

INTERNATIONAL 14 WORLD ASSOCIATION

Constitution

1. The British International Fourteen Association, The United States International Fourteen Association, The Canadian Dinghy Association and Bermuda International Fourteen Association do hereby establish the World Association of International Fourteens with the objects, powers and authorities set forth and defined in the within Constitution. Adopted in 1967. Revised and adopted by the World Association Council 12/9/91, effective 1st November 1991. Modified by the World Association Council 30/8/93 and 21&23/8/95.

Definitions

2. In this constitution,

2.1 '*Class*' means the International 14 Class as defined in its class rules approved by the I.S.A.F. and administered under its authority.

2.2 '*International Fourteen*' means an International 14 which holds a valid class certificate.

2.3 '*World Association*' means the World Association of International 14's established by virtue of and pursuant to the within Constitution.

2.4 '*World Association Council*' means the executive Authority of the World Association.

2.5 '*National Association*' means a body of people accepted by the World Association as representing the interests of International 14 sailors in their country. Only one National Association will be accepted from any one country. For the purpose of the administration of the class, the members at large in each country will be represented by an elected National Committee.

2.6 '*Council Member*' means a member of a National Association Committee appointed by that National Association to keep it informed of the activities of the World Association, to represent its interests on the World Association, and to vote in accordance with the wishes of his/her National Association - his/her authority to act being determined by his/her National Association.

Objects

3.1 The object of the World Association is the fulfilment of man's love of yachting through the highest form of competitive sailing on an international level, both in team racing and in individual competitive sailing in International 14's.

3.2 To promote and foster the interest and spirit of International 14 sailing throughout the world.

3.3 To control and manage the affairs of the class throughout the world by co-ordinating the wishes of its members

Membership

4.1 Every member in good standing of a National Association, which is also in good standing with the World Association, shall be a member of the World Association, and the Council may by bye-law authorise persons or classes of persons not members of a National Association to have membership in the World Association upon such terms and conditions as the Council may

determine except that any individual member without a national authority shall be assigned an existing National Association to represent them.

4.2 The Council may elect representatives of similar classes as Associate members of the World Association on such terms and conditions as it may decide.

Eligibility

5. Any country may, upon application to the Secretary ,of the World Association, be granted a charter as a National Association provided it satisfies the Council of the World Association:

5.1 that it has formed a duly constituted National Association for the development of racing in International 14's within the country;

5.2 that there are not less than (4) four International 14's registered in that country;

5.3 that a has a duly elected committee, including such officers as it shall determine necessary and requisite, and.

5.4 that there is no other National Association in their country already accredited to the World Association.

National Applications for W.A. Charter

6.1 Each application to the Secretary of the World Association for a charter shall include a copy of their Association Rules, together with a current list of the members of that National Association and the International 14's registered with the said National Association.

6.2 Shall appoint a Council Member who shall be the only official channel of communication with the World Association and whose address will be the official address of that National Association until the World Association Secretary is advised, in writing by that Association of any change of Council Member and/or address.

6.3 Each application shall in addition be accompanied by a registration fee in such amount as shall from time to time be fixed by bye-laws enacted by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Council

7. The Council of the World Association shall consist of one elected representative from each National Associations committee, but any National Association may designate any other member of its Association to act in the place or stead of its elected representative. They may also bring to meetings such non voting delegates as they chose up to a maximum of 3. Observers are permitted without limit.

7.1 Any vacancy in office shall be filled in such manner as is provided or determined by the National Association.

7.2 The Council may, from among themselves, elect a Vice-President and Treasurer who shall each have such duties and responsibilities as are normally associated with such offices.

7.3 The Council shall elect a WA President and a WA Secretary. The President shall have such duties and responsibilities as are normally associated with that office. The Secretary shall keep

Council members and National Associations informed of all WA business and shall send them copies of all WA documents. The President and Secretary shall have no vote except the President may use a casting vote to resolve a tie.

7.4 The Council shall have the power by bye-law to establish a permanent office Secretary of the World Association with such duties and responsibilities associated there with as may be determined by the Council and the Council shall make appointments from time to time to fill such office upon such terms as it shall decide.

Duties of Council Members

8. Each Nations Council Member on taking office shall: Inform the WA Secretary of their name and address and of each of their National Committee; Keep the WA Secretary informed of any changes in names and addresses of their Committee. On ceasing to be a Council Member inform the WA Secretary of their successors name and address. For the purpose of official communications, the Council Members address shall be the official address of that National Association until the World Association Secretary is informed in writing of any change of Council Member and/or address.

Authorities

9. The World Association shall have the sole and only authority to represent the class in respect of any matter of any nature or kind affecting the said class including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the preparation and presentation of all submissions to the I.S.A.F whether respecting the organisation and development of the class or the amendment or changes to its rules and regulations or otherwise; and no representation or submission by and on behalf of the class shall be valid unless it shall have been approved by the Council and shall have been signed under the seal of the World Association by the Secretary of the World Association Council.

Annual Information, Voting Powers and Fees

10.1 Each National Association shall include in its annual dues to its members, an amount for membership of the World Association, as determined by bye-law of the World Association, which shall be deemed sufficient to defray the expenses of the World Association. The World Secretary shall annually publish a statement of the affairs of the World Association approved by the Council.

10.2 Each Council Member shall annually, on or before June 30th in each year, file with the Secretary of the World Association a list of their members and their addresses, a list of the registered International 14's including: the Owner, name, make and model of boat, and club or fleet and such fees as are due to the Association and such other information as may be required by the Council and the I.S.A.F. and all such information filed with the Secretary of the World Association shall be available to any member of the World Association at any time.

10.3 Votes of each National Association shall be determined by the number of paid up registered boats in each country holding a valid certificate on the World Association Register:

4-10 registered boats	1 vote
11-20 registered boats	2 votes
21-30 registered boats	3 votes
31-40 registered boats	4 votes
41 and above registered boats	5 votes

Fee is determined every two years by the World Association Council. The formula for each countries contribution being the Total Cost of the World Association divided Total Number of boats

on World Association register multiplied by the number of registered boats held by each country. Any country in arrears with their annual fee shall cease to be a member of the World Association until they are fully paid up.

10.4 Two copies of every News Sheet/ Letter shall be sent to each Council Member and the WA Secretary for information.

Sub- Committees

11.1 The council shall have power to establish such committees of the World Association, including publicity, technical, development or otherwise as it shall determine, and shall appoint the Chairman and other members; providing that each committee should include a representative of at least three National Associations.

11.2 Any recommendations of any WA Sub-Committee must first be submitted to the World Association and by them to National Associations for comment. Such comment plus any revised drafting, then resubmitted to National Associations before any vote can be taken on a Sub Committee recommendation.

11.3 The President of the Council shall be ex-officio a member of every committee of the World Association, and all such committees shall be governed by the Council in accordance with the terms of reference the World Association Council shall assign it.

Emergency Powers

12. The World Council shall be entitled to act in emergency by issuing amendments to the class rules- provided such amendments shall be passed by a 2/3 majority of Council members voting. Such amendments shall be promptly notified by the WA Secretary to the I.S.A.F., Council Members and through them to members and builders. Such amendments shall be operative forthwith and shall be submitted for ratification by the World Council within twelve months of the World Secretary informing National Associations. If not ratified the rule reverts to its original form.

Management of the Council

13.1 Meetings of the Council shall be held from time to time and at such places as the Council Chairman, or in his absence, the World Secretary shall direct, providing that no meeting shall be valid unless a quorum shall be present and at least (4) four weeks notice of such meeting and the business to be conducted thereat shall have been given to all Council Members and acknowledged as having by each of them as in rule 13.5 For the purpose of this paragraph, a quorum shall mean a majority of councillors. Councillors may record their votes by post. Failure to record a vote with the WA Secretary by the published date of the meeting will be taken as an abstention by that Association that is neither in favour nor opposed to the ballot measure.

13.2 Postal Ballots. Notwithstanding paragraph 13.1, the Council may transact its business by correspondence, providing that each Council Member shall receive all communications.

13.3 All Council Members have (16) sixteen weeks from the date of dispatch of the Postal Ballot to reply Yes and No in writing to the World Association Secretary.

13.4 Failure to reply in the nominated time (16) sixteen weeks will be taken as an abstention by that Association, that is neither in favour nor opposed to the ballot measure, providing that the World Secretary shall remind council members at (12)twelve weeks of the forthcoming deadline.

13.5 All official communications and World Association postal ballots shall be posted, faxed or e-mailed to the World Association official address of each Council Member who shall acknowledge receipt within 7 days and their replies to the World Secretary who shall acknowledge receipt within 7 days.

13.6 Correspondence All World Association correspondence must include the following information:-

- what is intended
- why
- how it is to be done
- who must give the answer
- when an answer is required

Bye-Laws

14. The WA Council shall have authority to introduce bye-laws to govern the affairs of the class and such bye-laws shall have the same authority as the constitution - providing that no bye-law shall be contrary to the letter and spirit of the constitution.

Rule Changes

15.1 No changes may be made in the Rules affecting the International 14 class unless such rule changes shall have been approved by the Council, and (other than proposals under rule 12) no rule change shall be valid or effective unless and until it shall have been approved by the I.S.A.F. The Council may, however, authorise a trial modification of the rules. Such a trial once authorised may be adopted by fleets in accordance with local or national option.

15.2 Either the World Authority, or a national body may file proposals for rule changes with the Secretary of the World Association at any time. The Council of the World Association may not act on proposals for rule changes except under rule 12, until (16) sixteen weeks have passed from the time the Secretary has informed Council Members with all due dispatch. In any case, the Council of the World Association must have taken definitive action on proposals for rule changes, from whatever source mentioned above, within twelve months from the time they are filed with the Secretary

15.3 Trials of Modifications to Class Measurement Rules National or fleet trials of modifications to class measurement rules may be authorised by a National Association providing they have first informed the World Secretary, in writing, of the full details of the trial. Such trials shall not exceed 12 months - when the National Association must either stop the trial if they do believe the rule change to be desirable or submit the proposed rule change to the World Association. The World Association may either:

- (a) recommend to all National Associations a World trial of the proposed rule modification, with a vote by the World Association 12 months after the World trial has commenced.
- (b) or the World Association may put the proposed rule change to a vote without further trial

Championships

16.1 National, Continental and World Championships for International 14's, both Open and Team events, must be sailed under the current I.S.A.F. approved rules for International 14's unless modified under rule 12. However, Trial boats may be permitted to race in these events provided that a 2/3 majority of the World Council vote in advance that trial boats be permitted to race.

16.2 No National Association or other person shall hold or represent that it holds a racing meeting designated as a World Championship of the Class or a World Team Racing Championship of the Class unless such meeting shall have been so endorsed by the Council.

16.3 Authority for out-of-class boats to race in events advertised as being for International 14's can only be granted by the World Association-who will issue temporary certificates for individual boats, or in the case of fleet trials - such as the trapeze- written authority for the fleet trial. Any notice advertising an event must specify:

- (i) that out-of-class boats will be accepted;
- (ii) specify acceptable deviation from the I.S.A.F. rules for International 14's

Amendments to the Constitution and Class Rules

17.1 This Constitution and Class Rules may be amended from time to time by the Council provided that a National vote on the amendment shall not be valid until the same shall have been first approved by each National Association.

17.2 Voting. In respect of any voting amendment by the Council to this Constitution or the Class Rules, such amendments shall require a $2/3$ majority of National Association votes cast at a World General Meeting or in a Postal Ballot to be in favour thereof to be valid. All other matters, including draft proposals for revision to the Constitution or Class Rule changes shall only require a simple majority providing that the final proposals for changes to the Constitution or Class Rules will require $2/3$ majority in favour to be valid.

17.3 Any issue that has been put to the WA and defeated on a vote is ineligible for inclusion on WA agendas for a period of two years, unless the World Association agree with a $2/3$ majority that the issue should be reconsidered

17.4 A vote registered in a general meeting or a postal ballot will be assumed to be properly authorised by that National Association. Any vote that proves to have not been properly authorised will be counted as a vote not received by the relevant deadline by the World Association.