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By-Law I: Eligible ~~Yachts~~Boats

- 1.1 A ~~yacht-boat~~ shall be eligible for inclusion in the International One-Design Class if ~~the hull was built by any authorized WCA builder (past or present) and the hull, rigging, sails and equipment it conforms to meets [CD1] the plans and specifications outlined herein~~Class Rules.
- 1.2 New ~~yachts-boats~~ shall carry a registered number allotted to the ~~yacht-boat~~ by the WCA Secretary. The registration number shall be permanently affixed to the hull, by being burned or cut into the after end of the mast step and should be engraved in a builder's plaque mounted on the after coaming of the cockpit.
- 1.3 ~~Acceptance of a yacht as an International One-Design by the Association shall be indicated by the issue of a Measurement Certificate issued by the Association Secretary upon receipt of the favorable recommendation from a Class Measurer and, in the case of a newly built yacht, upon the receipt by the Association of the New Boat Royalty fee.~~

By-Law II: Fleets

- 2.1 ~~Fleets that are recognized by the WCA are listed in Appendix 1. Changes to this Appendix may be made at any Meeting of the WCA by means of a simple majority vote. [CD2]~~

~~The following Fleets are recognized by the WCA:~~

~~Europe~~

~~Fredrikstad, Norway
Tønsberg, Norway
St. Mawes, UK
Sweden—Almösund, Sweden~~

~~North America~~

~~Bermuda, Hamilton Harbor, Bermuda
Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada
Fishers Island, New York, U.S.A.
Long Island Sound, New York, U.S.A.
Marblehead, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
Nantucket, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
Northeast Harbor, Maine, U.S.A.
San Francisco Bay, California, U.S.A.
Bermuda, Hamilton Harbor, Bermuda~~

~~Europe~~

~~St. Mawes, UK
Norway Inner Oslo Fjord, Norway
Norway Outer Oslo Fjord, Norway
Sweden Gothenburg, Sweden~~

- 2.2.2 Fleets shall establish their own ~~rules-regulations~~ governing local racing and shall elect and be governed by a Fleet Captain and any other local officers that the Fleet shall deem necessary.- Each Fleet shall be responsible for and maintain ~~its-their own constitution and by-laws~~governing documents. -The Fleets shall keep an up-to-date

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copy of these documents on file with the ECA-WCA at all times. These documents will at a minimum include rules-regulations that cover the following:

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Calling of Fleet Meetings
- c. Membership
- d. Dues
- e. Sail Purchase Plan
- f. Series Racing
- g. Regatta Qualifying
- h. Procedures for approving and proposing enacting any Fleet Specific Amendments to the Class Equipment Rules ~~(must be pre-approved by a majority vote of the IODWCA Executive Committee)~~

2.3 A Fleet whose fleet-specific Class Rule amendment has been denied by the Executive Committee may request that the rule at issue be voted upon by all Fleets at any duly convened meeting where a quorum is present. The denial remains in effect until such meeting has been convened and a vote taken. If a majority of the Fleets present at the meeting vote to accept it, the amendment is adopted.

2.4 The Executive Committee (with a 2/3 vote) may declare a Fleet not in Good Standing for violations of the Constitution or Bylaws under the following conditions,

- a. Declaring a Fleet to be not in Good Standing is a significant and non-desirable process. Every attempt should be made to resolve outstanding issues prior to such a decision. Additionally, the Fleet in question shall be given at least thirty (30) days to resolve the issue prior to any such declaration.^[CD3]
- b. Such decision requires confirmation by a 2/3s vote at a Special Meeting.
- c. The decision does not take effect until confirmed at the Special Meeting.
- d. The Fleet in question ~~can~~may represent themselves at the Special Meeting, but ~~cannot~~may not vote on the confirmation issue.

2.5 Revocation of Fleet status must be recommended by the Executive Committee (with a 2/3 vote) for approval by the WCA at an ~~Annual Meeting~~ of the WCA.

~~2.3 Fleet status may be revoked by the WCA Secretary if the Fleet fails to maintain at least three active yachts or fails to pay the WCA Annual Dues as set out in the Schedule of Fees.~~

By-Law III: Registration, Dues and Royalty Fees

3.1 A Schedule of Fees covering dues, fees and special assessments assigned to Members, ~~Yachts-Boats~~ and Fleets of the IOD Class shall be approved at an Annual or Special Meeting of the WCA. This Schedule of Fees shall not form part of the By-Laws.

3.2 No fee may be changed, or additional fee or assessment imposed by the WCA without the approval of the majority of the Fleets of the WCA.

3.3 Annual Fleet Dues shall be ~~assessed to due~~ from each Fleet on Jan 1st of each year for the ensuing calendar year in accordance with the Schedule of Fees for each IOD registered in that Fleet. Fees shall be payable to the WCA Treasurer by June 1st for all active ~~yachts-boats~~ in that Fleet. Fleet Dues for the current year must be paid in advance of the Annual Meeting in order for a Fleet to be considered in Good Standing. ~~Any Fees paid after June 1st may be subject to a 10% late f~~

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- 3.4 Annual Member Dues shall be assessed to each Member in accordance with the Schedule of Fees. Fees shall be payable to the individual Fleet Treasurers for forwarding to the WCA Treasurer. Dues shall be collected and payable by the Fleets by **the earlier of June 1st or the date of the Annual Meeting** annually for all of their active members. **In the case where a member is not associated with a recognized fleet, dues may be forwarded directly to the WCA Treasurer.**
- 3.5 From time to time, the WCA may require additional fees or assessments be applied to the Fleets, to the **yachts-boats** or to the membership at large.

By-Law IV: One-Design Sail Purchase Plan

All Fleets are required to implement a Sail Purchase Plan to assure that all IODs within a Fleet have as near equal sails as possible, regardless of the amount of money a competitor may have for sails, or access that a competitor may have to sail-making or re-cutting capability. In addition, the Sail Purchase Plan makes possible group discounts for sail purchase, further lowering the costs of maintaining a competitive IOD sail inventory.

Details of a Fleet's specific Sail Purchase Program are left to the individual Fleets; however, a Fleet's Sail Purchase Plan shall address planned sail purchases for the upcoming five seasons and shall include the following provisions:

- 4.1 In any given race an IOD shall use only three sails - mainsail, jib and spinnaker. Only a mainsail, jib and spinnaker approved by the local Fleet shall be used in races which are part of the Fleet's Qualifying Series for the WCA World Championships and any other races which the Fleet designates.
- 4.2 To preserve the classic look of the IOD, mainsails and jibs shall be white. Fleets may adopt fleet or individual spinnaker designs.
- 4.3 Sail designs and specifications, subject to the dimensional limits of the **WCA Class Rules**, should be created by the Fleet to assure enjoyable and competitive racing in a Fleet's local conditions.
- 4.4 The choice of sail-maker is left to the local Fleet. A different sail-maker may be used for each of the three sails, but the same sail-maker should make all of the sails for any annual purchase. The sail-maker should strive to make the sails as near identical as possible. Sails should be allocated by lot or by some other method which the Fleet approves.
- 4.5 Except for exceptional reasons approved by the Fleet, no more than one sail should be purchased before any season.
- 4.6 The entire Fleet shall be encouraged to purchase the designated sail during each fleet purchase. However, if a **yacht-boat** elects not to participate in a particular purchase, that **yacht-boat** will not be allowed to purchase a new sail of that type until the next fleet purchase of that sail.
- 4.7 That sail shall be used by the Fleet until it is next purchased by the Fleet.
- 4.8 **Yachts-IODs** (newly built or relocating) registering with a Fleet shall be bound by the sail purchase rotation of that Fleet and shall, as designated by the Fleet Captain, either:

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- a. ~~purchase~~Purchase or borrow current rotation sail(s) from the Fleet
- b. ~~purchase~~Purchase or borrow and, if required, re-cut sail(s) from a previous rotation so that they meet the same design and specifications as the currently approved sail(s).
- c. ~~purchase~~Purchase a new sail(s) built to the current sail rotation design by the current approved Fleet sail maker.
- d. Use such other sail for the balance of a rotation period as specified by the Fleet Captain.

By-Law V: Interpretations, Protests, Disputes & Appeals ~~Protests and Appeals~~

5.1 Class Rules

- a. A Member may request an interpretation of a Class Rule from the WCA in which case the WCA Technical Committee shall respond. Any decision of the WCA Technical Committee regarding a Class Rule interpretation shall be final and binding on the Fleet and the Member. This decision will be posted on the WCA website within 30 days.
- b. Any boat protesting another for failure to comply with a Class Rule shall file a protest in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing~~5.1~~ ~~Any yacht protesting another for failure to comply with any WCA Rule shall file said claim with the individual Fleet involved in accordance with rules set forth by that Fleet.~~

5.2 Local Fleet Regulations

- a. Any requests for a ruling or interpretation of a Local Fleet Regulation shall be presented to the responsible local Fleet association.~~A Member of a recognized Fleet may request a ruling or interpretation of a Local Fleet Regulation from their local Fleet association.~~^[CD4]
- b. A Member of a recognized Fleet may request an appeal of a Local Fleet Regulation ruling by that Fleet concerning a matter specific to that Member to the WCA. Appeals must be made in writing within 15 days of receiving the written decision from the Fleet.
- c. Upon the receipt of an appeal to the WCA, the Nominating Committee shall appoint an ad-hoc Appeals Committee containing three (3) or five (5) members. This ad-hoc Appeals Committee will consider whether it is appropriate to hear the appeal or whether it is more appropriate for the matter to remain in the jurisdiction of the specified Fleet association.
- d. The decision of the WCA Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on the Fleet and the Member. This decision will be posted on the WCA website within 30 days.

~~5.3 Appeals to rulings by local Fleets may be made to the WCA following the submission procedures set out in the RRS. Appeals to the WCA shall be made within 15 days of receiving the written decision from the local Fleet. Upon the receipt of an appeal the President shall appoint an ad-hoc Appeal Committee containing at least three (3) and not more than five (5) Members, at least one of whom shall be a Class Officer. This committee shall review the decision of the local Fleet and publish a written decision including any penalties to be assessed to an Yacht or Member who has broken a WCA rule.~~

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- a. A Member or a Fleet may request a ruling or interpretation of any element of the WCA Governing Documents (setting aside the Class Rules covered in 5.1 above) from the WCA Executive Committee. This ruling or interpretation will be posted on the WCA website within 30 days. If such a ruling or interpretation requires a change to the relevant Governing Document, the appropriate processes and timelines for such a change will be followed. [CDS]

~~Appeals shall be accompanied by an Appeal Fee in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to cover costs involved in printing and mailing. Should fair determination of the protest require costs to the WCA or the owner of the protested Yacht in excess of the fee stated in the current Schedule of Fees, the protestor must agree in advance to be liable for this amount.~~

5.4 Disputes

- a. A Fleet may appeal a decision or ruling of the WCA Executive Committee to an Annual or Special meeting of the WCA. Such an appeal against a decision or ruling of the WCA Executive Committee shall be made in writing within 15 days of receiving the written decision from the WCA Executive Committee. Within 30 days of receipt of the appeal, the President shall notify all fleets of the time and date of the meeting. A simple majority vote of the fleets in attendance is required to sustain the original decision; however, the appealing Fleet is not entitled to vote on the matter. Any decision will not take effect until after the appeal has been heard. This decision will be posted on the WCA website within 30 days. ~~Yachts found, through the Appeal procedure, to be in nonconformance with a WCA bylaw or rule shall be disqualified from all races of the current season for which the yacht is determined to have raced while the deficiency existed. However, if the deficiency is structural and developed through other than intentional violation of the rules by the owner, then the yacht shall have thirty days from the date of the decision by the Appeal Committee in which to conform to the rules to avoid disqualification. Where remedy for the deficiency is not clearly apparent, the written decision of the Appeal Committee shall include instructions for acceptable correction.~~

~~The decision of the WCA Appeal Committee shall be final.~~

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Appendix #1: Fleets

The following Fleets are recognized by the WCA

Europe

- Fredrikstad-, Norway
- Tönsberg-, Norway
- St. Mawes, UK
- Sweden - Almösund-, Sweden

North America

- Bermuda, Hamilton Harbor, Bermuda
- Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Fishers Island, New York, U.S.A.
- Long Island Sound, New York, U.S.A.
- Marblehead, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
- Nantucket, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
- Northeast Harbor, Maine, U.S.A.
- San Francisco Bay, California, U.S.A.

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