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## **To the Presidents of the International Europe Class National Associations**

Dear Europe friends,

I herewith submit for your consideration and comments thoughts for development and changes in our wonderful class.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us in the Council for discussion. I ask you to send in writing your comments and any other suggestions to the IECU Secretariat before June 15th, 2005 and appoint a spokes person for your country to a meeting which I will chair during the Europeans in Helsinki, Finland 8<sup>th</sup>, July, 2005 to further discuss the below subjects and any other ideas that may arise in the meantime.

As a result of this process the Council will submit proposals to the Annual General Meeting for decision 7<sup>th</sup>, September, 2005 during the Worlds in Rizhao, China. I ask you to ensure that you appoint a representative for your country to the AGM or send a written vote or proxy in accordance with paragraph 7.2 of the IECU Constitution.

The below items are not in order of priority:

### **1. Europe Class Olympic status**

The Council believes that the Europe Dinghy is the best equipment for ladies, men and open "for development" classes and will recommend to the AGM to consider that IECU applies for Olympic status within the ISAF timetable for selection of equipment to the 2012 Olympic Games in all categories possible.

### **2. Europe Class World Ranking**

The Council will submit for AGM to approve two World Ranking lists: one for women and one for men. For the ranking a sailor can count:

- a. only one National Event
- b. only one National/International Event
- c. an unlimited number of International Events with 4 or more nations.

-National and National/International events have a coefficient of 1.0,

-International Events with 4 or more nations a coefficient of 1.4-2.0 depending on the number of countries participating

-Continental and World Championships a coefficient of 3.0.

The winner gets points equal to the reverse order of number of participants in the event, and so on.

### **3. Entry quotas for major events.**

The Council will submit for AGM to approve to permanent the lately made new quota system for Major Championships (November 2004 amendment see below) but with an addition that for 2006 50 % of the not qualified sailors of the Open Week can participate in the Championship Event but still with a minimum of ten.

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2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 Entries for World and Regional Championships must go through the National Class Associations. Only bona fide Nationals of a country shall be nominated.

2.2 There is a basic quota of 3 (three) entries per nation for each division in the World and European Championships on condition that the IECU fees for the year of the Championship have been paid before 31st March. The basic quota for the Youth European Championship is 6 (six). The allocation of entries depends on the number of paying members in each national Association as follows:

Paying members	For World & European Championships. quota places	For Youth European Championship quota places
Basic Quota	3 entries	6 entries
101 – 200	4 entries	7 entries
201 – 300	5 entries	8 entries
301 – 400	6 entries	9 entries
401 – 500	9 entries	12 entries
More than 500	15 entries	15 entries

2.3 The following, in addition to the national quota, shall be invited to compete, in their appropriate division:

For the Worlds, the former World Champions, free of entry fee.

For the Europeans, the former European Champions, free of entry fee.

For the Youth Europeans, the former Youth European Champions (if still youth sailors) free of entry fee.

The above Wild Cards are personal and cannot be handed over to other sailors.

The 10 highest ranked competitors in each division in the International Open Week preceding the World & European Championships who are not nominated members of their National team. If the Open Week is sailed in 2 fleets with separate final ranking lists the 5 competitors in such division from each fleet shall be invited.

2.4 The host nation may nominate not more than 3 additional competitors in each division, above the entitlement of rule 2.2, provided the maximum permitted entry of 15 competitors in each division is not exceeded.

2.5 The IECU Council may revise the national quota in such division, taking account of the annual trend in numbers in each division.

2.6 The quota of entries for other regional Championships shall be decided by the National Associations of that region.

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4. Hull tolerances

The Council will submit for AGM to approve that Class Rule paragraph 3.2.9. is changed by maintaining a.) as it is but replacing b.) with: After March 2008 at the Olympic Qualifiers where the National Authority together with the Organizing Authority specify in the Notice of Race the reduced hull tolerances.

If the AGM decides that IECU applies for Olympic status this proposal may be withdrawn by the Council.

Current rule:

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### 3.2.9 Reduced Tolerances Hull

Tolerances for hulls first measured after 1st March 2004 are specified on Measurement Form 2.2. Any hull may be used which complies with any previous Class Rules, except:

a.) At the Olympic games after March 2004.

b.) After March 2008.

(I) at World Championships.

(II) at Continental Championships.

(III) at Regional Championships and Events.

(IV) at any other event where the National Authority together with the Organizing Authority specify in the relevant Notice of Race the reduced tolerances.

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## 5. IECU Nations' Trophy

The Council will submit for AGM to approve the following format:

Each Nation enters 3 sailors ( male, female or both, it is up to every nation )

No reserve sailors are allowed. The 3 entered the registration day must go on until the end.

A nation with only 2 sailors may participate, but they will automatically lose one of the 3 races per heat.

Still, they could win.

Minimum 8 Nations are needed to run the Cup.

There is no maximum ( for the moment... 20 would be a practical max. )

Seeded teams ( the "best" teams should not meet in first round ) we have to rank the teams by the result of the last World Championship, average result of men and women. See appendix 1.

### COURSE.

Start between Committee Starting Boat and Starting Mark- 300 meters upwind - mark 1 to port - 200 m reach - Finish between Finishing Boat and Finishing Mark.

### COMPETITION FORMAT.

2 sailors per start ( one per Nation ).

Each Heat between Nations has 3 individual heats.

Individual Heat 1 = Nation X, Sailor 1 against Nation Y, Sailor 1.

Individual Heat 2 = Nation X, Sailor 2 against Nation Y, Sailor 2.

Individual Heat 3 = Nation X, Sailor 3 against Nation Y, Sailor 3.

The definition of Sailor 1, 2 and 3 per Nation will be decided by each participating Nation at registration and will not change during the event.

### SCORING SYSTEM.

Winning the Individual heat = 1 point

Loosing the Individual heat = 0 points.

A Nation that wins 2 or 3 points goes forward. The other one is eliminated.

No second chance to qualify.

### STARTS.

There will be a start given every 2 minutes.

Start will be given with P flag rule only.

Obviously no General Recall, only Individual if necessary.

Starts will be signalled by flags and, if possible by loudspeakers/megaphone.

Type and colour of flags will be posted on the Notice Board.

5 minutes before the 1st start, repeated sound signals will be given to draw the sailors attention.  
2 minutes before the 1st start, the corresponding flag will be hoisted and a sound signal will be given  
1 minute before the start, flag and sound signal.  
Start ( = 2 minutes for the next individual heat ), flag and sound signal.  
An Individual recall will NOT interrupt the process.  
At the Race Committee's discretion, the process will be interrupted between Previous Phase ( if any ) -  
Quarter Finals - Semi Finals and Finals.

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**BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.**

When 8 Nations participate, we initiate the Event with QUARTER FINALS.  
4 Nations against the other 4  
The order will be : Nation 1 against Nation 8, then N4><N5 - N2><N7 - N3><N6  
4 winners go on to SEMIFINALS  
2 Nations against the other 2  
So, winner of N1><N8 against winner of N4><N5, etc...  
2 go on to FINAL  
Final, 1 Nation against the other.

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When 9 to 15 Nations participate.

If 9 Nations enter:  
Top 7 Nations ( see appendix 1 ) don't participate at the PREVIOUS PHASE.  
Nation 8 against Nation 9 . . . . one goes to QUARTER FINALS.  
Then, same as BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.

If 10 Nations enter:  
Top 6 Nations ( see appendix 1 ) do not participate at the PREVIOUS PHASE.  
Nation 7 against Nation 8 . . . . one goes to QUARTER FINALS.  
Nation 9 against Nation 10 . . . . one goes to QUARTER FINALS.  
Then, same as BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.

If 11 Nations enter:  
Top 5 Nations ( see appendix 1 ) don't participate at the PREVIOUS PHASE.  
Nation 6 against Nation 7 . . . . one goes to QUARTER FINALS.  
Nation 8 against Nation 9 . . . . one goes to QUARTER FINALS.  
Nation 10 against Nation 11 . . . . one goes to QUARTER FINALS.  
Then, same as BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.

And so on. If 15 Nations enters, only Nation number 1 will not sail the Previous Phase.

If 16 Nations enters:  
When 16 Nations participate, we initiate the Event with EIGHT-FINALS.  
8 Nations against the other 8  
The order will be : Nation 1 against Nation 16, then N8><N9 - N2><N15 - N7><N10 - N3><N14 -  
N6><N11 - N4><N13 - N5><N12  
8 winners go on to QUARTER-FINALS  
4 Nations against the other 4  
So, winner of N1><N16 against winner of N8><N9, winner of N2><N15 against winner of N7><N10, etc...  
4 winners go on to SEMIFINALS  
2 Nations against the other 2, following the same order as above.  
2 go on to FINAL  
Final, 1 Nation against the other.

If more than 16 Nations enters.  
If 17, top 15 go straight to Eight Finals, the other 2 sail the previous phase.  
If 18, top 14 go straight to Eight Finals, the other 4 sail the previous phase.  
And so on.

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Appendix 1 - Seeded Teams.

Ranking of Nations will be decided by the result of the best sailor men and the best sailor women in the last World Ch. divided by 2. If no men or women participated at the last W.C., the non-participating division will have one more point as the last sailor participating.

Example. The best Moldavian sailor (man) was World Champion and the best woman was 10th. Moldavia has 5,5 points.

Nations are ranked by points.

When there is a tie, the second best man & woman will be added to the calculation, and so on.

If there is still a tie, lottery will decide.

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Notes:

With 16 Teams (48 boats ) we would need 24 starts for the eight finals.

Then 12 starts for quarter-finals

Then 6 starts for semi-finals

Then 3 for finals.

Total 45 starts . . . . 2 minutes per start = 90 minutes.

You need to add all interruptions... let's say all together, if there is wind, should be possible to be done in 120 - 150 minutes.

#### 6. IECU Best Sailor of the Year

The Council will submit for AGM to approve the following proposal:

IECU Best Sailor of the Year is chosen from the top sailor of the ranking list in both divisions and a rookie of the year in both divisions. Rookie definition = first World Championship of the sailor and highest position on the Ranking list.

#### 7. Frequency of Major Championships

The Council will submit for AGM to approve the following proposal:

An overall objective will be to have annually in both divisions (men and women) a minimum of:

- World Championship
- European Championship
- Youth European Championship

Each Championship will be at the same venue for both divisions.

The World Championships will be outside Europe atleast every 4 years.

Yours truly,

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