

# RULES OF THE ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

## 1. TITLE

The full title of the Association shall be THE ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION. This is an association of owners of International Enterprise Class Dinghies and of others interested in the Class. The Class flag is Int Code Flag "E".

## 2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are to further the interests of the International Enterprise Class and to present the views of owners to Enterprise International (EI).

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be five classes of membership:

- (1) **Full Membership** is open to anyone at £25.00 per annum. They will have the right to sail at any event and to vote at any meeting or in any postal vote. The AGM may elect Honorary Life Full Members of the Association from recommendations submitted by the National Committee.
- (2) **Group Membership** shall be available to any club or association owning registered Enterprise dinghies at £25.00 per annum per boat. This shall entitle any member of the club or association to sail the nominated boat(s) in any event upon presentation of one of the group membership cards except as may be amended by the sailing instructions for that event. The club or association shall be entitled to one vote per nominated boat at Association meetings, but no person present at a meeting shall exercise more than one vote.
- (3) **Family Membership** shall be available to Parents and their Children (under 18 years of age) at £25.00 per annum per boat and the members of the family shall be entitled to the same benefits as Group Members, set out in paragraph (2) above.
- (4) **Associate Membership** shall be available to non-Enterprise-owners at £12.50 per annum each. *This shall entitle those members to receive Diaries and a Handbook but no rights to helm or vote.*
- (5) **Linked Membership** shall be available at £10.00 per annum to partners or relatives of a full member, living at the same address with whom they share Diaries and Handbook. They will receive a full membership card and be accorded all the benefits of a full member.

The National Committee have the authority to suspend or withdraw the membership of any member whose activities have, in the opinion of the National Committee, brought the Association or Class into disrepute. The National Committee shall only exercise this authority following an inquiry at which the parties concerned have the right to be heard.

## 4. SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription payable by Members shall be such sum or sums as shall be approved at Annual General Meetings or in exceptional circumstances a Special General Meeting convened for such a purpose. The National Committee shall place a substantive proposal before members in order for them to approve or otherwise such change in subscription rates. The new rates shall become effective on January 1st next following the AGM and the subscription year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

## 5. MANAGEMENT

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Commodore, Vice-Commodore and a National Committee, all to be members of the Association. The National Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members as required who may be technical advisers or representatives of areas where there is a substantial number of registered owners not already represented. Such co-opted members shall not vote at Committee meetings. The appointment of a person as Hon Secretary or Hon Treasurer shall confer the entitlement to vote in Committee if they are not already entitled as Area Representatives.
- (2) The Commodore, Vice Commodore and a Rear Commodore are to be elected annually at the AGM.

The AGM may on the recommendation of the National Committee, appoint a member to be Admiral of the Association. This shall be a non-executive appointment, conferred as an Honour for outstanding services to the Class and/or Association.
- (3) The National Committee shall include two members appointed by each Area having a properly constituted Area Committee. At their first meeting after the AGM the National Committee may set up Sub-committees, (which shall report back to the National Committee) and elect one of their members to act as a second Rear Commodore during the ensuing year. A quorum shall be four members with at least two from Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer or Assistant Secretary.
- (4) The Commodore shall, on the instructions of the National Committee, appoint the Honorary Secretary of the Class who shall keep a register of members and correct minutes etc. of all AGMs, SGMs and National and Sub-Committee Meetings and be responsible for communicating the decisions of these Committees to members and others in such terms as the Committees may prescribe. The National Committee may, however, by a majority decision, dismiss the Honorary Secretary and require the Commodore to appoint another. The National Committee may also appoint an Assistant Secretary and may make such arrangements as they think suitable for the payment of remuneration and/or expenses.
- (5) An Honorary Treasurer shall be appointed by the National Committee who shall have charge of the funds of the Association, making such disbursements as the National Committee requires and who shall keep an accurate record of the Association's financial affairs.

An Honorary Fixtures Secretary, Social Secretary and Public Relations Officer may also be appointed by the National Committee.
- (6) The National Committee shall appoint such Association members as may be necessary to represent the Association on EI and/or to represent the Association as delegates at a General Meeting of EI. Such members need not be Officers of, or members of the National Committee of the Enterprise Association but they may be required to report back to the National Committee. These appointments shall be subject to annual re-election by the National Committee.
- (7) The National and Sub-Committees may grant such honoraria and pay such travelling and out-of-pocket expenses as they think proper.
- (8) Specified areas may if they wish form area committees to further the interests of the class in an area. Such committees shall consist of two representatives from each recognised Fleet in the area who shall be members of the Association or the committee may be elected at the area AGM in accordance with a procedure which shall be subject to approval by the National Committee. Area committees shall appoint a Chairman and Hon Secretary and may appoint an Hon Treasurer. Area Hon Secretaries in consultation with

their Chairman, are expected to call and hold not less than two Committee meetings each year. Representatives of recognised clubs interested in the class may attend an area committee meeting at the invitation of the Chairman but may not vote.

## **6. ALTERATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE CLASS RULES**

It is the intention to avoid alterations to the Class (Rules of Measurement and Construction) as far as is practicable. The Class Rules may be changed only by World Sailing in consultation with EI. Proposals for changes to the Class Rules initiated in the United Kingdom excluding Northern Ireland (UK) must be seconded and must be in the hands of the Class Secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. They will then be collated by the Technical Committee and will be submitted to EI by the end of April. They will then (together with those from other affiliated associations) be subject to one of the following procedures.

- They may be forwarded directly by EI to World Sailing.
- Or they shall be circulated by EI to all affiliated associations (including the UK). All such associations will vote on all proposals during May and June by whatever method is considered appropriate (eg postal votes). The proposals thus passed will then be sent by EI to World Sailing in time for their annual November meeting.

## **7. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

- (1) An AGM shall be held during the last two weeks of November in each area having a properly constituted area committee. The meeting may be split into not more than two venues in each area.
- (2) Items to be put on the agenda for the AGM shall be in the hands of the Class Secretary by 31st July in the year of the Meeting and members advised of these three weeks before the meeting. All propositions for AGMs shall be seconded.
- (3) An SGM may be called in May or June of each year to allow discussion of proposed rule changes received from EI.
- (4) A special General Meeting shall be called by the Commodore or Honorary Secretary upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a request in writing signed by not fewer than ten members of the Association.
- (5) At least seven days notice shall be given of any National or Sub-Committee Meeting.
- (6) At any meeting decisions shall be by a majority vote except in the case of a resolution for a change of the Association Rules, which shall require a two to one majority of those present and voting. At meetings voting shall be by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by three of the members present and all paid up members may vote. At any meeting, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- (7) The National Committee may organise a postal vote among members. All members shall be sent details of the matters to be voted on, but only fully paid up members shall vote, as provided in these rules. In a Postal Vote a decision shall be by simple majority except in a case of a resolution for a change in Association Rules, which shall require a two to one majority.

## **8. ENTERPRISE FLEETS**

When the owners of five boats or more express a desire to form a fleet it shall be at the discretion of the National Committee to allow them to do so and to allot them a Fleet Number.

## **9. MANAGEMENT OF FLEETS**

Members of each fleet will appoint a Fleet Representative who shall be responsible for communicating to the owners, news and decisions, etc., concerning the Class. The Fleet

Representative shall be the recognised channel of communications between a Fleet and the Association and his/her names, etc., shall be advised to the Association Honorary Secretary.

**10. PERSONAL BUOYANCY**

Adequate personal buoyancy is to be worn by all helmsmen and crews at all times while racing unless the authority in charge of any Meeting shall give specific exemption.

**11. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE**

No boat shall be allowed to race as an Enterprise unless it is the holder of a valid measurement certificate.

**12. SPINNAKERS**

The use of Spinnakers is not permitted in Class Racing in the United Kingdom.

**13. ASSOCIATION RULES**

These Rules of the Enterprise Association shall not be altered except by a decision of an AGM, SGM or postal vote in accordance with Rule 7.