

1. THE JCA

1.1 The J/35 Class Association shall be known and referred to herein as the JCA.

2. OBJECT

2.1 The JCA shall have sole authority for the sanctioning of all J/35 Class events.

2.2 The JCA shall promote the expansion of the J/35 class throughout North America.

2.3 The JCA shall coordinate and manage the affairs and the rules of the J/35 Class in cooperation with US SAILING and the J/Boats, Inc., the Copyright Holder.

2.4 The JCA shall maintain the one design characteristics of the J/35.

2.5 The JCA shall promote one-design Corinthian yacht racing.

2.6 The JCA may adopt other objectives as may from time to time be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

3. OTHER TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

3.1 The CLASS shall mean the class of sailing yachts designed by Rodney Johnstone, constructed in accordance with the building specification and continuing compliance with the rules of the JCA, known under the name of J/35.

3.2 The CLASS RULES shall mean the rules relating to measurement, equipment, racing condition and the practices of a J/35 crew, annexed hereto and incorporated herein as a By-Law of this Constitution.

3.3 The BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS shall mean the plans, manufacturing processes, techniques, hardware, and materials used in the construction of the J/35.

3.4 The HULL NUMBER shall mean the hull number allocated by J/Boats, Inc. on a consecutive basis, and inscribed along with the date of molding onto the transom of each J/35.

3.5 The SAIL NUMBER shall mean the national sail number allocated to the yacht by its national authority.

3.6 The JCA CLASS REGISTER shall mean the register of all J/35 owners and JCA Members, to be kept as provided hereinafter.

3.7 The COPYRIGHT HOLDER shall mean J/Boats, Inc., with headquarters at 557 Thames St., Newport, RI 02840.



3.8 A LICENSED BUILDER shall mean a person or corporation holding a valid license issued by the Copyright Holder to build the J/35.

4. OFFICES

4.1 The principal office of the JCA shall be the address of its statutory agent for service process.

4.2 Other offices may also be established at such places as the Executive committee may determine.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 ACTIVE MEMBERS shall be J/35 owners. VOTING MEMBERS shall be Active Members who have paid the prescribed annual dues. Voting Members in good standing shall have the right to vote and hold office subject only to a limitation of one vote per yacht in the case of ownership by more than one Voting Member.

5.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS / CREW MEMBERS are non-owners who have paid the prescribed annual dues.

5.3 SPONSORING MEMBERS shall be those individuals, organizations or corporations who provide products and/or services to the JCA or its members. Sponsoring members shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

6. FLEET ORGANIZATION

6.1 A Fleet shall be a territorial unit comprised of independent boat owners within a specific geographical region, as designated by the Executive Committee.

6.1.1 Each Fleet shall hold an election prior to the end of October in each year for the purpose of electing a Fleet Captain and other officers as may be necessary to manage the Fleet. Notice of election shall be sent to all voting members of the designated fleet via email as listed in the JCA member registration and shall be posted on the Class Association website.

6.1.2 All Voting Members of the JCA shall be entitled to vote in person or by electronic means as determined by the Executive Committee,. Notification of a meeting to hold such an election shall be sent to all Voting Members in the Fleet by the Fleet Captain or the Executive committee if the Fleet Captain position is vacant, at least 7 days prior to the meeting Any Voting Member of the Fleet shall be eligible for election. The candidate receiving the most votes cast shall be elected. Inspection of the ballots shall be available upon request by any Voting Member of the District within 7days of the election.

6.1.3 Each Fleet Captain will represent their Fleet on the JCA Executive Committee and shall be a member of the JCA

6.1.4 Each Fleet Captain will appoint a representative to the JCA technical committee who is a JCA member. The Fleet Captain may serve as the Technical Committee representative.

6.1.5 In the event a Fleet Captain is no longer able to serve in his/her capacity or the position is vacant, the Executive Committee may appoint a successor by two-thirds majority vote who will serve until an election as specified in Rule 6.1.2 can be held or until the end of the original term, whichever occurs earlier.

6.2. A Fleet shall be self-governed in matters not conflicting with this Constitution.

7. ANNUAL DUES AND FEES

7.1 The JCA shall be financed by the collection of dues from members and other sources as approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall annually determine dues for each membership classification and may amend membership classifications as deemed necessary.

7.2 Dues for each calendar year are due and payable to the JCA on January 1. All dues and fees shall be made payable to the J/35 Class Association.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of each Fleet Captain, and the President, Vice President (if elected), Secretary and Treasurer of the JCA.

8.2 Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. At meetings of the Committee three members shall form a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by members present, in person or via electronic means at any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be an act of the Committee.

8.3 Changes in the Constitution to be voted upon at an Executive Committee Meeting shall be received by all members of the Executive Committee at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting. Approval by two-thirds of the Executive Committee shall be required in order to make a Constitutional change. Alternatively, a majority vote of the voting members of the JCA may approve any changes to this constitution.

8.4 If a member of the Executive Committee is unable to attend a meeting, the Fleet Captain may appoint a substitute for that meeting only. Such designations shall be in writing and received by the Secretary of the JCA no later than seven days prior to the meeting. Participation in a meeting via electronic means is recommended and highly preferred over substitution

8.5 An annual meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held no later than January 31st of each year. At its annual meeting, the Committee shall:

8.5.1 Elect a President, Vice-President (optional), Secretary and Treasurer who will serve as Officers of the JCA for a minimum of two years. The role of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Executive Committee

9. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE JCA

9.1 Officers of the JCA shall be elected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee from the membership of the Executive Committee or from the JCA membership

9.2 If no nominations are received current officers if so inclined, may continue until such time as nominations are received.

10. OFFICERS OF THE JCA

10.1 It shall be the duty of the President of the JCA to preside over meeting of the Executive Committee and enforce the By-Laws and Rules of the JCA.

10.2 It shall be the duty of the Vice-President or the Treasurer if no Vice-President is appointed to assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence, or in case of a vacancy in the office of the President, to act as President.

10.3 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep correct minutes of all the Executive Committee meetings and be responsible for communicating the decisions of the Executive Committee to all members.

10.4 The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the JCA, make such disbursements as the Executive Committee may direct, maintain the JCA Class Register, and present a financial statement which includes all bank statements at each annual meeting and as the Executive Committee may direct.

11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Committee Chair, the immediate past President of the JCA, and the elected Fleet Captains

11.2 At meetings of the Executive Committee, three members shall form a quorum. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote.

11.3 In the event a member of the Executive Committee is no longer able to serve in his or her capacity, the Executive Committee may appoint a successor from the members of the JCA, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

11.4 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint an advisory group to provide counsel or assistance.

11.5 The Executive Committee may appoint such agents and attorneys as necessary to transact the business of the JCA.

11.6 The Executive Committee shall handle financial matters in accordance with the following provisions:

11.6.1 Accounts shall be kept giving full particulars of all amounts of funds received by the JCA and a detailed description of such receipts and expenditures, and all assets and liabilities of the JCA.

11.6.2 the Treasurer shall validate Payments and receipts of funds.

11.6.3 Commitments in excess of the sum of \$1500.00 shall require the co-signature of the President or Vice-President.

11.6.4 The fiscal year of the JCA shall be the calendar year.

11.6.5 The Executive Committee shall periodically appoint a qualified auditor who shall examine the correctness of the accounts and certify the annual financial statement.

12. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

12.1 The Technical Committee shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, a JCA Member representative from each district, and the Designer or his appointee.

12.2 The Technical Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding Class Rules, Building Specifications and Measurements, including suggested amendments, additions, and interpretations.

12.3 The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the appointment of official Class measurers and the creation and recording of Measurement Certificates.

12.3.1 The names and addresses of official Class measurers shall be recorded by the Secretary of the JCA.

12.3.2 Official class measurers may issue Measurement Certificates for class legal J/35s.

13. CHANGES IN THE J/35 CLASS RULES (OR MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES)

13.1 Changes to the Class Rules may be proposed by any Voting Member, a Licensed Builder, or a member of the Technical Committee of the JCA.

13.2 The proposed change(s) will be reviewed by the Technical Committee which will formulate a resolution for review by the Executive Committee. Upon receiving a majority of affirmative votes by the Executive Committee the predisposed resolution shall be presented to all Voting members of the JCA in writing by mail or other electronic means as designated by the JCA member, with a return ballot. All eligible ballots returned to the Secretary of the JCA within twenty-one days of the date of the mailing shall be counted. If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the resolution it shall be adopted as a Class Rule.

13.3 Notification of such changes shall be communicated to all members by the Secretary of the JCA within seven days.

13.4 Changes shall apply to all regattas occurring 60 days after the date of approval, or at the time deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee, which if different than sixty days shall be communicated to all members by the Secretary of the JCA.

14. CHANGES IN BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS

14.1 Changes to the Building Specifications may be proposed to the executive Committee by a Voting Member or by the Copyright Holder. If after review, such changes are deemed by the Technical Committee

and/or the Copyright Holder to affect a "Speed Producing Factor" as defined in Section 14.3, the approval process shall be as in Section 14.2.

14.2 Approval for changes to the Building Specifications shall require the adoption of the change(s) as specified in Section 13.2 and the consent of the Copyright Holder

14.3 "Speed Producing Factors" are the shape, dimensions, weight, distribution of weight, and rigidity (stiffness or bending movements) of the hull, keel, rudder, mast, boom, and keel stub.

14.4 Notification of such changes shall be communicated to all Members by the secretary of the JCA within seven days.

14.5 Changes to the Building Specifications may be made by Licensed Builders with the prior written approval of the Copyright Holder and Designer providing such changes relate to:

14.5.1 Improving the quality of the finish or interior appointments.

14.5.2 Substitutions or improvements in materials or hardware of equal or better quality and operation.

14.5.3 Relocation of fittings or hardware, not otherwise restricted by Class Rules, to improve or facilitate the livability, durability, or safety of the yacht.

15. SUSPENSION, EXPULSION

15.1 The Executive Committee shall have the authority to suspend JCA Members for nonpayment of dues, gross violations of Rules, or after due notice, for willful disregard of a ruling of the JCA. The term of the suspension may not exceed one year. A suspension may be terminated prior to one year if the issue is brought before a meeting of the Executive Committee and a majority of votes cast favor termination of suspension.

15.2 A Member may be expelled only if a two-thirds majority of votes of the Executive Committee are cast in favor of expulsion. An expulsion is considered permanent unless rescinded by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee.

16. NOTICES AND PROXIES

16.1 Notices will be deemed to have been properly given if mailed or delivered by electronic means by an Officer of the JCA, or a Fleet Captain to the mailing address or email address of a JCA Member as listed on the current JCA Register.

16.2 JCA meetings, including Executive Committee meetings, Technical Committee meetings, and Fleet meetings may be conducted via conference call, or other electronic means. Votes via email or other electronic means shall be considered valid votes. It is the sole responsibility of the MEMBER to maintain their current contact information with the JCA and to designate their official notification method. Failure to receive notices will not constitute grounds for appeal or redress in JCA matters.

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