

SeaWind Class Owners Association - By-Laws

Section 1. Administration

1.1 Officers of the SeaWind Class Owners Association, hereinafter referred to as the COA, shall be a Class Secretary, and a Board of Directors composed of a minimum of three and a maximum of six Directors, each from a different region. All officers shall be members in good standing of the COA and the American Model Yachting Association, hereinafter referred to as AMYA. The Class Secretary shall chair the Board as a non-voting member, but shall cast a deciding vote in any situation where a tie in votes occurs.

1.2 Officers will serve for a term of two years, as of April 1, 2003, and will automatically be re-nominated unless challenged or removed, or unless a resignation is tendered in writing to the Secretary and/or Board.

1.3 Vacated positions will be filled by appointment, until the next scheduled election, by the Class Secretary in the case of a Board member, and by a simple majority vote of the Board in the case of the Secretary.

1.4 Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Board members.

1.5 Any COA member who is also a member of the American Model Yachting Association may challenge for an officer's position, and will be included in the ballot of the next scheduled election. Challenge must be made in writing, and postmarked by January 1 of the election year, to the Class Secretary.

1.6 Election of Class Officers and voting on proposed changes to Class Constitution, Bylaws and Class Rules will take place in odd-numbered years. Ballots will be mailed to all COA members on or before February 1 of election years and must be postmarked for return on or before March 1 of that year. The Class Secretary will validate the ballots by confirming, with the AMYA membership Secretary, that each member's AMYA membership is current (see Section 3.3 below). Election of Officers and approved changes will become effective April 1 of that year unless specified otherwise in the ballot information.

1.7 Election of officers will be by a simple majority vote.

Section 2. Duties of Class Officers

2.1 The Class Secretary shall chair the Board of Directors, and be responsible for the administration of Class Rules and procedures. The Secretary shall also see to the proper registration of SeaWind Class yachts, maintain a membership and registry list, and act as the main liaison between the COA and the AMYA.

2.2 The Board of Directors shall oversee policy administration of the COA, and assist the Class Secretary, as requested, in his duties.

2.3 The Class Secretary shall rule on any questions concerning Class specifications or Rules, and may request a ballot of the Board of Directors in doing so. Such rulings will be binding on the COA until such time as formal proposal of change may be made and voted on by the membership.

2.4 The Class Secretary may assign other and specific responsibilities to the Board of Directors, or regular COA members, in order to administer COA affairs.

Section 3. Membership

3.1 Membership in the COA is open to any owner of a SeaWind Class yacht.

3.2 Membership shall be accomplished by proper registration of the owner's SeaWind yacht. Application must be made to the Class Secretary.

3.3 Only COA members who are also current members of the AMYA will be voting members. Owners of more than one SeaWind yacht will have one vote only.

3.4 The Board of Directors shall have the right to terminate the COA membership of any person by two-thirds vote.

Section 4. Registration

4.1 Section 4.2 Yachts shall be registered by submitting the proper registration form to the Class Secretary along with a one-time fee as set by AMYA from time to time for registration of all yacht classes.

4.2 The Class Secretary will issue a registration number and membership card to each new member.

4.3 Registration numbers will be issued sequentially, unless a specific and available number is requested. Previously issued numbers will become available for re-issue two years after a failure to renew.

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4.5 SeaWind Class yachts, to be properly registered, must have the registration number affixed to the hull interior in a visible location.

Section 5. Changes

5.1 Any COA member who is also a member of the AMYA may propose changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Class Rules, to be made in writing to the Class Secretary.

5.2 All proposed changes shall be postmarked on or before January 1 of the election year, to be included on the ballot of that year.

5.3 Any changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Class Rules will require approval by a two-thirds majority of the valid returned ballots and will become effective April 1 of the election year unless specified otherwise in the ballot information.

5.4 In the case of Class Rules changes it will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to see that a fair and reasonable period of time is allowed for compliance before the change becomes effective.

Section 6. Championship Regattas

6.1 Any club wishing to host a National or Regional SeaWind Championship shall petition the Board of Directors for sanction. Whenever possible, such events shall be rotated geographically, and be conducted according to AMYA procedures. Championship results shall be promptly reported to the Class Secretary.

6.2 All yachts entered in a National or Regional Championship and any other SeaWind COA sanctioned regatta, shall be properly registered with the COA and comply with all SeaWind Class Rules. It shall be the responsibility of the Race Director to insure that yachts are in compliance throughout the competition.

6.3 It is the skipper who is in competition, rather than the yacht and only one yacht may be entered and sailed during a sanctioned Championship. Should a yacht be disabled during the competition, however, she may be replaced with the permission of the Race Director.

6.4 No equipment on the yacht at the start of competition, with the exception of batteries, may be replaced or substituted during a Championship competition unless damaged. The Race Director shall approve any such substitutions.

6.5 In the event that a SeaWind Yacht is damaged, in transit to or during any portion (including scheduled practice) of a scheduled COA-sanctioned Regatta temporary repairs may be made, including use of non-standard parts, or in the case of cosmetic parts be left unrepaired if, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee or responsible official whose decision shall be final, the repair or lack thereof does not convey a performance advantage. Such temporary repairs shall only be valid for the duration of that specific scheduled Regatta.

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Signed:

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