

## 1 NAME

The name of the Association shall be the J/80 Class Association ("the Class").

## 2 OBJECTS

2.1 The objects of the Class are:

- a) To promote the building and racing of the J/80 as a strict one design class throughout the world.
- b) To preserve the J/80's recreational features, including ease of handling, low cost of ownership, safety and comfort.
- c) To organize and promote regional, national and international class events and championships for the benefit of J/80 Class members.
- d) To maintain the worldwide one design integrity and equality of performance of the J/80.

## 3 LANGUAGE

3.1 The official language of the Association shall be English and in case of any dispute over the translation the English Text shall prevail.

3.2 The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.

## 4 OFFICES

4.1 The Official Office of the Class shall be the address of its statutory agent for service of process.

4.2 Other offices may also be established at such places as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

## 5 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The Class shall consist collectively of the Executive Committee of the Class and the National J/80 Class Associations (the "NCA's") that are officially recognized by the Executive Committee of the Class.

5.2 Full Membership in an NCA is open to all J/80 owners and members of the Executive Committee in one of the NCA's upon payment of the annual membership dues prescribed by the NCA. These members may vote, attend meetings and hold office in the NCA.

5.3 Associate Membership in a NCA is open to individuals upon payment of the prescribed annual membership dues. These members may receive all publications of the Class. Associate members may not vote or hold office in the NCA.

5.4 Sponsoring Membership in a NCA is open to individuals, companies, and corporations who provide products and/or services to the Class, a NCA or its members. Sponsoring members may not vote or hold office in a NCA. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to grant this category of membership.

5.5 All Members in a NCA shall be bound by this Constitution, and any properly made amendments thereto.

5.6 A Member shall cease to be a Member during any period in respect of which he/she has not paid his/her NCA membership dues or other monies due a NCA.

5.7 The Executive committee shall officially recognize a NCA when and as long as the following criteria are met:

- a) Membership of a minimum of ten (10) registered boats whose owners are active Members of the NCA.
- b) Presentation by the NCA and acceptance by the Executive Committee of the NCA's by-laws or constitution.
- c) Election of Class officers by Members of the NCA
- d) Scheduling of at least one national or continental Class championship per year.

## **6 MEMBER SUSPENSION**

- 6.1 A Member may be suspended or removed from the Class by the Executive Committee for:
  - a) Committing an unlawful act involving the Class or one of its members
  - b) Any unsportsmanlike conduct contrary to the interest of the members of the Class; or
  - c) Intentional violation of the Class Rules.
- 6.2 No Member shall be suspended or removed without first being able to be heard by the Executive Committee. Such hearing shall not take place with less than 30 days notice to the Member.
- 6.3 A Member shall not be entitled to the return of any part of his subscription in respect of any period for which he/she has been suspended or removed from membership.
- 6.4 The period of suspension shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

## **7 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 7.1 The international authority of the Class is the Executive Committee, which shall be responsible for the administration of the Class. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Class in accordance with the objects of the Association and with assistance from a Technical Committee.
- 7.2 The Executive Committee may delegate to any one or more of its representatives such powers and duties as it shall determine.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee shall consist of one (1) member appointed by each officially recognized NCA and one member appointed by the Copyright Holder. The term of office for Executive Committee members shall be two years beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each odd-numbered year.
- 7.4 All members of the Executive Committee shall be Members of the Class.
- 7.5 Bi-annually, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its NCA appointed members to act as Chairman of the Class for a period of two years.
  - a) The Chairman may serve no longer than four consecutive years.
- 7.6 The Executive Committee shall appoint a Treasurer and Secretary.
- 7.7 The Treasurer shall:
  - a) Control the funds of the Association and shall make such disbursements which shall have been authorized by the Executive Committee.
  - b) Maintain accurate records of the financial affairs of the Class
  - c) Present a budget for the coming year at the Annual Executive Committee Meeting.
- 7.8 The Secretary shall:
  - a) Carry out the duties imposed on him/her by the Constitution and Class One Design Rules.
  - b) Carry out all tasks as reasonably required by the Executive Committee such as but not limited to administration of the Class' activities and maintenance of subscription records.
  - c) Keep minutes of all Executive Committee Meetings and give due notice (per 8.2) of all Executive Meetings.
- 7.9 In the event that vacancies occur on the Executive Committee prior to or between Executive Meetings the remaining Executive Committee members may, in accordance with Section 8 appoint one of its remaining Executive Committee members to fill the vacancy or co-opt such member as they consider fit.

## **8 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 8.1 The Executive Committee shall meet on such occasions and at such places as appropriate to efficiently carry out the business of the Association and as called by the Chairman or as decided by a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 8.2 The Secretary shall give at least seven (7) days written notice of such meetings. Notice may be given in the form of mail, fax or email.
- 8.3 Two-thirds of voting members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.
- 8.4 Each Executive Committee member shall have one vote. In addition, the NCA representative shall have one vote for every complete multiple of ten (10) J/80s owned by Members of the NCA.
  - a) The Chairman shall have a second and casting vote in the event of a tie.

- 8.5 Taking into consideration Section 8.4, resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be passed by a simple majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee present and voting.
- 8.6 Meetings of the Executive Committee may also take place by tele-conference.

## **9 THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 A Technical Committee shall be appointed by, and operate as a sub committee of, the Executive Committee. This committee shall be responsible for control and enforcement of the J/80 Class Rules and for making recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding Class Rules and Building Specification and Measurements, including suggested amendments or additions and interpretations.
- 9.2 The Chief Class Measurer shall be responsible for the operation of the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the Chief Class Measurer and one representative from each of the Class Measurers and the Copyright Holder.
- 9.3 The Technical Committee shall cooperate with NCA official measurers and the technical staff of licensed builders to protect the one-design character of the J/80.
- 9.4 The Technical Committee shall report to the Executive Committee on no less than an annual basis.

## **10 CLASS MEASURERS**

- 10.1 The NCAs shall, in cooperation with their National Authorities, be responsible for the appointment of official Class Measurers.
- 10.2 Names and addresses of such appointed Class Measurers shall be reported to the Technical Committee.
- 10.3 Class Measurers, under the guidance of the Technical Committee, shall be responsible for One-Design compliance prior to the delivery of each yacht, for measurement prior to and during events, and for the re-measurement of yachts when they have been outside Class One-Design configuration.

## **11 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES**

- 11.1 Changes to Class Rules may be proposed to the Executive Committee by an NCA, by the Technical Committee, by the Copyright Holder, or by the ISAF.
- 11.2 The proposed changes will be reviewed by the Technical Committee, which will formulate a resolution for review by the Executive Committee.
- 11.3 After presenting the resolution/motion in writing, and allowing a minimum 60 day review period, the Executive Committee may approve the changes in accordance with Section 8.
- 11.4 If then approved by the ISAF, notification of such changes shall be communicated to the members by the Secretary within 7 days.
- 11.5 Approved changes shall become effective March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following ISAF approval, or earlier if deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

## **12 SUBSCRIPTIONS, MEMBERSHIP DUES AND OTHER FEES**

- 12.1 The Class shall be funded by:
  - a) NCA Membership dues paid to the NCA's.
  - b) Revenue from sail royalty labels that shall be paid to the NCA's by sailmakers upon manufacture of each Class sail.
  - c) Other sources of revenue as accepted by the Executive Committee.
- 12.2 The NCA's subscription year for membership dues shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 12.3 The membership dues shall be determined separately by the NCA's.
- 12.4 The operations of the Executive Committee shall be funded by a charge to each of the NCA's based on membership as determined by the Executive Committee.

**13 FUNDS, ACCOUNTS AND EXPENSES**

- 13.1 The funds of the Class shall be kept in a manner approved by the Executive Committee.
- 13.2 Books shall be kept that show assets and liabilities in addition to receipt and expenditure of monies by each of the NCA's and the Executive Committee
- 13.3 The reasonable expenses of the Executive Committee members in exercising their powers under these rules shall be payable out of the funds of the Class.

**14 AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution shall only be amended by a resolution of which notice has been duly given (per Section 8) and which is duly proposed and passed by two thirds of votes present at an Executive Committee Meeting.

**15 LIMITATIONS**

In the execution of their powers and duties under this Constitution or under the One Design Rules no officer or other member of the Class Executive Committee shall be liable for any loss to any of the members or former members of the Association or to the Assets of the Association by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by him/her or any other officer or member or from any other matter other than willful and individual wrongdoing, wrongful omission or fraud on the part of the person who is sought to be made liable.