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Donovan 26 OD

Mission Statement/Letter of Intent

As the Class Rule is being developed we are announcing the intent so potential owners are aware of what the objectives, rules for helming, crew makeup and sail limitations will be, as these are key factors influencing the decision to purchase a boat.

OBJECTIVES - The Donovan 26 OD is a high performance One Design racing yacht created for owner helmsmen racing under One Design Class rules, the ORC rule and other existing handicap systems. The Class Rules are intended to ensure that Donovan 26 OD yachts are as identical as possible in respect of:

- appearance
- performance
- hull and deck shape, weight and weight distribution
- interior fit out weight and weight distribution
- shape, weight and dimensions of keel, keel bulb and rudder
- section, weight and center of gravity of spars
- size and weight of standing rigging
- shape and area of sail plan

OWNERS – The intent is for amateur owners to helm their own boats and race them with a mostly amateur crew. However there may be cases where potential owners are classified by World Sailing as Group 3 (professional) sailors due to their employment as sailmakers, yacht brokers, boatyard workers, boat maintenance professionals etc. Prior to purchasing a boat, such sailors who wish to own and race a Donovan 26 OD may apply to a Class Review Committee for approval to steer at Class One Design events and on approval will be allowed to do so. Professional sailors who make their living being paid to sail will not be approved. Only owners, their immediate family members or approved substitutes will be allowed to steer.

CREW – The crew including owner and skipper will consist of a maximum of two Group 3 (professional) sailors with the remainder required to be Group 1 (amateur) sailors. The World Sailing Classification System will be used in determining the Classification Group of each crew member.

SAILS – The base inventory will include five sails; mainsail, two jibs and two asymmetric spinnakers. There will be a limit of how many sails can be purchased and buttoned for use in One Design racing as follows:

First two calendar years of boat ownership: Maximum of ten sails with no more than seven in the first year.

Year three onwards of boat ownership: Maximum of three sails per calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31)

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