

The Constitution of the OK Dinghy Canada (Proposed)

SECTION 1 Name and Objects:

1 Title:

The full title of the Association will be:
“The Canadian OK Dinghy Class Association”

2 Insignia:

The insignia of the Class shall be as shown on the sail plan for the Class.

3 Objects:

The objects of the Association shall be:

To maintain the one design character of the International OK Dinghy.

By collaborating with ISAF, OKDIA, and other National Authorities in the allotment and issue of serial sail numbers and measurement certificates, and in the keeping of the Class Register.

To promote local, regional, national and international racing in the Class.

To ensure the development of the Class and skills in all areas of the country

To co-ordinate and manage the affairs and the rules of the Class in Canada.

To make recommendations on the control of such matters to ISAF.

To serve the interests of owners in the Class by co-coordinating the activities of the Canadian OK Dinghy Class Associations and by maintaining close co-operation with other National Associations and yachting organizations.

4 Terms and Definitions:

Throughout these rules the following terms will be used:

- a) ‘OKDIA’ shall mean the OK Dinghy International Association.
- b) OK Dinghy Canada shall mean the Canadian OK Dinghy Class Association
- c) ‘The National Authority’ shall mean the ISAF recognized authority or organization controlling and organizing the sport of yachting and sailing on a National basis in any country.

d) 'The Committee' shall mean the Committee of OK Dinghy Canada consisting of duly elected office bearers and other representatives who are members of OK Dinghy Canada.

e) 'The Association Rules' shall mean the rules governing the conduct of OK Dinghy Canada.

f) 'The Association Register' shall mean the Register of Members of OK Dinghy Canada to be kept as hereinafter provided.

g) 'The Class' shall mean the class of sailing dinghies designed by Knud Olsen and made in accordance with his drawings and specifications now held by the International Sailing Federation Ltd and known under the name 'International OK Dinghy Class'.

h) 'The Class Rules' shall mean the current version of the Class Rules produced by the International Sailing Federation Ltd relating to measurement and construction (and racing conditions forming an appendix to the Association Rules) governing the official building of each International OK Dinghy and its rating as a recognized boat within the Class (for Class racing purposes).

i) 'The Class Register' shall mean the Register of International OK Dinghies and their owners to be kept by the Class Secretary

j) 'The Registered Sail Number' shall mean the sail number allocated to each International OK Dinghy.

k) 'The Class Secretary' shall mean the duly elected Secretary of OK Dinghy Canada.

l) 'Measurement Certificate' shall mean a certificate to be issued, ratified and endorsed as hereinafter provided and recording:

(i) The sail number and ownership of an International OK Dinghy.

(ii) The fact that such International OK Dinghy originally complies with the Class Rules on completion of measurement, together with such particulars as may be required by the Class Rules.

m) 'Valid Certificate' shall mean a Measurement Certificate in which:

(i) the particulars of ownership are up to date and entered on the Class Register.

(ii) any endorsement required by the Class Rules has been duly entered.

n) 'Owner' or 'Joint Owner' shall mean any person or persons, corporation or association entered on the certificate as owner or joint owner of an International OK Dinghy. Acceptance of a certificate by an Owner or Joint Owner shall ipso facto render him, her or them subject to the jurisdiction of OKDIA or the Committee in any matter pertaining to the Class Rules.

o) 'Copyright Holder' shall mean the person or persons or corporation or association for the time being in possession of the copyright on the drawings and specifications of the International OK Dinghy.

SECTION 2 Officers:

The Office Bearers of the Association shall be the President, Class Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected every two years at a General Meeting of the Association.

6 The duties of the Office Bearers:

The President shall give approval of all payments and receipts of monies in excess of \$500 or its equivalent.

The Class Secretary shall keep all records of OK Dinghy Canada and be responsible for communicating all decisions of the Committee to members of OKDIA and where directed by the Committee

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of OK Dinghy Canada, make such disbursements as the Committee shall direct, cause such books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of finances of the OK Dinghy Canada, and prepare an annual balance sheet as at the 1st January in each year and cause such balance sheet (and accounts as are necessary) to be audited at least once annually. Authority to make payments and receipt of monies shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of the Treasurer or his or her deputy as appointed by the Committee.

The Hon Auditor, who is not an office bearer, shall be appointed at an AGM in each year who shall certify the annual balance sheet and if unable or unwilling to act inform the Committee who shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the termination of the next AGM.

SECTION 3 Memberships:

OK Dinghy Canada has an open membership. It is open to boat owners and non-owners, in either full membership or associate membership class.

7 Categories of Membership:

i Full Membership:

Full membership members are those who are in good standing with the OK Dinghy Canada Class. Full members will be entitled to vote at AGMs and Special General Meetings, and hold any position of Class Officer. Full members are generally OK Dinghy owners.

Postal voting: A member unable to attend a General Meeting may authorize in writing the Secretary of OK Dinghy Canada to vote on its behalf and in the manner which it directs. Such authorization must be presented in writing at the Annual General Meeting.

Full members can participate in all regattas, including World Championship Regattas, propose candidates for election to the OK Dinghy Canada Committee and obtain full newsletter service and annual stickers.

ii Associate Membership:

Associate membership members are those who are in good standing with the OK Dinghy Canada Class, at a lower rate than full membership. Associate members can attend AGMs and can contribute to the discussion but they have no vote, nor can they make proposals or be elected to the OK Dinghy Canada Committee. Typically, non-owners and those who choose to charter an OK Dinghy would be considered Associate members.

They cannot participate in World Championship Regattas, but are entitled to a full newsletter service and annual stickers.

8 Membership Fees:

The membership fee (subscription) for each category of membership shall be proposed by the Committee to the Members at an AGM in each year. Any changes shall be approved by a majority vote and it shall become operative on the 1st day of January in the year following and must be paid by 31st March of that current year. If not paid in time the privileges and benefits of membership may be lost. All members will be notified of the current rates of subscription each year.

SECTION 4 Management Committee:

9 The Committee:

The Committee shall consist of not more than 9 representatives including the office bearers. They shall be elected every two years at an AGM of members or by postal vote and as elected members to hold office until the conclusion of the appropriate AGM. The retiring officers and representatives shall be eligible for re-election.

10 Powers of the Committee:

a) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than 2 representatives to fill casual vacancies. The Committee need not fill a vacancy arising in the Committee unless the total number of Committee members has dropped below the minimum of 4. Co-opted members shall hold office only until such time when the subsequent and next AGM takes place.

b) Subject to the provision of these rules and in particular to the objects of the Association the Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of

management and administration.

c) The Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Members in General Meeting or by post for alterations in or additions to the Association Rules.

11 Meetings of the Committee:

Business will mainly be conducted by correspondence through the Class Secretary. Any Committee member not answering a motion communicated to him or her in writing within three weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to the motion.

In the event of a postal ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat within six weeks of the posting of the ballot paper.

If a meeting is to be held then the Class Secretary will give at least 6 weeks notice of the date, place and time, including the agenda, in writing to each Committee Member.

Agreement will normally be by consensus, but if not, simple majority will rule, or the matter will be referred to the AGM. At meetings of the Committee 4 of the elected members shall form a quorum.

SECTION 5 Meetings of the Association:

12 Annual General Meetings:

a) The Annual General Meeting of OK Dinghy Canada shall be held each year at the National Championship. In case there is no Canadian Championship the Committee shall call an AGM at a place considered convenient to the majority of members, the precise date, time and place being at the Committee's discretion.

b) At least 8 weeks notice in writing of any general meeting including agendas and supporting papers shall be given to members.

c) Written responses and postal votes from members must be received at the latest by the beginning of the AGM.

d) Voting may be by show of hands unless a poll vote is demanded by not fewer than 3 of the nominated representatives of the Association present. In the case of a poll vote being taken, the votes will be allocated in accordance with the entitlement allocated to full members.

e) Voting will be by a simple majority of the members present except for those decisions concerned with the class rules. A decision to recommend to OKDIA a change in or addition to the class rules shall require a majority of two-thirds.

f) At any meeting the President, or Chairman in the absence of the President,

shall have a casting vote.

g) In the event of a postal ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat within 6 weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.

h) At any AGM of OK Dinghy Canada 5 Full Members present shall form a quorum.

13 Business at an AGM:

The AGM of OK Dinghy Canada shall elect a President, Class Secretary, Treasurer, two Vice Presidents one from the West Coast and one from the East Coast, and up to 4 other members to form the Committee. It will appoint an Auditor.

14 Special General Meetings:

A Special General Meeting may be called by the President or Class Secretary upon receipt by the Class Secretary of a request in writing from not fewer than four full members. The rules governing the calling and conduct for such meetings shall be as for the AGM except for the time and place.