

11:METRE CLASS ASSOCIATION RULES 1993

1. NAME

The full name of the Association shall be the "11:Metre Class Association". The domicile of the Association is Stockholm until otherwise decided by the Committee.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are to promote and further the interests of the 11:Metre Class with special emphasis on:

- maintaining the one design character of the 11:Metre One Design yacht.
- encouraging international and national competition in the class.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

3.a. There shall be three classes of membership:

- Active member: owner or representative of owner of an 11 Metre One Design yacht.
- Associate member: any member not to be designated as active or honorary.
- Honorary member: any person, who having contributed a tremendous amount of their personal time and effort to the class over a substantial number of years, is nominated by an International Governing Committee (IGC) member and voted in by all IGC members.

3.b. Members shall be bound by the Class Association Rules and the One Design Rules.

3.c. All members shall have the right to receive copies of notices of General Meetings, and shall have the right to attend and to speak there-at. Each active member shall be entitled to cast one vote on any matter voted upon at a General Meeting of the Association, or in a postal ballot.

4. NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES ,

4.a. Application to form a National Class Association shall be made to the International Governing Committee and be granted at a General Meeting or in a postal ballot.

4.b. A National Class Association has the right to form fleets to handle local racing.

4.c. Each National Class Association shall collect its members' 11:Metre Class Association dues. Newly collected dues shall be forwarded every three months to the 11:Metre Class Association together with the member registration forms.

?? the Committee for the purpose, who are not candidates for office. The qualified nominees for each position, receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.

4.d. Each National Class Association shall appoint a liaison officer to the 11:Metre Class Association among its active members. The liaison officer is responsible for all communication with the 11:Metre Class Association.

4.e. Each National Class Association shall appoint at least one current National 11:Metre Class Measurer, who shall be approved by the 11:Metre Class Association.

4.f. Each National Class Association shall be responsible for establishing a list of precedence among its active members and forward it to the 11:Metre Class Association before the end of each calendar year or upon request. The list is to be used for entry allocation of 11:Metre Class Association sanctioned events.

5 . 11: METRE CLASS ASSOCIATION DUES

5.a. 11:Metre Class Association dues shall be fixed by the International Governing Committee.

5.b. The International Governing Committee shall establish the dues each year for active and associate members.

5.c. Association dues must be paid before a member can be in good standing.

5.d. In order to participate in an event sanctioned by the 11:Metre Class Association, the helmsman and three crew members of a yacht must be members of the 11:Metre Class Association.

6. MANAGMENT

6.a. The responsibilities, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed and discharged by the International Governing Committee(IGC). The IGC shall have and exercise all the powers of the Association under applicable law anywhere in the world, with the exception of changes in the Association and One Design Rules (see Rule 12).

6.b. The International Committee shall consist of:

- Six Elected Members; Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Officer and a Deputy Member

-One Appointed Member: appointed by the International One Design Group AB;
The term for office of members of the Committee shall be a period of twenty-four months from the date of their election or appointment and until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed. Each year not more or less than three Elected Members of IGC shall be elected in a postal ballot among all active members.

effect shall be sent by the Association to each Active Member, of whose address the Committee is aware, latest February 1 next following.

6.c. No person shall serve as an Elected Member or Appointed Member for more than three consecutive terms, but a person serving for full period shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment after an interval of one year. A person may be coopted at any time.

6.d. A Committee Member appointed to fill a vacancy shall remain in office until the expiration of the term of office of the person whose position he/she has filled.

6.e. The Elected Members of IGC shall have the following functions:

(1) The Chairman of the Association shall be the chief administrator of the Association, shall serve as the Association's principal liaison to the International Yacht Racing Union, shall preside at meetings and serve as Chairman of the Committee, shall appoint special committees, and shall have sole authority to authorize commitment of the credit of the Association, but may delegate such authority to one or more additional persons;

(2) The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence from a meeting, of the Committee or of the Association, and shall have such powers and responsibilities as the Chairman from time to time confer on him;

(3) The Secretary shall keep correct minutes and records of all Committee and General Meetings and is responsible for the Association Register and communication to the members.

(4) The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association; make such disbursements as the Committee shall direct; keep an accurate record of the financial affairs of the Association; and present an annual financial statement at each Annual General Meeting. The Secretary may fulfil the function of Treasurer;

(6) The Technical Officer shall be responsible for advising the Committee and National Associations upon the interpretation of the One Design Rules, reviewing and making proposals in collaboration with the Copyright Holder on changes and amendments to these rules;

6.f. At its first meeting, to be held immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Committee shall:

(1) appoint an Auditor who shall review and, if deemed necessary, certify the annual financial statement;

(2) decide the time and place for the next meeting of the Committee and cause the Secretary to ensure that notice of this meeting be sent to all members of the Committee.

6.g. At meetings of the Committee the presence in person of five of the Elected Members and Appointed Members shall constitute a quorum; but the affirmative votes of a majority of the Elected and the Appointed Members of the Committee, in person or by proxy, shall be required for approval of any substantive motion;

6.h. At least six week's notice of date, place and agenda for any meeting of the Committee must be given in writing by the Secretary to each Committee Member. Any Committee Member not answering a motion communicated to him in writing within six weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to such motion.

6.i. Until December 31, 1993, a Launching Committee has the powers and responsibilities of the International Governing Committee and has the right to change Association and One Design Rules.

6.j. The Committee has the authority, to dissolve the Association. Such decision can only be made after voting procedure in accordance with rules stated in §12. On dissolving the Association any remaining assets held by the Association shall be distributed to National Eleven Metre Class Association in proportion to the number of active Members therein.

7 . EXPENDITURE CONTROLS

The making of payments and receipts of monies shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of the Treasurer or his deputy as appointed by the Committee, and payments of monies exceeding the sum of US\$ 200 shall additionally require the separate signature of the Chairman or the Secretary.

8. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

8.a. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year at an

International Championship or other regatta of the Class, or any other place judged by the Committee to be most convenient to the majority of Members of the Association, the precise date, time and place being at the Committees discretion.

8.b.A Special General Meeting may be called by the Chairman; or Class Secretary upon receipt by the Class Secretary of a request in writing signed by not fewer than fifteen Active Members of the Association.

8.c. At least eight week's notice shall in writing shall be given to Members of any Annual or Special General Meeting.

8.d. At any General Meeting decisions, other than those under Rule 12, shall be carried out by a majority vote, in person or by proxy, of the whole number of number of Active Members. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by not fewer than three of the Active Members present. At any Meeting the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The secretary shall be responsible for circulating all Members, or in the case o! Committee Meetings, all Committee Members, with the result. In the event of a postal ballot, all returns shall be made to the secretary within four weeks of posting the ballot paper.

8.e. At any General Meeting of the Association, the presence in person of fifteen Active Members shall constitute a quorum.

9. ACCOUNTS

9.a. The Committee shall cause true Accounts to be kept giving full particulars of:

- all monies, assets and liabilities of the Association;
- all monies received and expended by the Association and of the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures arise;
- all sales and purchases of goods by the Association.

9.b. The Committee shall cause to be prepared and laid before the Members at every Annual General Meeting of the Association an annual financial statement.

9.c. A copy of the annual statement, duly reviewed or audited by independent auditors, which is to be laid before the Members in General Meeting, shall, not less than 21 days previous to such General meeting, be sent to every Active, Associate and Honorary Member of whose address the Committee is aware.

9.d. The auditors shall be appointed by the Committee at the General Meeting.

9.e. The fiscal year of the Association shall coincide with the calendar year.

10. CONDUCTS OF ELECTION'S TO THE COMMITTEE

10.a. Nominations: Each National Association shall be sent one official nominating form for Elected Members of the Committee at such time as may be ordered by the Chairman, returnable to the Secretary before a specified date. Unless the Committee otherwise approves, nominating forms shall be sent to the National Associations before September 1 and made returnable before October 1 in each year in which an election is held. Each National Association shall prescribe its own procedures for selecting its nominees in a timely manner. Nominations may be only on the Official Nominating Form.

10.b. Eligibility: A nominee must be an Active Member of the Association at the time of the nomination and at the time of voting. A nominee, before his name can be placed on the ballot, must certify in writing that he is willing and able to serve if elected. A nominee must be in a position to attend at least one Committee meeting per year at the Central Office of the Association.

10.c. Voting: Not later than November 10 in each year in which an election is held, each Active Member shall be sent an official ballot, listing all qualified nominees, at his address on the official records of the Association. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the office of the Secretary, or to such other person as the Committee may designate in a communication accompanying the ballot, on or before December 10. The ballots shall be sealed.

10.d. Election: The ballots shall be opened and counted by the Committee on December 10 (or the Monday following if this date falls on a Saturday or Sunday) at such hour and place as the Committee may designate in the manner required for calling a regular meeting of the Committee. The votes shall be tabulated by two or more inspectors of election appointed by ???

11. SANCTIONS

11.a. Suspension: A Member may be suspended by the Committee for gross violation of the Class Association or One Design Rules or for unsportsmanlike conduct, or, after due warning, for wilful and persistent disregard of rulings. The duration of a suspension is fixed

by the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a suspension may be terminated by a majority vote of the delegates at a General Meeting.

11.b. Expulsion: Member may be expelled by three-fourths vote of the delegates at an Annual General Meeting with or without cause.

11.c. Removal from Office: Any officer may be removed from his office or offices by the Committee for a wilful and unjustifiable act of commission or omission detrimental to the Association, the Class or any of their respective members.

12. AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES OF ASSOCIATION AND ONE DESIGN CLASS RULES

12.a. Proposals for the amendment or change of the Association and One Design Class Rules may be made only by:

-the International Governing Committee or

-a National Class Association following the affirmative vote of at least a majority of its Active Members in a postal ballot.

12.b. The proposed amendment or change must be filed with the Committee in writing. The Committee shall there after publish such proposed amendment in conjunction with the first official ballot for the election of members of the committee that is scheduled to take place at least twelve weeks after the receipt of the proposed amendment or change by the committee.

12.c. The proposal is to be reviewed by the Committee for approval. If such proposed amendment or change is approved by at least the Copyright Holder and four Elected Members, it shall be submitted in writing to all Active Members for a vote by ballot in conjunction with the first official ballot for the election of members of the committee that is scheduled to take place at least twelve weeks after the receipt of the proposed amendment of change by the committee. To be approved by the Active Members the proposed amendment or change must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the written ballots properly completed and filed with the Secretary within forty-five days following the date on which the mailing of ballots to the Active Members was completed. Only the written ballots of Active Members entitled to vote shall be considered.

12.d. If a duly proposed amendment or change has been approved by the Active Members as hereinabove provided then it shall take effect on March 1 next following. Notice to such....