



### **1. Operation of OKDIA**

Our secretary, Jule Hofmann is now on maternity leave so Robert Deaves will be standing in as Acting Secretary for a few months. Queries should still be addressed to [secretary@okdia.org](mailto:secretary@okdia.org) and copied to [publicity@okdia.org](mailto:publicity@okdia.org) and these will be dealt with as soon as possible, either from Potsdam or UK. In the meantime we wish Jule all the best with the upcoming birth of her baby.

### **2. 2015 Query Form**

Please find attached the 2015 Query Form (for those who have not already sent one in). Please return this to me BEFORE February 10th so that invoices can be issued. Payment of 2015 OKDIA Membership Fees are due before March 31st, and these will be at the new rate passed at the 2014 AGM. If your National Association is very small and will have a problem paying these fees, then please contact OKDIA as soon as possible.

### **3. 2014 OKDIA AGM**

As most of you are aware the 2014 OKDIA AGM in Black Rock made a number of changes to the way that OKDIA will be managed in the future. Here is a summary of the decisions taken.

**Committee:** The following were elected for the next two years Vice-President, Southern Hemisphere: Mike Wilde; Treasurer: Dan Ager; Webmaster: Peter Scheuerl.

**Strategic plan:** Most of the proposals were passed by a clear majority. From 2015 Membership fees will increase to £10 per sailor. Mast (from 1 Jan 2015) and sail labels (from 1 Jan 2016) will be £10 each. Building fees will rise to £65. Worlds levy will rise to £25.

**Open entry:** Entry at the World Championship can now be made open with the agreement of both the host club and OKDIA.

**Rules:** The three Technical Committee rule changes regarding sequential sail numbers, draft stripes and framing were passed. The Danish proposal on hull construction was not passed.

**Technical:** Rules for how members submit rule changes have been defined and passed into the constitution. This is just the first step towards formalising a lot of the technical committee's activities.

**Future events:** There was no proposal for the worlds in 2016, though one is expected from

Germany. The 2017 World Championship was awarded to Barbados.

The full minutes can be found here:

<http://www.okdia.org/association/index.php#agenda>

While most of these changes take immediate effect, the constitution will be reworded as soon as possible to reflect the proposals.

#### 4. 2014 World Championship

Congratulations to the 2014 World Champion, Matt Stechmann, who won the closest world championship in our history, with four boats within a single point at the end. The event was dogged by unusual weather, and only five races were sailed, though no one disputed that the right man won in the end.

You will probably also have heard about the various measurement problems during the event. OKDIA has issued a statement of fact about this. It can be found on the website here:

<http://www.okdia.org/boat/technical.php>

#### 5. 2015 World Championship

Preparations are well underway and this is looking like being a great event. The event website is now live at:

[www.okworlds2015.pl](http://www.okworlds2015.pl)

Following the 2014 AGM, the organisers decided to make this event open, so national quota do not apply. However sailors still have to enter and pay through their National Association. Pre-registration is now available on the event website and we encourage all sailors planning to go to register so the organising authority, and OKDIA, can plan everything in advance. Early entry really does help everyone involved.

That's it for now. Please do connect with our Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/OK-Dinghy/197171683649284>

and our Twitter account here:

[https://twitter.com/OK\\_Dinghy\\_Class](https://twitter.com/OK_Dinghy_Class)

to keep up with all the latest event news and goings on.

On behalf of the OKDIA Committee I wish you all a great 2015 sailing season.

Robert Deaves  
Acting Secretary