



## RG65 INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION

# Regulations

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## 1 ABBREVIATIONS

ICA	International Class Association
RG	RG65 Class of Boat
NCA	National Class Association
NCS	National Class Secretary

## 2 DEFINITIONS

Where the following words and phrases are used in their defined sense in this Constitution, they appear in an italic typeface.

<i>Active Owner</i>	An Owner of a Boat that has taken part in club, regional or national racing within their country within the last 12 months. This period may be extended by the <i>Executive Committee</i> to cover extenuating circumstances.
<i>Boat</i>	A boat that may comply with the relevant RG65 <i>Class Rules</i> .
<i>Class Ethos</i>	The Ethos of the class as set out in the Constitution
<i>Chairperson</i>	The Chairperson of the <i>Executive Committee</i>
<i>Electronic Communication</i>	A means of exchanging information including but not limited to the World Wide Web, the Internet, e-mail, fax, telephone, Message Boards, Internet groups, Internet forums, Video Conference.
<i>Executive Committee</i>	The Officers of the RG65 ICA



<i>Member NCA or NCS</i>	An NCA or NCS which has been granted membership of the World Council.
<i>NCA Constitution</i>	A constitution which defines the duties of the NCA with regard to its representation of the <i>Owners</i> in its country.
<i>NCA Membership Agreement</i>	An agreement between an NCA and the <i>Executive Committee</i> which defines the duties of the NCA with regard to its representation of the <i>Owners</i> in its country.
<i>NCS Membership Agreement</i>	An agreement between an NCS and the Executive Committee which defines the duties of the NCS with regard to its representation of the <i>Owners</i> in its country.
<i>Officer</i>	A member of the <i>Executive Committee</i> . The definition excludes any member of an RG65 ICA Sub-committee being defined as an <i>Officer</i> .
<i>Official of an NCA or an NCS</i>	A person who holds any position or exercises any duty in an NCA or who holds a position or exercises any duty as an NCS.
<i>Owner</i>	A person who owns at least one <i>Registered Boat</i> .
<i>Registered Boat</i>	A <i>Boat</i> issued with a sail/hull number by their national class association/authority.
<i>Registered Owner</i>	An <i>Owner</i> who is listed as being current and in good standing with their RG65 NCA if or exists or RG65 NCS.
<i>Regulation</i>	Means the RG65 ICA Regulations.
<i>RG</i>	Where this refers to an actual RG65 class boat, an RG65 that is maintained in accordance with the <i>RG65 Class Rules</i> .
<i>RG65 Class Rules</i>	Rules of the RG65 Class
<i>Shall/May</i>	In these Regulations, the word “shall” specifies a mandatory action or procedure, while the word “may” is permissive.
<i>World Council</i>	The governing body of the RG65 ICA.
<i>World Council Member</i>	An <i>Officer</i> , a Representative of a <i>Member NCA</i> , or a <i>Member NCS</i> .



### **3 WORLD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 There is no provision to grant *World Council* membership to *Owners* or classes of *Owners* where no RG65 NCA or NCS exists in their country. Such *Owners* are required to form an NCA or appoint an NCS and then apply.
- 3.2 Each application to the *Executive Committee* for membership of the *World Council* shall
  - 3.2.1 If from an RG65 NCA, include a copy of its *NCA Constitution* and regulations, and its *NCA Membership Agreement*, together with a current count of *Registered Owners* and *Registered Boats*.
  - 3.2.2 If from an RG65 NCS, include a copy of their *NCS Memorandum*, together with a current count of *Registered Owners* and *Registered Boats*.
  - 3.2.3 Confirm the ability of the NCA Representative or NCS to participate in *World Council* meetings conducted by *Electronic Communications*.
- 3.3 Every application to the *Executive Committee* for membership of the *World Council* shall be publicly announced on the RG65 ICA Website. A period of at least four weeks shall elapse between the announcement of the application and the announcement of the ICA's decision on the application.
- 3.4 In the event of multiple applications being received from a country prior to any application being accepted by the ICA then none of the applications shall be accepted by the ICA until the parties reach a decision on which application shall be accepted.
- 3.5 A *Member NCA* shall appoint a Representative who shall be the only official channel of communication with the *World Council* and whose address will be the official address of that *Member NCA* until the *Executive Committee* is advised, in writing, by that *Member NCA* of any change of Representative and/or address.
- 3.6 A *Member NCS* shall be the only official channel of communication with the *World Council*. His/her address will be the official address of that *Member NCS* until the *Executive Committee* is advised, in writing, by that *Member NCS* of any change of NCS and/or address.

### **4 WORLD COUNCIL**

- 4.1 Meetings of the *World Council* shall be held by Electronic Communication.
- 4.2 Meetings of the *World Council* shall be publicly announced, and in addition shall be separately and individually announced to all *World Council* Members. *Member NCA* or *NCS* representatives shall in turn announce such meetings to their *Registered Owners*.

- 4.3 The business of *World Council* meetings shall be to receive and decide on resolutions. In addition, the annual meeting of the *World Council* shall receive from the *Executive Committee*, and approve, a statement of accounts for the preceding accounting year, forecast accounts for the current year, and a budget for the next year.
- 4.4 Any resolution to a meeting of the *World Council* shall only be submitted by a member of the *World Council*. All such resolutions must be seconded by another member of the *World Council*.
- 4.5 A Special meeting of the *World Council* shall be called by the *Executive Committee* if:
  - 4.5.1 The *Executive Committee* so resolves, or
  - 4.5.2 Not less than 20% of the members of the *World Council* so request in writing to the *Executive Committee*, such request also specifying any resolution which the members concerned wish to propose at the meeting.
- 4.6 Resolutions for an ordinary or annual meeting of the *World Council* shall be specified to the *Executive Committee* in writing at least 10 weeks before the meeting at which they are to be proposed.
- 4.7 At least 8 weeks' notice in writing shall be given of any ordinary or annual *World Council* meeting by the *Executive Committee* to the members of the *World Council*, together with a copy of the agenda for the meeting and of any resolutions which are to be proposed at the meeting.
- 4.8 At least 6 weeks' notice in writing shall be given of any Special meeting of the *World Council* by the *Executive Committee* to the members of the *World Council*, together with a copy of the agenda for the meeting and of any resolutions which are to be proposed at the meeting.
- 4.9 Four (4) weeks before the first meeting of the *World Council* in any calendar year, *Member NCAs and NCSs* shall declare in writing to the *Executive Committee* the number of *Active Owners* represented by the *Member NCA or NCS*.
  - 4.9.1 The final number of *Active Owners* declared by the *Member NCA or NCS* may be adjusted by the *Executive Committee* through negotiation with the *Member NCA or NCS*.
- 4.10 The Chairperson at meetings of the *World Council* shall be the *Chairperson*, or in his/her absence another of the *Officers*. If none of the *Officers* are present or accessible, the meeting shall elect a Chairperson.
- 4.11 At any *World Council* meeting only resolutions of which notice has been given in accordance with these *Regulations* shall be proposed and no amendments thereto shall be permitted unless the proposers and seconder of the resolution accept the amendment.

- 4.12 Only members of the *World Council* shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the *World Council*. The number of votes to be cast by a *Member NCA or NCS* representative in any vote at meetings of the *World Council* shall be in accordance with the table and process outlined in APPENDIX A.
- 4.13 Each *Officer* is entitled to one vote, in their capacity as *Officer*, on all ordinary resolutions of the *World Council*. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to their normal vote.
- 4.14 The quorum at *World Council* meetings shall be 40% of the *World Council* Members, represented in person or by proxy.
- 4.15 A Member NCA or Member NCS or proxy for a Member NCA or Member NCS shall not vote as a proxy for other *World Council* Members.

## **5 RG65 ICA OFFICERS**

- 5.1 The *Officers* shall be elected by the *World Council* and shall only be nominated for their positions by members of the *World Council*.
- 5.2 Nominations for the *Officers* standing for election must be received in writing by the *Executive Committee* ten weeks before the meeting of the *World Council* at which the election is to take place.
- 5.3 All *Officers* shall be elected for a term of two years.
- 5.4 Any retiring *Officer* shall be eligible for re-election provided that they have not served more than 8 consecutive years in that office, unless there are no other nominations for the post.
- 5.5 An *Officer* standing for re-election shall not vote for himself.
- 5.6 A person who is a member of, employed by, or in any way has an interest in a commercial undertaking involved with the RG65 Class may be elected as an *Officer*, provided such interest is declared in writing to the *World Council* prior to election.
- 5.7 An *Officer* who becomes a member of, becomes employed by, or in any way obtains an interest in a commercial undertaking involved with the RG65 Class shall immediately declare such interest in writing to the *World Council*.
- 5.8 An *Officer* and any member of a RG65 ICA Sub-committee shall confirm their ability to participate in *Executive Committee* or Sub-committee meetings conducted by *Electronic Communications*.



## **6 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 The *Executive Committee* may co-opt any *Registered Owner* to fill any vacancy that arises in the *Executive Committee*. Such a person shall remain in office until the next annual meeting of the *World Council* and shall act as an *Officer* for the duration of their office.
- 6.2 The *Executive Committee* may delegate to any one or more of its *Officers* such powers and duties as it shall determine for special purposes for a limited period.
- 6.3 The *Executive Committee* shall give at least 3 weeks' notice of meetings of the *Executive Committee*, unless 75% of the *Executive Committee* give their prior consent to a reduced notice period.
- 6.4 A quorum for a meeting of the *Executive Committee* shall be at least 60% of the *Executive Committee* and be a minimum of 2 *Officers*.
- 6.5 The *Chairperson* shall chair all meetings of the *Executive Committee* at which they are present. At meetings where the *Chairperson* is not present then the *Officers* in attendance shall elect a chair.
- 6.6 Resolutions at *Executive Committee* meetings shall be passed by a simple majority of the *Officers* present and voting, except that the meeting's *Chairperson* shall have an additional casting vote in the event of a tied vote.
- 6.7 The *Executive Committee* is authorized to hold meetings by Electronic Communication.

## **7 TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

- 7.1 The Technical Sub-Committee may from time to time propose amendments to the RG65 *Class Rules*.
- 7.2 A proposed amendment to the RG65 *Class Rules* shall first be submitted to and passed by the Technical Sub-Committee before being submitted to the vote of the *World Council*, as subject to the condition in Section 9 of the Constitution.

## **8 RG65 CLASS RULES**

- 8.1 All amendments to RG65 *Class Rules* shall be effective from the date of publication on the website (<http://www.rg65.org/>), or as otherwise indicated in the adopted *Class Rules* proposal.

## **9 RG65 CLASS RULE INTERPRETATIONS**

### **9.1 Procedure**

9.1.1 Requests for an interpretation may be made from the following sources only: RG65 ICA Technical Sub-Committee, *Member NCA or NCS*.

9.1.2 Requests for an interpretation shall be received, published on the ICA website, and considered by the RG65 ICA Technical Sub-Committee.

9.1.3 Requests shall be acknowledged.

9.1.4 The RG65 ICA Technical Sub-Committee may issue a proposed interpretation where they feel appropriate.

9.1.5 An interpretation shall clarify the RG65 *Class Rules where there is a perceived ambiguity* but shall not be used to change an existing rule.

9.2 The RG65 ICA Technical Sub-Committee may, at its sole discretion, agree to receive an unofficial request for an interpretation from any *Owner* and may then agree to adopt the request itself as an official request from the RG65 ICA Technical Sub-Committee for the purposes of meeting the conditions of Regulation 9.1.1.

## **10 COMMUNITY ONLINE CODE OF CONDUCT**

10.1 The RG65 Community Online Code of Conduct is defined in APPENDIX B.

## **11 OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES**

11.1 Other Sub-committees may be set up in accordance with the constitution, including:

11.1.1 Events Sub-committee.

An Events Sub-committee may be established. The duties of the Events Sub-committee shall broadly be to assist event organizers to hold RG65 International Events in appropriate locations and to proper standards. The Events Sub-committee shall be responsible for the Class Championship requirements and ensuring events embrace the principles in *Class Ethos*.

## **12 FINANCES**

12.1 All standing and annual fees shall be decided by the *World Council*. Ad hoc fees shall be decided by the *Executive Committee*.

### **13 FEES**

- 13.1 The RG65 ICA share of the entrance fee of International Championships, per competitor, is an amount to be negotiated between the RG65 ICA and the event organiser.
- 13.2 Ad hoc fees for services rendered at International Championships and other International events are by negotiation between the *Executive Committee* and the organisers of the event.

### **14 EXPENSES**

- 14.1 The annual budget submitted to the *World Council* under *Regulation 4.3* shall categorize expenses in sufficient detail to indicate what expenditures are authorized. The reasonable (non-travel) expenses of the *Officers* and other sub-committee members of the *Executive Committee* in complying with their obligations and exercising their powers may be payable out of the funds of the RG65 ICA on application to the *Executive Committee*.
- 14.2 Any non-budgeted item of expenditure in excess of 20 GBP or its equivalent in local currency shall require pre-clearance from the Chairperson.
- 14.3 All expenses must be submitted to the *Chairperson* in a form specified by the *Chairperson* with all supporting invoices and receipts attached.

### **15 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES**

- 15.1 Where under the *Regulations* or the *Constitution* the *Executive Committee* is required to make a public announcement, such announcement shall be deemed to have been made if it is made by posting it to the RG65 ICA Website (<http://www.rg65.org/>).
- 15.2 Where under the *Regulations* or the *Constitution* the *Executive Committee* is required to receive written notice, declaration, or information from any person or body, such written notice, declaration, or information shall be acceptable if it is given by post or by written *electronic communication*.
- 15.3 Where under the *Regulations* or the *Constitution* the *Executive Committee* is required to give written notice to any person or body, such notice shall be deemed to have been given if it is given by post or by written *electronic communication* and so that:
  - 15.3.1 If it is given by post it shall be deemed to have been given on the 14th day after the *Executive Committee* shall have posted such notice by first class or air post to the person or body concerned at the address given for such person or body in the records of the RG65 ICA whether or not it shall in fact have been received by the person or body concerned within that time or at all.



- 15.3.2 If it is given by written *electronic communication* it shall be deemed to have been given 24 hours after the *Executive Committee* has successfully dispatched the written *electronic communication* whether or not it shall in fact have been received by the person or body concerned within that time or at all.
- 15.3.3 Provided that the *Executive Committee* shall only be entitled to give notice to a person or body by way of written *electronic communication* if that person or body shall have provided (and not withdrawn) the address or number for the *electronic communication* to the *Executive Committee*.
- 15.4 The *Executive Committee* shall keep a register of such notices, which shall include evidence that the notice has been sent.

## **16 AMENDMENTS**

- 16.1 These regulations may be amended by ordinary resolution of the *World Council*.



**17 APPENDIX A - Vote Allocation**

- 17.1 The number of votes to be cast by a *Member NCA or NCS* representative in any vote in meetings of the *World Council* shall be 1 (one) with an additional 1 (one) vote for each *Member NCA or NCS* who were represented at and RG65 World/Global championship in the preceding 4 years. This gives a maximum of 2 (two) votes per *Member NCA or NCS*.

## **18 APPENDIX B - Online Community Code of Conduct**

### **18.1 Why an Online Community Code of Conduct?**

The RG65 Classes are modern radio sailing classes created in the Online and Internet Era. Camaraderie and community are important to the RG65 Class Founders and they strongly believe this needs to be supported and nurtured both around on-water activities and also our online community. All RG65 sailors are asked to embrace the fundamental rules in [the racing rules of sailing](#), and this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is adapted from the Contributor Covenant, version 1.4, available at <https://www.contributor-covenant.org/version/1/4/code-of-conduct.html>

### **18.2 Our Pledge**

In the interest of fostering an open and welcoming environment, we as sailors, contributors and volunteers pledge to making participation in our sailing community a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of age, body size, disability, ethnicity, sex characteristics, gender identity and expression, level of experience, education, socio-economic status, nationality, personal appearance, race, religion, or sexual identity and orientation.

### **18.3 Our Standards**

Examples of behaviour that contributes to creating a positive environment include:

- Using welcoming and inclusive language
- Being respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences
- Gracefully accepting constructive criticism
- Focusing on what is best for the community
- Showing empathy towards other community members

Examples of unacceptable behaviour by participants include:

- The use of sexualized language or imagery and unwelcome sexual attention or advances
- Trolling, insulting/derogatory comments, and personal or political attacks
- Public or private harassment

- Publishing others' private information, such as a physical or electronic address, without explicit permission
- Other conduct which could reasonably be considered inappropriate in a professional setting.

#### **18.4 Our Responsibilities**

The RG65 class association leadership are responsible for clarifying the standards of acceptable behaviour and are expected to take appropriate and fair corrective action in response to any instances of unacceptable behaviour.

Online editors and maintainers have the right and responsibility to remove, edit, or reject comments, commits, code, wiki edits, issues, and other contributions that are not aligned to this Code of Conduct, or to ban temporarily or permanently any contributor for other behaviours that they deem inappropriate, threatening, offensive, or harmful.

#### **18.5 Scope**

This Code of Conduct applies both within class association spaces and in public spaces when an individual is representing the class or its community. Examples of representing the class or community include using an official class association e-mail address, posting via an official social media account, or acting as an appointed representative at an online or offline event. Representation of our class may be further defined and clarified by class online maintainers.

#### **18.6 Enforcement**

Instances of abusive, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behaviour may be reported by contacting the class association team at <http://www.rg65.org/>. All complaints will be reviewed and investigated and will result in a response that is deemed necessary and appropriate to the circumstances. The class association team is obligated to maintain confidentiality with regard to the reporter of an incident. Further details of specific enforcement policies may be posted separately.

Sailors who do not follow or enforce the Code of Conduct in good faith may face temporary or permanent repercussions as determined by other members of the RG65 class association executive.

#### **18.7 Attribution**



This Code of Conduct is adapted from the Contributor Covenant, version 1.4, available at <https://www.contributor-covenant.org/version/1/4/code-of-conduct.html>

For answers to common questions about this code of conduct, see <https://www.contributor-covenant.org/faq>