



Dear Members,

Following the decisions and discussion at the AGM at Rutland, this letter is to bring you up to date with the membership structure of the IFDCO and British Section.

In September this year at the AGCM in Hungary the single membership of "Full International Sailing Member" was created. This is a requirement for any person sailing in an FD event and will be enforced for World and European Championships, Eurocup events and Dawes Cup events, which will in future include our National, Southern Area and Midland Area Championships and up to three other designated UK events.

In addition to the above Full International Sailing Members will receive the International Bulletin and Class Newsletters, the FD Class Book due for publication in CD form in 2006 and Harken clothing at discounted rates, as well as the offices of IFDCO in the management and organisation of the Class so as to maintain our International status and eligibility to hold World Championships.

The cost of the Full International Sailing Membership will be £40 for 2006. (£24 going to the British Section and £16 to the IFDCO). Whilst IFDCO plan to increase the amount payable to them in 2007, we will endeavour to hold the total to £40 for the next 4 or 5 years.

In the UK we have a number of FD boat owners/regular FD sailors who may choose to only participate in Club Racing, and or other meetings/training sessions organised by the IFDCO/BS. These are encouraged to be Full International Sailing Members but until further notice need only be British Section members.

In addition guest crews/helms may participate in a UK FD or Fastsail event on a one off basis as a British Section Member.

All members will receive the UK Class Newsletters, boat and measurement registration and entry to training events, advice/information about FDs/FD sailing and can request wanted/for sale notices on the FD GBR website and may attend quality training events which elsewhere could cost over £50.

The cost of British Section Membership will be held at £17 (£16 if paid by standing order)

For both categories of membership a late payment fee of £5 will be charged for any member who has not paid his/her dues by March 31st. This is to cover costs of administration both in the UK and Holland in collecting late subscriptions.

Enclosed is a standing order mandate which I would be grateful if you could complete and forward to your bank as soon as possible. We have to keep the British Section finances healthy and reduce our dependency on our reserves. Our promotional budget, enclosed, (which is substantially in excess of current subscription income) and support for young sailors is essential and we hope that you will continue to support the IFDCO and British Section.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Parry. IFDCO VP Championships and BS Chairman.