

United States IOM Class Owners Association

CONSTITUTION

Article

1 NAME

1.1 The name of the Association is United States IOM Class Owners Association (US IOM COA).

2 OBJECTS

2.1 The objects of the Association shall be to develop the sport of International One Metre (IOM) radio sailing in the United States of America.

2.2 The Association shall be the authority for:

- i) The promotion and encouragement of designing, building and racing IOM class radio sailing boats in the United States of America.
- ii) Prepare and maintain national registration logs for IOM yachts and IOM owners.
- iii) The organization, licensing and sanctioning of local, regional, and national IOM regattas as well as Regional and World Championship regattas as permitted.
- iv) Maintaining an active membership in the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA), IOM International Class Association (IOMICA) and through them, relationships with the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA) and the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).
- v) The maintenance of a public website devoted to IOM Class sailing yachts.

3 ORGANIZATION

3.1 The Association shall consist of the Membership, the Executive Committee, and Committees established by the Executive Committee.

3.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- i) Chairman – will also serve as the representative (“Class Secretary”) to the AMYA
- ii) Chairman Elect
- iii) Vice Chairman – Racing, Measurement, and Technical
- iiii) Vice Chairman – Communication and Information
- iv) Secretary/Treasurer/Registrar – this post may be shared by 2 people.

- 3.3 All members of the Executive Committee shall be active members of the AMYA.
- 3.4 The Association will abide by all applicable provisions of the AMYA Constitution and Bylaws.

4 LANGUAGE

- 4.1 The official language of the Association is English. The word 'shall' is mandatory and the word 'may' is permissive.

5 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Membership may be granted to any person interested in designing, building, promoting, or sailing IOM yachts. Only owners of certificated IOM yachts will have the right to vote.

Obligations of Membership

- 5.2 It shall be the obligation of Members:
- i) To uphold the objects of the Association, AMYA, IOMICA, IRSA, and ISAF.
 - ii) To ensure that there shall be no discrimination on grounds of race, religion or political affiliation against any competitor.

Subscription and Fees

- 5.3 Each Member and Associate Member shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Executive Committee. Fees also may be charged for registration and personal sail numbers. The Annual Meeting shall set the annual subscriptions. The Executive Committee may waive the annual subscription for any year should they so deem to be expedient.

6 MEETINGS

- 6.1 The Annual Meeting acts as the final authority of the Association on all matters relating to IOM Radio Sailing in the United States. The business of the Association may be conducted electronically.
- 6.2 The Annual Meeting may be participated in by the following:
- Members of the Executive Committee
 - Representatives of AMYA
 - Members of the US IOM NCA or their designee

- 6.3 The Annual Meeting shall be held during our National Championship Regatta to allow in person discussion and voting. Items for discussion and voting shall also be posted electronically to allow members not in attendance to express their opinions and comments and cast votes on agenda items for a fixed period of time of no less than 2 weeks. Votes cast in person or electronically are considered identical.
- 6.4 The Agenda for the Annual Meeting shall include the following items:
- (i) Approval of the Agenda
 - (ii) Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting
 - (iii) Vice Chairmen Reports
 - (iv) Treasurer's Report
 - (v) Subscriptions and fees
 - (vi) Election of the Officers
 - (vii) Motions and amendments
 - (viii) Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chairman
- 6.5 The Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar, and all Committee members will submit their resignation at the close of each Annual Meeting unless re-elected.
- 6.6 The incumbent Chairman Elect will assume the position of Chairman at the close of each Annual Meeting.
- 6.7 Annual Meetings shall be chaired by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or in the absence of both, a member of the Executive Committee.
- 6.8 Notice of the Annual Meeting inviting the submission of motions and nominations for the Executive Committee shall be posted on the US IOM NCA website or be sent to all Members prior to the Annual Meeting.
- 6.9 Motions for the Annual Meeting shall be received by the Secretary/Treasurer no less than 4 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
- 6.10 The Agenda shall be posted electronically or sent to all Members no later than 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
- 6.11 Motions and amendments may be accepted at the Annual Meeting provided that the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting considers them to be urgent.

7 VOTING

- 7.1 Each Member owning a certificated IOM yacht, in good standing with this Association and the AMYA shall be entitled to one vote.
- 7.2 Decisions of the Annual Meeting and other meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast except for the amendment of this Constitution, which will require 2/3 of the votes cast.

- 7.3 In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the Annual Meeting shall have a casting vote, except in the case of equality of votes relating to elections, which shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 7.4 Executive Committee positions of Chairman-Elect, Vice-Chairmen, and Secretary/Treasurer/Registrar will be elected every 2 years at the Annual Meeting.
- 7.5 The position of Chairman is not voted upon directly inasmuch as the incumbent Chairman Elect will assume the position of Chairman at the close of each election.
- 7.6 If the incumbent Chairman Elect is unable or unwilling to assume the duties of the Chairman, candidates may stand for election to the position of Chairman.
- 7.7 Nominations for the Executive Committee shall be accompanied by a '**Statement of Commercial Interest**' describing any commercial interests the nominee or his immediate family may have in radio sailing. The nominee shall sign the statement and the information contained therein will be published. If during the period of tenure there is a change in the status of the Commercial Interest of a member of the Executive Committee, he/she shall declare the change.

8 FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 8.1 The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association in accordance with this Constitution and shall take such steps as it shall deem expedient in the interest of the Association
- 8.2 The Executive Committee shall apply the funds of the Association, as it deems appropriate to the interests of the Association.
- 8.3 There shall be a meeting of the Executive Committee at the conclusion of every Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall also annually and at such other time or times as needed.
- 8.4 The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee on the instruction of the Chairman or by any of any members of the Executive Committee.
- 8.5 Where the Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman, decides that an item of business is urgent he may authorise that such business is conducted by telephone and/or facsimile and/or electronic mail. A time scale for replies shall be set consistent with the urgency of the matter.
- 8.6 The Executive Committee shall maintain proper records to be kept for all income and expenditures and all dealings with the assets of the Association and circulate them to the Members and the AMYA. The financial year shall end on December 31st. There shall be two authorized signatories for withdrawals from banking accounts.

- 8.7 Three members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum for the conduct of business.
- 8.8 Meetings of the Executive Committee may be conducted electronically.
- 8.9 The Executive Committee shall have the power to make Rules and Regulations to carry out the purposes of the Constitution and/or amend any existing Regulations. Such Regulations shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and shall be reported to, reviewed, and voted upon by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- 8.10 All directives and decisions made by the Executive Committee shall be binding on all Members until ratified, amended or rejected at the Annual Meeting.
- 8.11 The minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be distributed or posted electronically to all Members
- 8.12 Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast including financial matters.
- 8.13 Voting may be carried out electronically or in person. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. If the position of Secretary/Treasurer/Registrar is filled by 2 persons, both are entitled to one vote each.

9 CASUAL VACANCIES

- 9.1 Any vacancy caused by a member of the Executive Committee standing down during his term of office, or by no nomination being received for election at the Annual Meeting, may be filled by co-option by the Executive Committee. Before a replacement is co-opted 4 weeks shall elapse after the Association Members are notified.
- 9.2 The Executive Committee shall notify the Members that co-option is necessary and call for nominations.
- 9.3 Officers co-opted shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.
- 9.4 Any person nominated for co-option shall comply with the requirements with respect to commercial interests.

10 COMMITTEES

- 10.1 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to establish such committees, as it deems fit.
- 10.2 The Executive Committee shall have authority over all committees and may delegate to any committees so established powers, duties and responsibilities. The Chairman of any Committee shall be responsible for sending to the Secretary all decisions made pertaining to any such delegated authority. Such decisions shall not be binding until ratified by the Executive Committee.

- 10.3 Decisions of Committees shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast. The Committee Chairman shall arrange electronic mail voting amongst the Committee members.

11 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 11.1 Constitution may be amended only:

- i) a resolution voted upon at the Annual Meeting or;
- ii) in exceptional circumstances by an electronic vote of Association Members if requested by the Executive Committee,

In either case, the motion must be passed by two thirds of the votes cast.

12 LIMITATIONS

- 12.1 In the execution of their powers and duties under this Constitution and the provisions of the Regulations no Officer or other committee member of the US IOM NCA shall be liable for any loss of the Association members or former members of the Association or of the assets of the Association by reason of mistake or omission made in good faith by him/her or any other Officer or committee member of the Executive Committee and committees appointed by the Executive Committee, or for any other matter other than willful and individual wrongdoing omission or fraud on the part of the person who is sought to be made liable.

13 DISSOLUTION

- 13.1 The Association shall not be dissolved while there remains a minimum of five Association Members in good standing. On dissolution, the assets of the Association shall be distributed in equal parts to the remaining Association Members after the payment of all outstanding obligations.

Adopted by the first Annual Meeting 2014

Signed :

Class Secretary

