



## **Constitution**

### **CI. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the International One Design World Class Association (WCA).

### **CII. Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of this Organization is to promote racing of the International One-Design (IOD) yacht; to maintain the "one-design" principles of the IOD Class; to ensure fair competition between IODs; and to assist in the preservation, maintenance and growth of the world wide IOD community.

2.2 The Association is not organized for and shall not be conducted for profit.

2.3 Membership is open to any person.

### **CIII. Jurisdiction**

This Constitution, and the By-Laws, Specifications, Rules and Championship Regulations adopted pursuant to the Constitution, are binding upon all members of the WCA and all Fleets registered by the WCA.

### **CIV. Definitions**

4.1 International One Design (IOD): A yacht which conforms to the requirements defined in this Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules.

4.2 Fleet: A group of 3 or more IODs which frequently and regularly races together on a one-design basis and which applies to and is recognized by, and pays the appropriate annual fleet registration fees as set down in the Schedule of Fees to the WCA.

4.3 Member: Someone who has paid dues as set down in the Schedule of Fees to the WCA either through a Fleet or directly to the WCA Secretary.

4.4 The IOD World Class Association: The Fleets and individual Members.

### **CV. Officers**

Between Annual Meetings, the WCA shall be governed by the following Officers, who shall be elected at each Annual Meeting and shall serve until the ensuing Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected at the next meeting of the Association. Any Member of the WCA shall be eligible to serve as an Officer of the WCA. These elected Officers constitute the WCA Executive Committee.

5.1 President: The President shall be the chief executive of the organization and shall perform such duties. He shall set the time and place for meetings, including the Annual Meeting and preside at meetings; serve as Chair of the Executive Committee; rule on procedure and authorize payments of indebtedness. In the absence of the WCA Executive, the President is authorized to make decisions on behalf of the WCA. The President will normally serve two consecutive one-year terms.

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- 5.2 Executive Vice President: The Executive Vice President, who shall officiate in the absence of the President and shall carry out any duties delegated by the President and is intended to succeed the President at the end of their term of office.
- 5.3 Vice Presidents: There shall be a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties delegated to them by the Executive Committee or the President. Any Vice President designated by the Executive Committee may perform the duties of the President or Executive Vice President in their absence. There shall be at least one Vice President representing each continent where there is a registered Fleet.
- 5.4 Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the records of the WCA, maintain membership roles, Fleet listings, register yachts, keep the minutes of the meetings, communicate with all Fleets and perform all other duties pertaining to such office.
- 5.5 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive all dues and other monies paid to the WCA; deposit the WCA funds in banks as authorized; preserve the assets of the WCA; and provide a financial report at the annual meeting or at any other meeting when requested by the President.
- 5.6 Honorary Officers: The Executive Committee can appoint Honorary Officers for specific purposes. These Honorary Officers shall not be voting members of the Executive Committee.

**CVI. Committees and Appointed Positions**

The WCA President, with the approval of a majority of the WCA Officers, shall appoint members of the WCA to fill committees and positions responsible for conducting various WCA functions until the ensuing Annual Meeting or until their successors are named by the WCA Executive Committee. The record of appointments shall be held by the WCA Secretary and posted on the WCA website, and written confirmation shall be mailed to all Fleet Captains. The appointments shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- 6.1 World Class Technical Committee  
The World Class Technical Committee shall interpret the Class Hull and Sail Specifications and shall propose to the Annual Meeting any advisable alterations or additions to the Specifications. When requested in writing, the World Class Technical Committee shall make a technical ruling on a question that cannot be resolved within a particular Fleet.  
  
Three or more World Class Technical Committee members shall be appointed. No two appointed members of the World Class Technical Committee may come from the same Fleet. One of these members shall be designated as the World Class Technical Committee Chair, the other two or more members shall be considered at-large members of the Technical Committee.
- 6.2 Nominating Committee  
The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for creating a slate of proposed WCA officers to be presented to the WCA for approval at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the class. The Nominating Committee shall present their proposed slate to the WCA Executive Committee no later than 45 days before the Annual Meeting or Special meeting where the slate will be voted upon.

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The Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate Past President and any four (4) individual Members drawn from any fleet with no more than one (1) Member from any fleet. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own chair. In the event the immediate Past President is unable to serve on the Nominating Committee, the sitting President shall appoint any other Past President to serve. In the event that no Past President is available to serve, the sitting President may appoint any Fleet Captain in good standing to serve.

6.3 Class Measurers

Two or more Class Measurers shall be appointed. Class measurers shall be responsible for inspecting each newly-built IOD, or rebuilt IOD to ensure that the yacht complies with the WCA specifications as set out in the WCA By-Laws.

6.4 Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the creation of a periodic newsletter communication to the WCA membership.

6.5 Additional Posts

The WCA Executive Committee shall appoint other posts as necessary to efficiently conduct the affairs of the WCA.

CVII. Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the WCA shall be held during the week of the WCA World Championships at or near the location of the WCA World Championships.

A Special Meeting of the WCA can be called at any time by the WCA President, subject to the provisions of this Article.

7.1 Notification

The WCA Secretary shall deliver in writing, by postal mail or electronic mail, notice of the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting, including notice of any votes which are scheduled to be held, directly to the Fleet Captains no later than sixty days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting. Either form of notice shall constitute due notice to the Membership. The WCA Secretary shall also post notice of the Meeting and the scheduled votes on the WCA website.

7.2 Participation

Fleets are expected to participate, either directly or via written proxy, at all Annual Meetings and Special Meetings. Fleets shall inform the WCA Secretary in writing or electronically, of their appointed representative at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting. A fleet representative must be a Member. A single individual may act as representative for up to three fleets. Written proxy votes, which must include specific fleet votes on all matters scheduled to come before the WCA at the meeting, shall be submitted to the WCA secretary in advance of the meeting.

7.3 Quorum

A quorum at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting shall consist of the presence in person of the voting representatives of two-thirds of the Fleets in good standing.

7.4 Voting

One vote will be allowed per Fleet. The designated Fleet representative shall cast the vote for each Fleet. The President shall cast all written proxy votes received by the Secretary.

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7.5 Order Of Business

7.5.1 The order of business of the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Reading of Minutes
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Reports of Officers
- f. Fleet Reports
- g. Selection of Site for next Championships
- h. Other Business
- i. Election of Officers
- j. Adjournment

5.5.2 A different order of business may be used for a special meeting of the WCA.

CVIII Dues

8.1 Annual Dues are assessed to WCA Fleets and Members on a calendar year basis. The amounts of the annual dues for Fleets and Members are listed in the WCA Schedule of Fees. Payments are due to the WCA Treasurer on January 1st of each year.

8.2 Whenever practical, individuals should pay their dues through their local Fleet. Members unaffiliated with a local Fleet may remit their dues directly to the WCA Secretary.

8.3 Fleets whose Annual Dues payments are not received by June 1st of each year will be assessed a 10% late fee each month until the dues payment is remitted.

8.4 Failure to provide the WCA with the required Fleet dues payments may result in that Fleet being suspended.

CIX Sail Insignia & Class Logo

9.1 The original logo as drawn by Bjarne Aas and the sail insignia may only be used in any written, printed or visual medium by a member of the IOD WCA or with specific written permission from one of its Fleets.

CX Amendments

10.1. The Constitution, By-Laws, and Championship Regulations may be amended at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting. Proposed Amendments shall be published with the Notice of Meeting no later than 60 days prior to the meeting. A 2/3s majority of all Fleets is required to adopt a proposed Constitution, By-law, or Championship Regulation amendment. Amendments approved at such a meeting will go into effect on the first day of January following their adoption.

10.2. The Constitution, By-Laws and Championship Regulations may be amended by unanimous vote of the WCA Executive Committee provided that notice of the adoption of any of the amendments shall be made to each Fleet Captain. Any Fleet may, within 60 days after such notice, notify the WCA Secretary that such Fleet objects and requests that same amendment be presented to a meeting of the

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Members for determination. Such amendment shall not be accepted until the expiration of said 60-day period, or, if notice of objection thereto has been duly given by any Fleet, until the same has been adopted at a meeting of Members in accordance with Article 10.1 above. Amendments adopted in this manner shall not be effective until first day of January following their acceptance.