

## Minutes of Meeting of the RG65 ICA World Council held online via Zoom at 8pm UTC on 6 November 2021

### Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country/Role</u>	<u>Initials</u>
Wayne Stobbs	ICA Committee (Chairman)	WKS
Achille Chatin	ICA Committee and France	AC
Andrew Cook	ICA Committee and Australia	AUS
Luis Bordino	Argentina	ARG
Eric Gielen	Austria	AUT
Percy Glaser	Brazil	BRA
Jan Hyk	Czech Republic	CZE
Udo Reutter	Germany	GER
Zoltan Illes	Hungary	HUN
Gianluca Montecchi	Italy	ITA
Remco Sol	Netherlands	NED
Reto Brunschweiler	Switzerland	SUI
Peter Baldwin	UK	GBR

### Apologies

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country/Role</u>
Vangelis Simonidis	ICA Committee and Ireland
Craig Huzway	USA
Jorge Camilo	POR
Abraham Onassiadis	GRE

### Minutes

1. WKS opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the recently formed RG65 World Council
2. WKS introduced himself as the temporary chairman of the RG65 ICA after taking over from Fredo at the end of 2020
3. WKS introduced his colleagues on the temporary ICA committee as Achille Chatin, Vangelis Simonidis and Andrew Cook. WKS stressed that the committee were temporarily appointed until the World Council formally elects a committee at a future General Meeting
4. WKS asked the meeting if they had any comments of the recently released RG65 Class Constitution and Regulations, explaining that the Constitution was purposely written in a way that kept the RG65 ICA independent of any sailing authority so that the ICA and World Council retained full control of their rules and affairs, but which did not prevent the class from becoming aligned with one or more governing bodies of sailing if the future. The meeting agreed that the Constitution suited the current needs of the class.
5. WKS reminded the meeting that he had recently shared a part-completed draft of new class rules for consideration, stating that there was no intention to change the fundamental rules of the class but rather to make the rules easier to interpret and understand, clearing up

some ambiguities that exist in the current 2014 rules and to write them in a modern format that many people are already used to from other classes.

6. AUT requested that the rules continue to reflect the development nature of the class, allowing “anything” that is not “forbidden” in the rules, a view shared by others in the meeting. WKS confirmed that this would remain the case and that this is stated in the draft rules.
7. ARG commended AC for his work on the rules so far, but request that the rules not refer to ERS (Equipment Rules of Sailing from World Sailing) as these somewhat restrict the development nature of the class and are not completely suited to r/c sailing. AC accepted this view and will work with ARG and others to make this change to the draft.
8. WKS raised a few rules topics that needed consideration for this and future rules drafts.
  - a. When considering the length of the hull it has been request by some that the minimum length of the hull should be removed from the rules to allow shorter boats and classes to race in RG65 events as long as those boats meet all the other rules. The meeting agreed that it would be a good idea to remove the minimum length restriction as long as the requirement for minimum bumper length of 0.4cm is retained, and include this change in the current rules draft.
  - b. It has been proposed that a maximum draft measurement should be added to the rules so that event organisers could guarantee enough water at events, but set this length to a value that does not impair development of the class or designs. The topic was discussed extensively and the principal was accepted by the majority, but how it should be implemented could not be agreed. The decision was taken to return to the topic at a later date and not to add any restriction to the current rules draft.
  - c. The current rules allow 3 rigs to be declared for an event irrespective of the duration of the event and there have been some requests to increase this number to 4 or 5 rigs. The meeting agreed that the number of rigs should be increased to 4 rigs with no restrictions on the number of rigs in any specific category. The current rules draft will be amended to 4.
  - d. Should hard sails or wings we explicitly allowed or disallowed. It was agreed to keep the rules open, thus allowing both hard and soft sails.
  - e. Should foils that extend outside the beam on the hull be explicitly allowed or disallowed in the rules. It was agreed that foils outside the beam of the boat should not be allowed and that this be done in the current rules draft.
    - i. This point continued into a discussion about allowing multiple rudders that are not on the centreline of the boat, thus allowing dual rudders. It was agreed to return to this topic in the future.
  - f. ARG asked if it would be possible to allow a skipper to use multiple keels during an event, a request supported by GER. AC reminded the meeting that in the 2014 rules it is not allowed to change appendages in an event whereas it was allowed in previous versions of the rules, so any change to this rule would be going back on previous rules changes. There was no clear acceptance or rejection of this idea and so it was agreed to return to the topic at some point in the future, but for now not to include this in the rules draft. AUS reminded the meeting that the current rules draft was a re-presentation of the current rules, not a total re-write with significant changes.
9. WKS requested that the ICA website forums should be used for discussing topics so that other people can also follow and contribute. Forum access is restricted to block unwanted

access from hackers, so if access is needed you should make contact with Vangelis who will grant your access.

10. WKS raised the topic of International events stating that it is unlikely that 2022 would be achievable due to ongoing travel restrictions, but the committee will raise the possibility of scheduling events in 2023
  - a. AUT asked that National events should be advertised by the ICA to allow people to participate or visit events in other countries. WKS reminded that the ICA Website has a section for events but that this should be limited to National Championships and International events. If a country would like an event added to the ICA website they should contact Vangelis
11. WKS asked if there was Any Other Business that should be discussed but none was proposed
12. WKS proposed that a General Meeting is scheduled for April 2022 to cover topics that need a General Meeting including election of a committee, vote for the published constitution and vote on the new rules.
  - a. GER requested that the meeting be held earlier than April and WKS agreed to look at the scheduling timeline which is defined in the ICA Constitution and make a proposal
  - b. NED stated that the most important topic for a general meeting was the adoption of the new rules and that the meeting should not be held until those rules were ready.
  - c. AC would like to have the new rules in place for the start of the 2022 season in the northern hemisphere.
13. As there was no other business to discuss the meeting was ended.