



**THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY
INTERNATIONAL ONE DESIGN CLASS
BYLAWS**

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Bylaw I. MEMBERSHIP

A. Participation in the San Francisco Bay International One Design Class ('SFBIOD'), including entry of or skipping a boat in any races conducted as the SFBIOD, requires either Regular Membership or Charter-Boat Membership. Participation in the SFBIOD is limited to members with boats that comply with the requirements of the Constitution, the Bylaws and the Class Rules.

Bylaw II. Classes of Membership.

A. Regular Membership – The owner of a duly recognized SFBIOD Class boat, or a partner in ownership thereof, who is in good standing with this Class. A Regular Member may hold office and vote with one vote per boat in the case of joint ownership.

B. Auxiliary Membership – An individual who is not an owner of an SFBIOD Class boat. Auxiliary Members have all the privileges of membership, but may not vote.

C. Charter-Boat Membership – A person having the right of use of an SFBIOD Class boat by virtue of a bona fide written charter delivered to and on file with the Secretary. A Charter-Boat Membership is entitled to the status of a Regular Membership, but the charter(ers) and the owner(s) only have one vote per boat.

Bylaw III. Obtaining Membership.

A. Regular or Charter-Boat Membership – May be obtained by making an application to the Executive Committee of the SFBIOD. The application shall contain:

1. Two letters of reference from existing SFBIOD Regular Members.
2. Satisfactory evidence that the boat is in compliance with all provisions of this Constitution, the Bylaws and the Class Rules.
3. Payment of any current dues or fees assessed against regular membership.
4. In the case of an applicant for Charter-Boat membership, a written charter agreement between the owner and the applicant which indicates who will be able to vote in class matters.

Upon being presented with a complete application, the Executive shall present the candidate to the full membership for a vote. A majority vote of the membership is required to obtain a Regular or Charter-Boat Membership.

B. Auxiliary Membership – May be obtained by making an application to the Executive Committee which has the sole discretion to accept or deny membership.



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Bylaw IV. Termination of Membership.

- A. **Suspension.** The Executive Committee may suspend the membership of any individual and/or boat for nonpayment of dues or failing to comply with Article VII or VIII.
- B. **Expulsion.** Any member may be suspended or expelled from membership upon affirmative vote by two-thirds of members voting at any duly constituted meeting. Any Regular or Charter-Boat member, who ceases to qualify for said membership through transfer of ownership of his/her boat or termination of his/her charter, shall, immediately upon date of transfer of ownership or termination of charter, become an auxiliary member for the remainder of the calendar year.

Bylaw V. Voting Rights

- A. Regular Members and Charter-Boat Members whose boat raced in less than eight (8) SFBIOD sanctioned races in the preceding 12 months (except new racing members or where less than 8 races were raced) will not be allowed to vote on issues affecting the racing program and related rules of the SFBIOD for the upcoming season.

Bylaw VI. Membership Dues

- A. A dues rate will be established annually. Member's annual dues will be due January 1 for the same year. Dues are payable at the March Meeting, and delinquent thereafter. A 10% penalty will be levied for delinquent dues of voting members. Members failing to pay dues prior to the commencement of the March Meeting will not be allowed to vote in that meeting or on any other matter until his or her dues for that year are paid in full.

Bylaw VII. Yacht Club and US Sailing Membership

- A. A Member need not belong to a yacht club to be a member of the Class organization. Members who participate in YRA sponsored races must belong to US Sailing to be considered members in good standing.

Bylaw VIII. Liability Insurance

- A. To protect the fleet and its members from legal liability for loss, damage, or personal injury, owners (or bona fide charterers) shall maintain protection and indemnity liability insurance of at least \$300,000 for each boat participating in sanctioned races. "Sanctioned Races" refer to competitive events organized under the authority of US Sailing, the Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay (YRA), its member clubs, class associations, or the SFBIOD.



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B. It is required for each owner to provide written evidence of valid insurance to the Secretary prior to the first race of the season in which they intend to participate. This information will include:

1. The name, business address, and emergency contact information for the insurance company and its agent
2. The name and identification number of the insured boat
3. The effective and expiration dates of the policy
4. Limits of liability coverage and exclusions, if any

C. Documentation submitted in support of these requirements will be retained by the Secretary as part of the Class's books and records.

D. In the event of a change in status of their boat's insurance coverage (e.g., policy renewal, change in carrier), owners (or bona fide charterers) will advise the Secretary accordingly and provide an updated copy of proof of insurance under a renewed or updated policy.

Bylaw IX. SCORING RULES

A boat unable to race in any race of the season championship series, or any race that would otherwise qualify for an international invitation, because of a conflict with an invitational event to which that boat is invited, shall be granted average points for those races. Average points shall be based on their scores of all races in that series, including any throw outs, but excluding the race(s) at issue, any other races scored as average points under this rule, any race where the boat is scored as not competing or finishing (e.g. "DNC", "DNS", "DNF") and any races to be sailed on the last day of the series. No more than 25% of the series races can be so scored under this rule. This changes RRS A2.1 and A9.

Bylaw X. TROPHIES

There will be two perpetual trophies created and presented annually. One trophy will go to the skipper who demonstrates the most improved performance compared to the preceding year. The second trophy will go to the skipper who best typifies good sportsmanship. The Race Committee Chairman shall determine each. The Executive Committee shall determine each if there is no Race Committee Chairman.

Bylaw XI. PARTICIPATION IN INVITATIONAL EVENTS

A. Any invitation received by the SFBIOD to send a representative to an event shall be awarded to eligible members in order of their score in the previous year's season championship series. The eligible members shall be granted the right to choose any of the invitational events in the order the member finished the season championship with the limitations listed below.



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- B. A Regular Member or a Charter-Boat Member that competes in an International One Design Class qualification series on San Francisco Bay and wins the right to attend any invitational event (eg; Worlds, North Americans), shall hold that invitation for the benefit of the SFBIOD and make that invitation available under paragraph A above.
- C. The SFBIOD shall only award an invitation to an event governed by the International One Design Championship Regulations to the highest scoring eligible SFBIOD member who qualifies under those regulations.
- D. A member who attends any invitational (Worlds, North Americans, Bermuda, Nantucket, etc.) event may not attend any other invitational event whose eligibility is determined in the same year unless no other eligible member elects to attend.
- E. For any invitational event, if the first eligible SFBIOD member chooses not to accept the invitation, the Executive Committee shall invite, in order of their score in the season championship series, the next eligible member.
- F. For all invitations, the first eligible member shall have 33% of the days remaining until the “response deadline” to make a decision with respect to acceptance. In the case of non-acceptance, the next eligible member shall have 33% of the remaining days to respond, and then the next eligible member shall have 33% of the remaining days, and so on.
- G. If an eligible member commits to attend an international event, and subsequently does not attend (thus preventing another eligible member from participating), the offending member shall forfeit the opportunity to attend any international event for the one-year cycle following. A member so penalized may petition the SFBIOD membership for reinstatement of this privilege and the same membership is empowered by majority vote to make such a reinstatement.

Bylaw XII. BORROWED BOATS

- A. In any year during which the SFBIOD is scheduled to host an event, each owner/charterer who wishes to compete for the right to represent SFBIOD in any invitational event, shall, as a condition of being scored for that season, be required to make their boat unconditionally available to the SFBIOD for use in said event.
1. The SFBIOD will arrange suitable insurance for the duration of the event to protect the boats,
 2. The SFBIOD shall arrange for competitors to pay a damage deposit in the amount of the deductible for such insurance, and;
 3. All boats will be returned to the possession of the owner/charterers in the condition in which the boat existed prior to the event.
- B. If an owner/charterer refuses to deliver their boat for use in the SFBIOD hosted event, they will forego the opportunity to represent the SFBIOD in any subsequent invitational event, wherever held, for a period of two calendar years starting the next January 1.