



International Platu 25 Class Constitution

1. Name

1.1 The International Platu 25 Class Association shall be known and referred to as the IPCA.

2. Objects

2.1 The IPCA shall encourage, promote and develop the Platu 25 Class internationally throughout the world.

2.2 The IPCA shall coordinate and manage the affairs and rules of the Platu 25 Class, provide a structure of management, develop a forum for the exchange of information among Platu 25 owners and sailors and shall cooperate with the ISAF, National Sailing Authorities (NA's), National Platu 25 Class Associations (NPCA's), the copyright holder and the builders.

2.3 The IPCA shall coordinate and select venues for the following International Championships, and shall work with any sponsors and management bodies involved:

- (i) World Championships
- (ii) Continental Championships

3. Other Terms and Definitions

3.1 ISAF shall mean the International Sailing Federation.

3.2 The Class shall mean the international class of sailing yachts designed by BRUCE FARR & ASSOCIATES and constructed in accordance with the building specifications and known under the name of Platu 25 and Bénéteau 25.

3.3 The Class Rules shall mean the rules relating to measurement, equipment, racing condition of a Platu 25, and the practices of its crew, annexed hereto and incorporated herein as a by-law of this Constitution.

3.4 The International Board shall mean the governing body of the IPCA, the composition of which is defined in Article 10.

3.5 NA shall mean the National Authority recognized by the ISAF to control and organize sailing on a national basis in any country.

3.6 NPCA shall mean the National Platu Class Association organized inside the individual countries and officially recognized by the IPCA.

3.7 Each NCA has the right to organize itself at its own discretion.

3.8 A Fleet shall be a local territorial unit that is self governed in matters not conflicting with these by-laws and chartered by a NPCA upon application by three or more PLATU 25 owners who are in good standing of the NPCA and are not within the established territory of an existing fleet. A fleet shall elect its own officers from among boat owners who shall include a Fleet Captain and a Fleet Secretary/Treasurer. An owner may maintain an independent membership without affiliation within a fleet.

3.9 The official language of the IPCA shall be English.

3.10 The Emblem of the Platu 25 shall be as shown on the sail plan of the Platu 25 Class Rules.



3.11 The IPCA Class Register shall be the register of Platu 25 boats and their owners as kept herein provided.

3.12 The Copyright holder shall mean BRUCE FARR & ASSOCIATES.

3.13 Licensed Builder shall mean a person or corporation holding a valid license issue the copyright holder to build the Platu 25. Current licensed Builders are:

- (i) MC DELL MARINE LTD (NEW ZEALAND)
- (ii) BÉNÉTEAU (FRANCE)
- (iii) BÉNÉTEAU (USA)

3.14 Class Sanctioned Event shall mean those regattas organized by IPCA, a NA, or NPCA.

4. Jurisdiction

As a Recognized Class under ISAF, the IPCA shall conform to the jurisdiction and requirements of ISAF and the International Class regulations. The IPCA Constitution, the By-laws and other regulations are binding on all members, and all registered Platu 25's shall conform to Class Rules and any limitations imposed by the IPCA and ISAF.

5. Offices

5.1 The World Headquarters of the IPCA shall generally located at the address most convenient to the Chairman and Secretary and shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

5.2 Other offices may also be established at such places as the Executive committee may determine.

6. Membership

6.1 Membership of the IPCA shall be open to NPCAs, the Copyright holders and the builders. The following types of membership to NPCAs shall be recognised.

6.2 Full Members shall be boat owners - individuals, companies or associations - who have paid the full NPCA and IPCA dues. (NOTE: only full members are entitled to vote. Votes are limited to one vote per boat. In the case of two or more owners of the same boat, only one vote will be allowed. In the case of two or more boats owned by one owner, then two or more votes will be allowed.

6.3 Associate Members shall be those not included in 6.2, or those who have an interest in the class be it as a crew or supporter and who have paid the NPCA associates dues. They shall not vote, nor are they eligible to hold office.

7. Annual Subscriptions and Fees

7.1 The IPCA shall be financed as follows:

- (i) The annual IPCA fee shall be collected by NPCA's and paid to the IPCA. This fee shall be added to any NPCA annual fee.
- (ii) The IPCA shall be responsible for the collection of money from other sources as necessary.

7.2 Subscriptions and fees for each calendar year are due and payable to the IPCA before or at the annual IPCA Meeting.

8. Suspension, Expulsion



8.1 Should any member of the National Class Association - or a competitor on a boat owned by a member of a National Class Association - have a case proven against them under RRS 69 'Gross Misconduct, Gross Breach of a Rule, Good Manners or Sportsmanship', has willfully disregarded a ruling of the IPCA, or has been found to have brought the class into disrepute, either under the rules or in any other way, the IPCA reserves the right to take further action which may include but not be limited to:

- (i) withdrawal of class association membership and the refusal of any entry in any regatta.
- (ii) Recommendation that membership be denied for a period to be decided. This period of suspension may be applied to a current or succeeding year.
- (iii) Take further legal advice to protect the good name and reputation of the International Class.

8.2 There shall be not less than 30 days notice given preceding a hearing under this rule.

8.3 The International Board shall vote with 75% in favor of expulsion. suspension or similar to be passed.

9. Management of the IPCA

The affairs of the IPCA shall be managed by an International Board assisted by a Technical Committee.

10. International Board

10.1 The International Board shall consist of one (1) member appointed by each officially recognised NPCA, the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

10.2 Each International Board member shall have one (1) vote. In addition, each International Board member appointed by an NPCA shall have one (1) vote for every five (5) boats owned by members of their respective NPCA and for which the IPCA has issued a yearly sticker. No NPCA shall ever be allowed to cast more than 42.5% of the total votes available at that meeting.

10.3 The International Board shall have the power to select any person or entity to assist it whether a member or not, but such a member shall have no vote on the International Board.

10.4 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall take place at a date which adequately precedes the documentation submission date for the annual General meetings of the ISAF. The choice of venue is optional, but shall take into account the ease of attendance of the majority of national representatives. At Meetings of the International Board five (5) members shall form a quorum.

10.4.1. Motions, amendments and nominations for the AGM shall be proposed only by the International Board, NCA's, the Technical Committee and ISAF. Class rule change submissions are covered under 16.1.

10.4.2 Motions and nominations to be proposed at the AGM shall be submitted to the International Secretary not less than 60 days before the date of the said AGM. See also 12.2 for Constitution changes and 16.1 for Class rule changes. The International Board may submit motions up until the date specified in 10.4.4.

10.4.3. The Secretary shall distribute an Agenda of all motions nominations and relevant paperwork for the AGM not later than six weeks before the date of the said AGM.

10.4.4. Amendments to the above motions shall be submitted no later than one month before the date of the said AGM.

10.4.5. The Secretary shall distribute an attachment to the Agenda of any such amendments not later than three weeks before the date of the said AGM.



10.4.6. Only the motions, amendments and nominations on the Agenda and its attachment shall be voted upon.

10.4.7 The Agenda shall contain all motions and amendments in their original form. However, the International board shall have the discretion to produce composite motions for the agenda, drawing on any amendments submitted.

10.4.8 The Chairman may, in exceptional circumstances, accept amendments from the floor of the AGM when, in his opinion, this will assist the resolution of issues on which the International Board have had an opportunity to express their views.

10.5 In the case of retirement or replacement of an NPCA appointed International Board member, his NPCA may appoint a substitute provided that person is a member of that NPCA.

10.6 If an International Board Member is unable to attend a meeting, his NPCA may appoint a substitute for that meeting only.

13.3 The International Board may co-opt other members as necessary for particular duties such as championship organisation. They may appoint other subcommittees which shall have authority designated to them by the International Board. The International Board may appoint outside consultants from various fields to advise or act for them as necessary.

11. Election of Officers

At its AGM the International Board shall elect a Chairman, a Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected for their skills to fulfil the requirements of the position. They need not be the representatives of their NPCA. All International Board members shall be full members of their NPCA.

11.1 The Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for a period of three (3) years. Officers shall have one vote each on the International Board for all matters except the election of officers. The period of officer shall run from AGM to the following AGM.

11.2 The Chairman shall be responsible for the day to day running of the IPCA and organisation of the AGM.

11.3 The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes at all official International Board and Executive Committee meetings and shall hold the official records. The Secretary shall coordinate the organisation of the class including distributing and receiving official paperwork and shall work with the Chairman in the day to day running of the class. The Secretary shall be the first official point of contact with the class for ISAF and all other parties.

11.4 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the IPCA. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the financial affairs of the IPCA and shall make disbursements as the International Board may direct. Financial statements shall be presented at each meeting and a budget prepared for each AGM.

11.5 A qualified auditor shall be appointed by the International Board, who shall examine the correctness of the accounts and certify the annual financial statement.

11.8 At the AGM the International Board shall appoint a Chairman to the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee chairman, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Committee of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) people who have the knowledge and the experience to serve on the technical committee. The Technical Committee Chairman shall be appointed for his skills in fulfilling the position. The members of the Committee shall be actively involved with the class, but need not be boat owners. They may be employed within the Marine Trade.

11.9 The International Board shall establish guidelines to be followed in selecting the location and dates for the future World and Continental Championships. They shall be responsible for keeping the regatta regulations book up to date.



11.10 Should the work overload of the Secretary become too great, the International Board may appoint a paid assistant to handle some of the paperwork as directed. This person shall not be a member of the International Board nor the Executive Committee and shall have no voting rights.

12. Voting, Motions and Resolutions

12.1 Decisions of the International Board shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast. A two-thirds majority is required to make changes to the IPCA Constitution.

12.2 Motions having an effect upon the Constitution (other than amendments thereto) to be voted upon at a International Board meeting must be received by the Secretary and the Executive International Board at least 60 days before the date of the meeting.

13. Accounts

13.1 The Treasurer shall cause accounts to be kept giving particulars of:

13.1.1 All amounts of money, assets and liabilities of the IPCA.

13.1.2 All amounts of money received and expended by the IPCA, and a detailed description of such receipts and expenditures.

13.1.3 A budget for the coming year shall be presented to the International Board for approval at the annual meeting. Payments exceeding the budget adopted by the International Board require prior International Board approval in writing. The International Board may amend the budget as required to run the day to day affairs of the IPCA.

14. Technical Committee

14. 1 The Technical Committee shall be responsible for:

- (i) Considering all technical matters concerning class rules.
- (ii) Putting forward proposals for amendments to class rules, building specifications and measurement form.
- (iii) Monitoring and supervising the work of the Class Chief Measurer (if appointed).
- (iv) Arranging and monitoring measurement checks at the World and Continental Championships and at any other regattas deemed necessary.
- (v) Monitoring the performance of class measurers throughout the world with a view to ensuring that all Platu 25 comply strictly with the class rules. This shall include through the NPCA's the approval of measurers and the holding of a list of names and addresses including their signatures. The final appointment of measurers is the responsibility of the NA and the Technical Committee may liaise with them if necessary.

14.2 The Technical Committee shall liaise with the ISAF and NA's as necessary and may seek the views and opinions of the builders, sailmakers, sparmakers and other commercial views as necessary.

14.3 The Technical Committee shall seek to ensure that a completed copy of the measurement form on each boat is kept by the IPCA. The Technical Committee shall ensure that the IPCA maintains a current, completed copy of the measurement form for each boat, and shall ensure that each NA and/or NPCA understands that they are to forward a copy of the same to the IPCA upon issuance.

14.4 The Technical Committee with the approval of the International Board may appoint a Chief Measurer who shall report to the Chairman of the Technical Committee and whose responsibilities shall be assigned by the Committee and may include the following:

- (i) Overseeing class measurement throughout the world including liaison with all class measurers.
- (ii) Monitoring the standard of registered builders throughout the world.
- (iii) Attendance at the World and Continental Championships in order to oversee measurement checks.
- (iv) Advising the Technical Committee on matters regarding the class rules. If no Chief Measurer is appointed the above matters shall be the responsibility of the Technical Committee.



15. Protection of One-Design

15.1 Tight one-design control of the Platu 25 Class shall be maintained throughout the world by the class rules and the ISAF Regulations

16. Changes in Class Rules

16.1 Changes to Class Rules may be proposed to the International Board by a licensed builder, a NA, a NPCA, the Technical Committee or by the ISAF.

16.1.1. Class rule change submissions shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than 1st June in any year, to allow them to be submitted to ISAF by the closing date of the 1st August. This means that the submission if passed by the class can be ratified by the ISAF November Conference for implementation the following 1st March.

16.2 The proposed changes will be reviewed by the Technical Committee, which will formulate a resolution for review by the International Board.

16.3 The International Board may elect on of two methods of approval:

16.3.1 A vote of the International Board at the Annual Meeting.

16.3.2 A vote of the owners by ballot in writing after presenting the resolution/motion in writing by mail or by facsimile, when performance or investment is affected.

16.4 If then approved by ISAF, the Secretary shall communicate notification of such changes to NPCA's within fifteen (15) days of the ISAF notification.

16.5 Approved changes shall apply to all International events occurring on or after March 1 of the year following approval by ISAF, or earlier if deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

17. Amendments

17.1 The Constitution and specifications may never be suspended but may be amended at an annual or special meeting of the International Board by two thirds of the votes present.

17.2 All proposed amendments at either annual meeting or a special meeting must be included in the notice thereof, which shall be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to the International Board members not less than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

17.3 Any amendments to the IPCA Constitution shall be subject to approval of the ISAF.

18. Racing

18.1 At any event the Class may be sailing in one fleet, even if there are more than 60 boats entered for the race.