



By-Laws

By-Law I: Eligible Boats

- 1.1 A boat shall be eligible for inclusion in the International One-Design Class if it meets the Class Rules.
- 1.2 New boats shall carry a registered number allotted to the 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.

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.
- 2.2 Fleets shall establish their own 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 their own governing documents. The Fleets shall keep an up-to-date copy of these documents on file with the WCA at all times. These documents will at a minimum include 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 any Fleet Specific Amendments to the Class Rules
- 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 If a Fleet anticipates that it will not be racing together for some time, or is otherwise unable operate as an active Fleet, it may initiate a request to change its status to Inactive.
 - i. Any such request from a Fleet must be passed by a simple majority of the Executive Committee, with immediate effect. Notice of a Fleet's change in status shall be communicated to all Fleet Captains and posted on the WCA website.
 - i. An Inactive Fleet shall continue to inform the WCA of its progress and activities, participate in the AGM, and submit an annual report.

- ii. Inactive Fleets do not receive invitations to WCA Championship events, and individual members of Inactive fleets are ineligible to receive special invites (see CR Part 4 Section C) to WCA Championship events.
- iii. An Inactive Fleet shall not be considered a recognized Fleet for purposes of the WCA Governing Documents and will not count towards a quorum or be entitled to a vote at any WCA meeting.
- j. An Inactive Fleet may petition the Executive Committee for reinstatement to active Fleet status. Such a petition shall be made in writing and will normally include evidence, such as racing results and membership lists, indicating that the Fleet is again functioning as an active Fleet.
 - i. The Executive Committee (by simple majority) may recommend restoration of an Inactive fleet to Fleet status, subject to the approval of a simple majority of the Fleets at a WCA Meeting.
 - ii. Restoration of Fleet status does not immediately provide for automatic invitations to WCA events until January 1st of the year following the date the restoration takes place.

2.5 Under extraordinary circumstances, the WCA Executive Committee may recommend that a Fleet's status (as indicated on Appendix 1) be changed to "Inactive" or that a Fleet be removed.

- a. A two-thirds majority of the entire Executive Committee is required to bring such a recommendation to the WCA for a vote at a WCA meeting. A two-thirds majority of all the WCA Fleets is required to enact the recommendation of the Executive. Should the WCA Fleets approve the Executive Committee's recommendation, the status change will be effective immediately, along with the appropriate changes to the Fleet's rights and responsibilities.
- b. A Fleet that has been moved to Inactive status through the procedures in this bylaw may petition the Executive Committee in writing to return to active Fleet status. Such a petition should include race results and other appropriate evidence that the Fleet is again operating in a manner consistent with an active Fleet. A simple majority of the entire Executive Committee is required to bring a recommendation for reinstatement to the WCA for a vote at a WCA meeting. A simple majority of all the WCA Fleets is required to reinstate the Fleet.
- c. A Fleet that has been removed from Appendix 1 may apply to the WCA for readmittance to the WCA, and would be evaluated for membership using the standards that would apply to any new applicant seeking WCA membership.

2.6 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.
- 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 may represent themselves at the Special Meeting, but may not vote on the confirmation issue.

By-Law III: Registration, Dues and Royalty Fees

3.1 A Schedule of Fees covering dues, fees and special assessments assigned to

Members, 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 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 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.
- 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 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 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 sailmaker is left to the local Fleet. A different sailmaker may be used for each of the three sails, but the same sailmaker should make all of the sails for any annual purchase. The sailmaker 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 boat elects not to participate in a particular purchase, that 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 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:
 - a. Purchase or borrow current rotation sail(s) from the Fleet.
 - b. 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 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

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

5.2 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.
- 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 WCA Governing Documents

- 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.

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.

Appendix #1: Fleets

The following Fleets are recognized by the WCA

Europe

Fredrikstad, Norway

Tønsberg, Norway

St. Mawes, UK

Sweden - Almö sund, 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.

Manhattan, 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.