## **OK DINGHY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION**



## **Mast Licensing Agreement**

Masts constructed or partially constructed of plastic and repairs and/or modifications to existing masts constructed of any material that involves the laying of plastic over a length of any part of the mast exceeding 1 metre, can only be undertaken by builders licensed by OKDIA.

The licencing requirements apply equally to any professional or amateur builder. An amateur builder includes a person who agrees to construct a new mast and/or undertake repairs and/or modifications to an existing mast on behalf of another for no reward.

A building licence must be obtained <u>before</u> the construction of a mast or any repairs and/or modifications that fall within the licencing requirements.

A licence obtained by a professional builder remains valid in respect of all subsequent mast constructions and/or repairs and/or modifications for a period of 4 years. Thereafter a professional builder may, on application to OKDIA, renew an existing licence for a further 4 year period on a continuing basis.

A licence obtained by an amateur builder to construct a mast or to repair and/or modify an existing mast is <u>only</u> valid in respect of all subsequent repairs and/or modifications to <u>that</u> mast. An amateur builder may apply to OKDIA for a licence in respect of the construction, repair and/or modification of subsequent masts.

Only builders allocated licences are permitted to undertake the construction, repair and/or modification of masts. Licences cannot be assigned.

OKDIA unreservedly retains the right to allocate or refuse the allocation of a licence. OKDIA unreservedly retains the right to terminate, for any reason, licences allocated by it.

Only licences allocated by OKDIA are valid.

The allocation of a licence will include the provision by OKDIA of a numbered mast sticker. Professional builders are entitled to request and be allocated up to 20 numbered mast stickers at a time. Mast stickers cannot be sold.

By applying for a building licence and being allocated a licence by OKDIA, the builder acknowledges and unreservedly agrees to only construct masts and/or undertake mast repairs and/or modifications on existing masts on the following basis:

- 1. Plastic non-sandwich reinforced plastic used in mast construction and/or repairs and/or modifications is restricted to a maximum batch-nominal elastic modulus of one of the following test methods measured between 1000 and 6000 micro-strains:
  - a. 407 GPa by JISR 7601
  - b. 395 GPa by SACMA SRM
  - c. 395 GPa by ASTM D 4018
- 2. The proposed use of non-sandwich reinforced plastic not tested in accordance with the methods outlined in clause 1, must be notified to OKDIA and approved by OKDIA in writing before construction, repair or modification is commenced.
- 3. Masts undergoing construction, repair or modification must not be cured at temperatures exceeding 125 degrees Celsius.

In addition, by applying for a building licence and being allocated a licence by OKDIA, the builder acknowledges and unreservedly agrees to the following:

- 4. Masts constructed or repairs and/or modifications to existing masts will be undertaken in accordance with the International OK Dinghy Class Rules.
- 5. Following the construction of a new mast, or repairs and/or modifications to existing masts, a mast sticker will be applied by the builder to the front face of the mast no more than 50cm above the gooseneck.
- 6. Mast stickers will not be removed unless necessary to avoid their destruction during repairs or modifications to existing masts. Thereafter the original mast sticker will be replaced by the builder in or about its original position.
- 7. Repairs and/or modifications carried out by a professional builder on a mast that has an existing mast sticker(s) requires the application of a second or subsequent sticker in or about the location of the existing mast sticker(s) to identify each occasion of repair and/or modification.
- 8. In respect of repairs and/or modifications carried out by an amateur builder on a mast that has an existing mast sticker, the amateur builder must within 28 days of completing the repair and/or modification notify OKDIA of the fact of the repair and/or modification. A second or subsequent sticker is not required to be applied to the mast by the amateur builder.
- Upon request by OKDIA, any information sought about the materials and methods used to construct and/or repair and/or modify a mast will be supplied within 28 days. A failure to furnish OKDIA with the information sought may result in OKDIA terminating an existing licence and/or refusing to allocate a future licence.

Builder/Company [full name and address and contact details]

Signed for OKDIA, Secretary Juliane Hofmann

Signed for Builder Name: Date: