



## **RS Tera Owner's Club - International Association Constitution**

### **1. Name**

The name of the RS Tera class association as recognised by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) is the RS Tera Owner's Club (International Association).

### **2. Objects**

The object of the International Association is to promote world-wide sailing activity for young people in RS Teras, including training and racing. Objectives include:

- (a) Promote and co-ordinate International Championships for the RS Tera Class
- (b) Assist National RS Tera Owner's Clubs/National Authorities to promote RS Tera sailing
- (e) Keep an International Register of National Members and Individual Members.
- (d) Maintain the RS Tera Class International Website
- (c) Maintain the RS Tera Class Rules in cooperation with ISAF and liaise with ISAF on all other matters relevant to RS Tera sailing

### **3. Membership and Voting**

**National Members** - Each National RS Tera Owner's Club/Class Association (NCA) can be a member of the International Association, known as a National Member. In a country where no NCA exists the National Sailing Authority may be the National Member. Each National Member is entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the International Association. A membership subscription for National Members may be levied if agreed at a General Meeting.

**Individual Members** - Individual Membership is open to any person upon approval of registration with the RS Tera Owners Club at [www.rstera.org](http://www.rstera.org) or registration at a NCA website linked to the RS Tera Owner's Club website. Individual members are not entitled to vote at General Meetings of the International Association but may vote at meetings of their NCA.

If a General Meeting of the International Association determines that a ballot is required on any matter, Individual Members shall be balloted and have one vote each.

**Associate Members** - Associate Membership is available for any organisations interested supporting the RS Tera class internationally.

### **4. Organisation**

The International Association organisation shall consist of the National Members, Individual Members, General Meeting, International Committee and the Secretariat. The General Meeting is the authority for the International Association.

## **5. International Committee**

The International Association shall be administered by an International Committee which shall co-ordinate affairs and shall maintain the Register of Members and the International Website in cooperation with RS Racing.

The Committee shall comprise the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, RS Representative, Technical Delegate, International Secretary and other Committee Members. An International Coach, ISAF Delegate, Marketing Officer, Website Manager, Event Officer and/or Regatta sub-committees or other sub-committees may be appointed as required.

The President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected at a General Meeting when the positions are vacant or otherwise appointed from within the Committee if nominations are not made at the General Meeting. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall serve for two-years but may then be re-elected. Other Committee officers shall be appointed from within the Committee in consultation with RS Racing.

The International Committee shall manage matters relating to International Championships in consultation with the host club or clubs, the host NCA, the host National Sailing Authority and ISAF.

At meetings of the International Committee, four members shall form a quorum

## **6. Secretariat**

The International Association Secretariat shall be managed by the International Secretary on terms agreed by the International Committee and RS Racing. The Secretariat shall maintain the International Register, keep minutes at meetings, be responsible for communicating the decisions to National Members and may assist with publicity, newsletter production and web-site management as required.

## **7. General Meetings**

A General Meeting of the International Association shall be held at each RS Tera World Championship and if required at other major international RS Tera events.

The Agenda of a General Meeting shall include previous Minutes, President's report, election of officers, financial statement, future International Championships and matters raised by National Members that were submitted in writing to the International Secretary.

General Meetings shall be chaired by the President or if not available the Vice President or other person appointed by the General Meeting.

Each National Member shall appoint a National Representative to vote on their behalf at General meetings. If the National Member does not appoint a National Representative for a General Meeting then any Individual Member from that nation may act as the National Representative at the meeting and vote on behalf of the National Member.

Voting at General Meetings shall be based on a majority vote by a show of hands of National Representatives and International Committee Members present, each having one vote. In the event of a tie the President shall have the casting vote. Six persons eligible to vote shall form a quorum.

## **8. Funds**

The International Association is non-profit making association currently based in the UK.

The International Committee in co-operation with RS Racing shall endeavour to ensure that the International Association has adequate funds via sponsorship, subscriptions, contributions from event entries or other means to cover the cost of meeting its objectives including maintaining a web-site.

A bank account shall be held in the International Association's name and payments shall be made by the Treasurer, International Secretary or other nominated International Committee Members. The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the finances and an independent auditor may be appointment to audit the accounts.

## **9. Language**

The official language of the International Association is English.

## **10. Racing and protection of One Design**

Members shall comply with these rules and shall ensure that RS Teras are raced in accordance with the Racing Rules of the International Sailing Federation and in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules as approved by ISAF.

Changes to the RS Tera Class Rules may be proposed by National Members to a General Meeting or by the International Committee. Proposed changes to the RS Tera Class Rules cannot be introduced without the written approval of the Copyright Holder, RS Racing and ISAF.

The Secretariat shall inform National Members in writing of any Class Rule changes.

## **11. Changes to the International Constitution**

Changes to this International Constitution may be proposed by National Members to a General Meeting or by the International Committee. Proposed changes to the International Constitution cannot be introduced without the written approval of the Copyright Holder, RS Racing and ISAF.