing small sailboat (dinghy) sailors looking to progress up to keelboats and then onto yachts. As well as regional qualifier events, the participation of which is open to all, we also deliver dedicated Women's and Youth regattas.

As part of our work in supporting the growth of the Sailing Champions League concept in Oceania, we have been officially appointed by the International Sailing League Association (ILSA) to manage the SAILING Champions League: Asia Pacific events, a regional series of regattas from which the top-ranking club teams in Oceania and Asia can progress to take part in the Sailing Champions League: World Final. The RS21 is the sailboat we have selected to use for these events.

Once again, we look forward to being able to further grow this activity once the RS21 achieves World Sailing Class Status.

Sincerely

Mark Turnbull OAM

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July 28th, 2020

# **Ref. RS21 Class Association Application Supporting Letter**

Dear Interested Party,

I am the Keelboat Development Manager for the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), World Sailing Member National Authority for the United Kingdom, as part of my role, it is my responsibility to oversee the UK-based British Keelboat League (BKL).

From 2019, the keelboat we have selected to use for the majority of BKL events is the RS21 from RS Sailing. We have a fleet of 6 boats which are provided for use by RYA affiliated sailing clubs within the UK that have bid to host BKL qualifiers and national (finals) events.

We chose the RS21 for our purposes predominantly as it is a boat that appeals to those with less keelboat racing experience due to its ease of use and simple setup which makes it an easy keelboat to transition in to for dinghy racers, but also because of its high form stability, good control in windy conditions and inward facing sailing style which makes it accessible for a wide variety of abilities to get involved in our racing.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish any further information about our use of the RS21 within the British Keelboat League.

Kind regards

Jack Fenwick

Jack Fenwick

Keelboat Development Manager

Royal Yachting Association





September 17th, 2020

#### **Ref. Endorsement of International RS21 Class Association Application**

Dear World Sailing representatives,

I am the Keelboat Development Manager for the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), World Sailing Member National Authority for the United Kingdom. As part of my role, it is my responsibility to oversee the UK-based British Keelboat League sailing activity. After discussing the current RS21 class application with Dan Jaspers at RS Sailing, I would like to add some complimentary information to my previous letter of July 27<sup>th</sup>, regarding support for this application.

As well as us having a dedicated fleet of 6 RS21 boats that we use for UK-based British Keelboat League (BKL) activity in terms of supporting RYA recognised sailing clubs within England, Scotland and Wales that are developing keelboat sailing activity, there are a number of other boats besides ours that are being used by private owners and sailing clubs. Based on the number of boats that attended the first ever UK RS21 National Championships in October 2019, there are a minimum of 11 RS21's engaged in racing and, although the COVID-19 Pandemic halted most of the planned activity this year, I can only imagine that this number has increased. I look forward to welcoming these new RS21 teams to our British Keelboat League activity as soon as the current restrictions are lifted.

As I mentioned before, the British Keelboat League Association, chose the RS21 for our purposes as it is a boat that appeals to a much wider demographic of sailor than other boats of its type / size. As far as our aims of encouraging increased participation in keelboat related activity at club level are concerned, this boat was the obvious choice.

Kind regards,

Jack Ferwick

**Jack Fenwick** 

Keelboat Development Manager

Royal Yachting Association





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I am pleased to confirm that our organisation, the Campania's Regional Sailing Federation owns a fleet of 8 RS21 one-design keelboats. Our 8 boats are used for events in Italy such as the national championships team race and match race.

We have chosen to use the RS21 for our activities due to reliability and we very much look forward to seeing the results of our work helping to increase the number of locations in Italy and the wider European region using the RS21 for similar initiatives.

Kind regards,

The President of Campania's Regional Sailing Federation Mr. Francesco Lo Schiavo







# Lakewood Yacht Club

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July 28, 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Lakewood Yacht Club which uses a club owned fleet of 12 RS21 one-design keelboats for our club keelboat activities. Our 12 boats are also used for more regional events such as the RS21 North Americans, a regatta that provides clubs in the USA, Canada, Bermuda and even the island nations of the Caribbean, with an opportunity to try to find out who is the best of the best when it comes to club-based keelboat sailing.

Lakewood Yacht Club's Board of Directors selected the RS21 after a three year study to identify the best suitable keelboat design to build a club owned fleet around. The RS21 was chosen not only because it is the keelboat of choice for the Premier Sailing League here in the United States, but because the particular design of the boat met all of our requirements to satisfy a variety of programs offered to our membership. The versatility of the boat allows us to use the entire 12 boat fleet for activities including Learn to Sail all the way to Match and Team Racing. The fleet's utilization continues to grow with the boats having their own class in our popular Wednesday Night Racing series which usually attracts up to 40 boats each week, as well as other open regatta's held on both Clear Lake and on Galveston Bay here in Texas. Our RS21 fleet has attracted the attention of other area yacht clubs who have expressed interest in building their own fleets in the future which will only enhance the class recognition and help grow our sport.

We heartily endorse the application for International Class recognition by World Sailing of the RS21 Class One Design keelboats.

Kind regards,

D. Ashley Walker 2018 Past Commodore

Lakewood Yacht Club