



THE INTERNATIONAL 5.5 METRE CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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Article 1 Name

The name of the Association shall be the "International 5.5 Metre Class Association", herein referred to as "the Association".

Article 2 Object

The object of the Association shall be to promote and develop 5.5 Metre racing throughout the world.

Article 3 Membership

- 3.1. Membership shall be open to all 5.5 Metre owners. They have the right to vote.
- 3.2. Friends: In addition, membership shall be open to interested sailmakers, designers and other persons generally interested in the welfare of the 5.5 Metre Class. If they do not own a 5.5 Metre yacht, their advices are very welcome but they have no right to vote.

Article 4 Dues

- 4.1. The Association shall be supported by dues which shall be paid by each National 5.5 Metre Association, or if there is no 5.5 Metre Association, by each National Authority which is affiliated. The dues shall be on a flat rate per nation which shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting.

Effective 1 January 2022

The annual dues to be made by each National Class Association shall be:

€100 per boat for Individual members from countries with no National Class Association.

€500 for National Class Associations + €40 per boat.

- 4.2. An additional fee per yacht may be levied.

Effective 1 January 2022:

€250 new members with a Modern boat joining fee payable the Association.

€1000 new build fee for a Modern boat payable to the Association.

Article 5 Officers

The Association shall comprise an International President, National Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Communications Officer and a Technical Committee.

Article 6 Election of Officers

The election of officers shall be held during the AGM which shall normally coincide with the World Championship.

Article 7 Procedure

- 7.1. The Secretary shall lay before the Association an agenda which at the AGM consists of such matters that have been brought to their attention at least three weeks prior to the meeting.
- 7.2. Matters which will be dealt with at the AGM shall be:
1. Matters arising out of the minutes of the previous AGM.
 2. Matters on which the officers have acted upon since the last AGM.
 3. Matters which have been placed on the agenda.
 4. Other new business.
 5. The election of officers.

Article 8 Voting

- 8.1 At an AGM each owner of a 5.5 Metre yacht present - whether they are racing in the series or not - has one vote.
- 8.2 Owners racing in this series but unable to attend the AGM are entitled to appoint an alternative with a written proxy to vote on their behalf.
- 8.3 Owners of yachts racing in this series may give a proxy to the helm which entitles them to vote on behalf of the owner.
- 8.4 The ultimate decision of persons entitled to vote in circumstances other than those mentioned is in the discretion of the Class-Officers in attendance at the meeting.

Article 9 Technical Committee

- 9.1. There shall be a Technical Committee of the Association which shall consist of such designers, sailmakers and measurers as may be elected at the AGM, plus such other persons as may be appointed between the AGM by the President.
- 9.2. All matters relating to design, building, sails, etc., shall be referred to this Committee so that the Committee may consider making recommendations to the AGM, or between AGM's, for submission to be presented to World Sailing. The Technical Committee shall respond within a time span of 6 months, to present text proposals resulting from requests as per 9.2 which can then be voted on by referendum or in the next AGM.

Article 10 Relationship with World Sailing

- 11.1. The President and the Secretary shall maintain close liason with World Sailing and in particular shall prepare for submission to World Sailing any matters which may be agreed upon by the Association at its AGM, or by circulation after the AGM by way of a referendum.
- 11.2. A referendum shall be dealt with as follows:
1. A written submission from any country or class-member shall be received by the President or Secretary and circulated to all National Authorities and/or individual owners as are registered with the Secretary.
 2. A report of the decision taken at an AGM shall be reported by the Secretary to World Sailing for the appropriate action.
 3. If the matter cannot be dealt with at an AGM before the appropriate meeting of World Sailing then the Secretary shall report to World Sailing the results of the referendum.

Article 12 World Championship

- 12.1. A World Championship shall be held each year in accordance with the Rules governing the World Championship (WC).
- 12.2. In addition there may be National and Continental Championships, but no European Championship shall be held in the year when the WC is held in Europe.

Article 13 Fixtures

- 13.1. Each National Class Association shall send a fixture list of their racing activities planned for the following year to President or Secretary, not later than by the end of January.
- 13.2. Each National Class Association shall contribute to the 5.5 Bulletin with (at least) one report on their activities during the year.

Article 14 Amendments

- 14.1. Amendments to the Constitution and the Rules governing the WC may be made at any AGM, provided that notice of the amendment is in the hands of the President or Secretary and circulated not less than three months prior to the AGM at which it is intended to deal with the revision.
- 14.2. Amendments shall take the form of the words to be deleted and the words to be inserted.
- 14.3. In interpreting these rules the English text is decisive.