



## 18-01M

Proposed by: Promotion Optimist France  
Seconded by: AECIO IODA Spain

### **ARTICLE 5. ORGANIZATION**

**Amend Article 5 as follows (changes in bold):**

The Organization of the IODA shall consist of the Members, the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat. No partner, employee or agent of a professional manufacturer of Optimist hulls, sails or spars shall be a member of an IODA Committee **or act as the official representative of a Member or their appointed substitute, or hold a proxy for a Member at the AGM.**

#### **REASON:**

*People with commercial interests in the Optimist should not be allowed to influence or vote on proposals or events that would potentially financially benefit them.*



## 18-02M

Proposed by: **Suiss Optimist**  
Seconded by: **Oesterreichische Optimist Dinghy Vereinigung**

### ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

Amend Article 3 b) iv) as follows (**changes in bold text**):

- b) Fully paid up Members are Members that have paid their membership subscription for the current year, including any arrears due.  
Only fully paid up Members can:
- i) Submit a bid to hold a Continental and/or World Championship
  - ii) Make proposals to the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
  - iii) Vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
  - ~~iv) Submit or hold a proxy vote from another fully paid up Member~~
  - iv) Participate in an Optimist Continental or World Championship.
- For Items 3b.i and ii above, the member must be fully paid up when the bid or proposal is submitted.  
To exercise its rights at the Annual General Meeting (items 3b.iii, **and iv and v** above) a Member shall be fully paid up at least four (4) days before the first day of the AGM.

### ARTICLE 13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Amend Article 13 f) as follows (**changes in bold text**):

- f) Voting
- 1) Except as noted in Article 13 (e) (9) voting related to items on the Agenda, except business concerning Articles 16 and 17 is to be decided by simple majority of votes cast by Members' official representatives **or their proxies** present and voting in person. When voting, each representative **or proxy** has one (1) vote. When the voting is equal, the President has a casting vote; only when such a situation arises does the President have a personal vote.
  - 2) A motion with relation to Article 16 or Article 17 is carried when at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by Members representatives **or their proxies**, present at time of voting and voting in person, are in favour of the motion. For the purpose of calculating whether a motion is carried an abstention is counted as a vote cast.



~~3) An official representative present at the Annual General Meeting may only have one (1) proxy vote.~~

3) If one of the official representatives asks for a secret vote this shall be carried out.

- h) The name of the official representative ~~and his proxy, if any,~~ shall be received by the Secretariat or delivered to the Executive Committee in writing four (4) days prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.

**REASON:**

*To eliminate the possibility for IODA Members to award a proxy to another Member to vote on its' behalf during the AGM.*



## 18-03M

Proposed by: Dinghy Optimist Class Belgium  
Seconded by: Optimist Club Nederland

### ARTICLE 13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Amend Article 13 b) as follows (changes in bold text):

- b) The Annual General Meeting is formed by the official representatives of Members present or their appointed substitutes. **Each official representative of a Member or each appointed substitute must be a national or legal resident of the country whose Member he/she represents.**

#### REASON:

*To increase the involvement of the national Members with the Annual General Meeting, and to help further the participation of said Members in IODA affairs, we propose that the Official Representatives of IODA Members on the AGM should have a verifiable link to the Member they represent.*



## 18-04M

Proposed by: US Virgin Island Optimist Dinghy Association (VIODA)

### CONDITIONS FOR THE OPTIMIST NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Amend Condition 7.1 b) as follows (changes in bold text):

- b) American Members of IODA may enter teams as follows:
  - USA: 24 sailors
  - MEX: 16 sailors
  - BER, **ISV** and CAN: 10 sailors
  - ARG and BRA: 15 sailors
  - ECU, CHI, PER, URU: 10 sailors
  - Other North American and South American Members: 4 sailors. The host Member may enter 10 additional sailors.

#### REASON:

*Historically, ISV have been granted five spots. We always request, and are usually granted extra spots so that we can bring our ten top sailors after the finish qualifier setup for VIODA. We are happy to be granted extra spots, but the process is problematic and stressing. Traveling to the Continental Championships from our small islands is difficult and expensive. The uncertainty that comes with having to request extra spots complicates families' planning for ticketing, time away from work, school etc. Other countries similar in size to the USVI (e.g. Bermuda) have a permanent allocation of ten spots at the Continental Championships. Considering this precedence, our sailors performance, the numbers of sailors we have historically brought to the North American Championships, and the travel and planning imperatives that our sailors' families face, we would like to formally request that IODA increase Team ISV's allocation of spots at the North American Championships to ten (10) sailors.*



## 18-05M

**Proposed by:** Junior Sailing Squadron of Thailand  
Oman Sailing Committee  
Pakistan Youth Sailing Association

**Seconded by:** Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation

### ARTICLE 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Amend Article 7** as follows (**changes in bold text**):

b) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, **four** Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Technical Committee, and the Chairman of the Regatta Committee.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13) in alternate years, as follows:

The President and **two** Vice-President shall be elected in odd-numbered years and two Vice-Presidents shall be elected in even-numbered years. One Vice-President shall be principally resident in each of the following areas: A - Europe; B - North or South America; **C – Africa; D -Asia or Oceania**; and no two Vice-Presidents shall be principally resident in the same area.

Each Committee Member shall be elected for a period of two years except that one who is elected in a year other than that specified as the due year above, shall initially serve for one year only.

Committee members shall not serve in the same office for more than five two-year terms (plus the additional year if elected in a year other than the due year).

The Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Committee. If the Treasurer is also a Vice-President, they shall serve as both Vice-President and Treasurer. Alternatively, the Executive Committee may appoint a Treasurer from outside the Executive Committee who will serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer may be appointed in this way for a maximum of five two-year terms.

The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the members of the Technical Committee in accordance with Article 8.

The Chairman of the Regatta Committee shall be elected by the members of the Regatta Committee in accordance with Article 9.

#### **REASON:**

*IODA to add a separate Asian vice president in IODA, so that we can work closer with IODA for development of optimist in Asia.*