



15th October 2014

Dear Member,

Notice of Annual General Meeting: Sydney 38 One Design Association (Australia) Incorporated

The Association's Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) will be held on **17th November at 19:00** by teleconference.

You may dial in individually or attend a dial-in location. We encourage you to attend one of the dial-in locations if you are able as the AGM is one of the few times a year that we get to come together as a class.

Arrangements have been made for dial-in locations at the following venues.

- Cruising Yacht Club of Australia: 1 New Beach Road Darling Point NSW 2027
- Sandringham Yacht Club: Jetty Road, Sandringham VIC 3191

For those unable to attend a dial in location please dial from:

Melbourne	8779 7440	Sydney	9696 0774	Adelaide	8220 0836
Hobart	6218 0647	Brisbane	3811 0988	Perth	9460 0829
Canberra	6210 0851	Darwin	8989 0817	Gold Coast	5560 0956

At the prompt enter the access code 51788526#. Please note that the phone line will be opened at approximately 19:15.

Annexed are the Agenda, two notices of proposed resolution to be put to the AGM and a ballot paper for voting on the Masthead Spinnaker Resolution.

IMPORTANT: Proposed Amendment to Class Rules – Masthead Spinnakers

Enclosed is a **ballot paper** that **must be used to vote on this resolution**. The Executive Committee have identified that the changes proposed by this resolution are such that **"...performance or investment is affected..."** and in accordance with rule B5.2 of the Class Rules the proposed changes **"...must be approved by a two thirds majority of the Full**

Members voting by ballot in writing after presenting the resolution/motion in writing, by mail or by email. Consequently your vote on this important resolution will **only be valid if you are a paid up full member and by completing and returning the enclosed ballot paper** in accordance with its instructions. The Ballot Papers will be received by the Returning Officer (Joanne Beashel) and held unopened until the day of the AGM. The Ballot Papers will be counted by the Returning Officer and the result announced as agenda item [10]. **No vote on this resolution will be held at the AGM.**

Joining the Executive Committee

Please let me know if you are interested in standing for the Executive Committee as its membership will be voted at the AGM. The existing members have indicated that they are prepared to stand again, but there is always room for owners looking to give back to the class. Nominations for the Executive Committee should be received in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. Nominations should be received by the Executive seven days prior to the AGM.

Questions

We encourage all members to submit any questions they may have via email prior to the AGM at sydney38assoc@optusnet.com.au

IMPORTANT: Voting at the AGM

- Only full members who are in good financial standing may attend the meeting and vote.
- A quorum consists of 25% of the membership.
- Members entitled to vote may appoint a proxy. A proxy form is enclosed for this purpose and should be emailed as an attachment to sydney38assoc@optusnet.com.au or posted to Sydney 38 One Design Association PO Box 108. Mona Vale NSW 1660. Please allow enough time for the notice to be received before the day of the AGM

Greg Clinnick

Class President

AGENDA

- Declare the meeting open
- Attendance list and apologies
- Confirmation of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of office bearers
- Chief measurer's report
- Chapter updates – NSW (including 2015 Nationals), VIC, SA.
- Disabled sailors in Sydney 38s and required modifications
- Notice of Motion: Rule Changes and separation of Constitution from the Rules
- Notice of Motion: Masthead Spinnaker – ballot to be counted and returned
- General Business
- Close

Notice of Proposed Resolution 1. – Amendments to Class Rules

Proposed resolution:

To approve the changes to the Constitution and Racing Rules as proposed

Background:

A review has been conducted against the requirements of operating as an Incorporated Association in NSW. As a result a number of changes are proposed including the separation of the Constitution of the Association and the Racing Rules. Summaries of the changes have been circulated to all members as well as hard copies of the amended documents.

Voting requirements:

75% of full members attending and voting at the AGM.

Notice of proposed resolution 2. – To change the class rules to allow for a mast head kite in one design racing.

Proposed resolution:

That the Sydney 38 Class Rules be amended as follows, inclusive of any incidental rule changes necessary to give full effect to the change.

1. That the maximum dimensions of spinnakers one and two in Rule 10.6.4 (f) and (g) be amended to the dimensions for masthead spinnakers shown in Rule 10.6.4 (k). Further that the measurement of asymmetric spinnakers in Rule 10.6.4 (j) be amended to suit.

2. That Rule 10.5.14 be amended to allow a spinnaker pole, which may be made of carbon and with a STL not greater than 5100mm be allowed for use in all Sydney 38 events. The spinnaker pole may be fitted with a quick release fitting at the inboard end. In addition a single swivel cleat for the spinnaker topping lift may be added to the cabin top aft of the line of halyard clutches.
3. And that such changes take effect from 1 September 2015.

Background:

The use of mast head spinnakers for offshore and long distance races has been a part of the class rules was approved at the 2009 AGM. Since then just over half of the racing fleet have converted to mast head configuration. The issue of changing the class rule to mast head spinnakers for all OD events was voted upon at the 2012 AGM where the resolution failed to reach a 2/3rds majority by one vote.

Positive considerations for adopting a mast head spinnaker:

- Many owners have already modified their boats to mast head configuration. The adoption of this rule will reduce the costs and time taken to maintain two spinnaker poles and two sets of spinnakers
- The mast head spinnaker is approximately 25% larger and makes the boats faster in certain wind ranges. See attached the 2008 Class newsletter with performance information
- Kites fill quicker with the additional separation the longer pole gives to the jib
- The handling of larger kites and longer spinnaker poles creates more of a challenge for crew

Negative considerations:

- Owners not already running a mast head configuration will need to spend significant money to enable their boats to comply – new or lengthened pole, new kites, modification to the mast to add a mast head halyard exit
- Owners could decide not to race OD any more as their boats don't comply
- The Class is currently successful, so why change?

Voting requirements:

Approved by a two-thirds majority of full members voting by ballot (see separate ballot).