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**Summary:** Recognition of Nation

**Affects:**

Constitution  By-Laws  Class Rules  
 Deed of Gift  Rules of Conduct  NoR or SI Template  
 Other

**OBJECTIVE:**

To adapt the Constitution to an increasingly inclusive Snipe Class, open to new sailors from different Nations. It is also the interest of the Class to be represented by as many Nations and Continents (i.e. World Sailing Regions) as possible.

Last year there were requests from new Nations to participate in international events. Their participation is a dutiful and inclusive act, adhering to the aim of World Sailing, expressed in its Constitution, to promote the sport of sailing.

**CURRENT RULES:**

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To represent a Nation, a Member (owner or non-owner) shall be associated to that Country's Association and citizen or bona fide resident from at least one year and member of the MNA (Member National Authority recognised by World Sailing) of the Country he/she represents.

~~Once at least one boat is registered and a National Secretary is elected, a Country is recognised by the Association.~~

**EXPLANATION:**

1. Starting with the last sentence of the current Section 6: "A member may be unattached to a regular Snipe Fleet where formation of an official fleet is impracticable". for example because he/she lives in a remote region, very far from any other fleet, and his/her fleet does not reach the minimum number of boats for having a fleet, as required by Section 9: "1 boat for the first year, 2 for the second and 3 or more for the following years".
2. On the basis of the re-written section 18, we would be able to allow that a member (owner or non-owner) without a fleet can represent his/her Nation, where a formation of an official fleet is impracticable.
3. If this member is the owner of a boat, a National Secretary is elected. The National Secretary then can fulfill all tasks and perform all the duties, according to Sections 32, 19 and 24.
4. Of course, if/where/when the formation of an official Fleet is practicable, a fleet can be formed and chartered according to Sections 7, 8 and 9.

**REASONS:**

1. To be inclusive and to promote the snipe class potentially in all countries recognized by World Sailing.
2. To attract new sailors that can have the opportunity to sail a major regatta representing their Nations.