

J/29 CLASS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

I. OFFICERS

The officers of the Class Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary / Treasurer, Measurer and Member at Large. They shall be elected at the annual meeting and serve through the next annual meeting, or until their successors are elected. No officer shall receive remuneration.

The officers shall have the following duties:

- A. The **President** shall preside at all meetings, shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall be an ex-officio member of all other committees. He may appoint individuals, such as the chief measurer, and committees to assist him. He may request that the Executive Committee allocate funds for special purposes.
- B. The **Vice President** shall be responsible for promotional activities, such as the development of the Class, and shall act in the absence of the President.
- C. The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Class Association and the Executive Committee. He or she shall be responsible for keeping the roll of all members of the Class Association and, to the extent possible, a roster of the owners of all J/29s. He or she shall keep all the records of the Class Association and perform all other duties as requested by the President. Additionally, as Treasurer, he shall keep the financial books of the Class Association. He or she shall deposit those funds only in a depository approved by the Executive Committee and shall disburse funds only on authority of the Executive Committee or the President. He or she shall normally conduct all transactions through a bank and shall keep complete records of all such transactions, supported by such vouchers as required by the Executive Committee. His or her books and accounts shall be subject to audit upon vote of the Executive Committee. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be the head of the finance Committee.
- D. The **Measurer** shall be the head of the Technical Committee who shall recommend actions or inactions to the Class Officers on various technical matters concerning making the class boats evenly competitive.
- E. The **Member at Large** shall serve on the Executive Committee.

II. COMMITTEES

- A. The committees shall serve from the time they are elected or appointed until the next annual meeting.
- B. The **Executive Committee** shall consist of the Class Association officers. A representative of J/Boats Inc. shall be an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee. A simple majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee shall decide all questions. The Executive Committee may function in person, by mail or by electronic means. The Executive Committee shall conduct all business and determine the policies of the Class Association, shall interpret the Class Association By-Laws and Rules, and shall have the power to enforce its decisions by suspension of members from the Class Association. The Executive Committee shall be the court of last resort for all disputes regarding interpretation and enforcement of the Class Association By-Laws and Rules. The Executive Committee may delegate any of its functions to the President, except for interpreting and enforcing the Class Association By-Laws and Rules and resolving any disputes arising from the By-Laws and Rules.
- C. The **Nominating Committee** shall consist of a chairman and two other members, who are not officers, appointed by the President. Two of the three members of the Nominating Committee may not serve more than one year in a row. The Nominating Committee shall make its selections for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large. The Nominating Committee shall communicate its selections to the Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting so the proposed slate can be included in the notice of the annual meeting.
- D. The **Technical Committee** shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The Chief Measurer, if one has been appointed, shall be an ex-officio member of the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee shall consider all proposed changes:
- (a) to the design, sails and equipment of J/29s, and
 - (b) to the Class Rules.

The Technical Committee shall forward its recommendations regarding such proposed changes to the Executive Committee.

III. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is impossible to foresee every conceivable innovation that may be thought of in the future and to mention every suggestion that has been ruled illegal in the past. When considering anything in connection with the boat, sails or equipment that is not within established practice in the J/29 Class or is clearly covered by the plans or specifications, an owner must assume that it is illegal, and must obtain a ruling from the Executive Committee before attempting it.

It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that the yacht complies at all times with the current Class Rules when competing in J/29 one design racing.

No yacht shall race under J/29 Class Association sanction unless the owner(s) and helmsman(men) are full members of the J/29 Class Association.

IV. ONE DESIGN

The J/29 is a one-design class, created to fulfill the diverse needs of recreational sailors such as one design racing, cruising, day-sailing, handicap and offshore racing. The rules are intended to preserve important design characteristics: ease of handling, low cost of ownership, safety and comfort.

It is the intent of the Class Association to maintain the one-design performance characteristics of the J/29. To this end, any substantive change by Jboats Inc. that alters the weight, distribution of the weight, shape or performance of the hull, rig or underwater appendages shall be submitted to the J/29 Executive Committee for approval prior to implementation. Because the J/29 is out of production, there are no anticipated changes.

Except where variations are specifically permitted, J/29s shall be alike in hull, deck and keel form, construction, weight and weight distribution, shape of rudder, sail plan and equipment. All boats shall be built in accordance with the plans, specifications and the Class Rules. No alternatives or modifications are permitted unless explicitly stated in the Class Rules or on the official plans or building specifications.

Modifications shall be defined to include coring, drilling out, rebuilding or replacing materials, grinding, removing or relocating standard equipment in any way to reduce weight, to improve moments of inertia, or to change standard shapes, and filling in or closing with flaps any standard through hull fittings.

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V. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE CLASS RULES

A member of the Class Association who wants to propose a change to the Class Rules shall submit the proposed change to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may refer the proposed change to the Technical Committee for its review and recommendation. The Executive Committee shall review the proposed change and any recommendation by the Technical Committee. The Executive Committee shall submit the proposed change, along with the recommendations of the Technical Committee, if any, and the Executive Committee, to the members of the Class Association in person, by mail, electronically or by a combination of these methods. The Executive Committee shall call for a vote on the proposed change not less than 30 days after the date that it submitted the proposed change to the members of the Class Association. The vote may be in conjunction with a general meeting of the membership, called upon 30 days notice, or the vote may be made by mail or electronically, or by a combination of these methods. The proposed change will be approved if at least 60% of the votes cast are in favor of the proposed change. Unless the proposed change includes a recommendation that it become effective at some earlier date, the proposed change will take effect on March 1 of the year following the year in which the proposed change was approved.

VI. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Language:** The official language for the class shall be English. The word "shall" is mandatory. The word "may" is permissive.
- Builders:** J/29s shall be built only by builders licensed to do so under the copyright of Jboats, Inc. (24 Mill St. Newport, RI 02840) and shall comply with the building specifications detailed by the copyright holder.
- Building License:** Applications for building license shall be made to Jboats, Inc., which shall request that the national authority of the country concerned indicates its support for the applicant.
- Building Fee:** The building fee shall be payable to Jboats, Inc. when the molding of the hull commences.