

## **OK Dinghy – Owner / Skipper Obligations, Registration & Measurement Certificates**

If you skipper or are the owner of an OK Dinghy which is used in Class competition, then you should make yourself familiar with the Class Rules.

A copy of the class rules can be obtained from the ISAF Website ( [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) ) – ie from the home page tool bar, under Organization > Class Associations > Current Class Rules > OK Dinghy.

In particular, take note of Rule 4. Registration and Measurement Certificate. Ignorance is not an excuse. Your boat must have a valid Measurement Certificate and you must be a current member of a National OK Dinghy Association (ie in Australia, via membership of your State Association).

Also, Rule 78 of the RRS 2004-08 is quite specific : “A boat’s owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her class rules and that her measurement or rating certificate, if any, remains valid.”

### **To Register a New Boat.**

If you are considering building a new boat, having a new boat built or have just purchased a new boat, then the following is applicable :

1. The builder is required to pay an International Class Building Fee (ICF) and purchase an ISAF Plaque. The payment of the Fee and purchase of the Plaque can be arranged through your National Class Association (who in turn has purchased the Plaque via OKDIA). The Class Association will issue the ICF Receipt, the ISAF Plaque, along with a Sail Number Allocation Form.
2. Send the Sail Number Allocation Form to your Class National Authority (ie Yachting Australia) and apply for the next available sail number to be issued from the Class Register. (Note, the National Authority maintains the files of all boats registered for the class.). The National Authority will allocate the next sequential sail number for the class, update the class records, and will start a file for the boat / sail-no, which will now include your formal letter of application.
3. When the new boat is complete, the ISAF Plaque must be installed in the boat, on the aft bulkhead (station 1), starboard side. The Sail-no including the national letters must be permanently marked in the cockpit area as per the class rules (on the keel, centerboard case or station 2 bulkhead).
4. The new hull and equipment must be measured by an approved class measurer. Note, the boat will not be measured unless the ISAF Plaque is affixed and correctly in place. When the measurement process is complete, the completed Class Measurement Form will be signed by the measurer and supplied to the owner. The owner should make a copy of the completed Measurement Form.
5. The owner will then send the completed (original) Class Measurement Form to the National Authority (Yachting Australia) along with the required Registration Fee and relevant owner/address/club details as required and apply to have a Measurement Certificate issued for the boat.
6. If all the documentation is in order and the National Authority is satisfied that the boat conforms to the class rules, a Measurement Certificate will be issued in the name of the current owner. The documentation for the application will be added to the files kept for the boat by the

National Authority. In addition, a copy of the Measurement Certificate and owner's details will be forwarded to the Class Association for their record keeping.

7. Upon receipt, the owner is required to sign the newly issued Measurement Certificate, in acknowledgement that the boat conforms to the class rules. It is strongly suggested that the owner keep backup copies of all documentation for the boat. The owner will be required to produce the Measurement Certificate when entering class events.

8. The boat must race in accordance with the information supplied on the Measurement Certificate. Any change which occurs to items recorded on the Measurement Certificate will invalidate the Certificate (eg, change of owner, change to hull weight, weight of correctors carried). There is provision on the M/Certificate to record/endorse revised weight details following reweighing of the boat by a recognized measurer.

### **Change of Owner for a Previously Registered Boat**

If you have purchased or are about to purchase an existing OK Dinghy and wish to use it in class competition, check that the boat is registered and has previously been issued a valid Measurement Certificate. This information may be available from the previous owner, class records or by an enquiry directed to the Class National Authority (provide suitable details to identify the boat in question).

If there is no evidence of the boat being previously registered, then refer to the steps noted above for registering a new boat.

If you are the new owner of a boat that has previously been registered, then the following is applicable :

1. If possible, ask the previous owner to provide the original (or a copy) of the last Measurement Certificate issued for the boat.
2. Apply to the National Authority for a Transfer of Ownership for the boat in question ( as per Transfer of Ownership Form available from Yachting Australia website). If available include the last Measurement Certificate issued for the boat (which may include a re-weighing endorsement which should be applied to the new certificate), or provide suitable information to identify the boat. Note, this application will require the payment of the standard registration processing fee.
3. Provided that the existing documentation for boat is in order, the National Authority will update their records and re-issue the Measurement Certificate. Otherwise, the National Authority will be in contact to resolve any outstanding issues. The Class Association will receive a copy of the re-issued Measurement Certificate for their record keeping.
4. Upon receipt, the owner is required to sign the newly issued Measurement Certificate, in acknowledgement that the boat conforms to the class rules. It is strongly suggested that the owner keep backup copies of all documentation for the boat. The owner will be required to produce the Measurement Certificate when entering class events.
5. The boat must race in accordance with the information supplied on the Measurement Certificate. Any change which occurs to items recorded on the Measurement Certificate will invalidate the Certificate (eg, change of owner, change to hull weight, weight of correctors carried). There is provision on the M/Certificate to record/endorse revised weight details following reweighing of the boat by a recognized measurer.

**Enjoy your OK Dinghy Racing.**

While the OK Dinghy can be a demanding boat to sail, the Class is well known for it's easy going and friendly approach to racing.

The people involved in the class are in general quite approachable and ready to assist with enquiries about the class and advice on how to sail, tune and look after your boat.

Don't hesitate to ask or make enquiries.

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