



DF International Class Association

The Inaugural Meeting of Founding Members was held this week with 11 countries represented via video conference.

The Constitution and Regulations were accepted unanimously. A special thanks must go to all of the Working Parties that developed these documents along with the Founders Statement – all key documents to guide the future of your Association.

The first ICA Officers were elected to the Executive:

Chairperson – Phil Burgess (Australia)

Vice Chairperson – Chris Dance (Australia)

Secretary – Russ Gardner (USA)

Treasurer – Wayne Stobbs (UK)

Communications Officer – Tim Long (UK)

The **Licensed Builder** (Joysway) is entitled to appoint a non-voting member to the Executive Committee, and **John Tushingham** accepted this role.

The founding World Council members were:

Australia	Phil Burgess
Croatia	Josep Marasovic
France	Gerald Rogivue
Italy	Daniele Medini
Netherlands	Remco Sol
New Zealand	Graeme Perry
Russia	Nicolay Grinberg
South Africa	Des Fairbank
Sweden	Petter Kostman
United Kingdom	Tim Long
United State of America	Russ Gardner

Countries including Japan, Canada and Germany will be joining in the near future and the ICA is keen to assist other emerging countries to become more established and participate in making the World Council decisions.

The first meeting of the Executive will be on 12th July with a large agenda to start working through including the next Global Championships, Rules and communication issues.

The Rules Committee will be appointed to address all future DF Class Rules issues, provide interpretations and present proposals for the World Council members to vote upon.

Registered boat owners in each country are encouraged to contact their respective World Council members to present issues for the ICA's consideration.

Chairperson Phil Burgess said "I would like to thank the Committee for their generous commitment to establish the International Class Association and build on the worldwide strength that the two DF Classes have gained since launching nearly ten years ago."