



**THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY
INTERNATIONAL ONE DESIGN CLASS
CONSTITUTION
[As of February 10, 2018]**

Article I. NAME AND EMBLEM

The San Francisco Bay International One Design Class shall be the name of this organization, hereinafter "SFBIOD." The emblem for the SFBIOD shall be the letter I superimposed over the letter C.

Article II. REGULATIONS

A. The SFBIOD shall be governed by this Constitution, the Bylaws and the Class Rules. The Constitution, Bylaws and Class Rules, as well as all plans and specifications are on file with the Secretary. Where there is a conflict between the Constitution, Bylaws and/or the Class Rules, the Constitution and then the Bylaws will take precedence.

B. Any proposals affecting the Constitution, Bylaws or Class Rules shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary thirty days prior to the meeting at which said proposals are to be considered. The Secretary shall distribute such proposals, pursuant to the procedure to be used for notice twenty one days prior to the hearing.

Article III. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the San Francisco Bay International One Design Class is to ensure that the International One Design boats in the San Francisco Bay vicinity remain a strict one design class and to further interest in the Class. The Constitution, Bylaws and Class Rules shall be interpreted with that objective in mind. The duly elected officers of this Class shall enforce all requirements of this Constitution, the Bylaws and the Class Rules as regards boats, membership and meetings.

Article IV. OFFICERS

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the five officers which are the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Measurer. They shall be elected at the regular annual meeting (unless the Membership sees fit to elect new officers at any special meeting.)

B. A Measurement Committee may be appointed by the Executive Committee from time to time to assist in checking both boats and sails.

C. Management of Class affairs shall be vested in the Executive Committee and it shall be authorized to permit temporary variations from the Bylaws and Regulations (other than



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provision defining the Membership setting forth voting rights, or relating to call of meetings) when, in its judgment, such variations will promote the objects of the Fleet. The Executive Committee may not, however, take any action which it is specifically prohibited from taking, or fail to take actions which it is specifically required to take, by vote of the Membership. The Membership may overrule any action of the Executive Committee at any time, but such overruling shall not have retroactive effect. The officers shall have the usual powers and duties of their respective offices, subject at all times to the control of the Executive Committee and the Membership.

Article V. MEETINGS

- A. The SFBIOD will have two meetings per year, one in March and one in November. The November meeting is designated as the Annual Meeting. The meetings will be held at a time and place and a date designated by the Chairman. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, the Executive Committee or any three Regular and/or Charter-Boat Members. However, no meeting, whether regular or special, may be called on less than one week's written notice, without written waiver of notice by at least two-thirds of the membership submitted to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Notice shall be deemed given when sent by e-mail, or in the event the member gives notice to the Secretary that he or she does not wish to receive notice by e-mail, when mailed and addressed to a member at his or her actual address or at his or her address last known to the Secretary.
- B. All actions of the Membership shall be by majority vote of members represented at the meeting, except that the Constitution and Bylaws may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the entire Membership.
- C. A quorum at any meeting shall be one-half of the entire Membership.
- D. Any member may be represented by proxy at a meeting, but the proxy must be presented to the Secretary in writing prior to the meeting. The vote of the proxy shall not be effective unless it is validated by the Secretary.
- E. In the absence of a quorum at a meeting or otherwise where racing issues are involved and a timely or immediate decision is required, the Executive Officers will make a decision and advise the Membership of that decision, in writing, and within ten days.
- F. Any action which might be taken at a meeting may be taken by a vote by e-mail, and mail when requested in which case the voting and quorum requirements shall be the same as for an actual meeting.
- G. Each boat of the SFBIOD shall have only one vote, and in case a boat is owned by more than one member, its vote shall be divided among them in proportion to their ownership interest. A single member of such a syndicate may vote representing the other owners with their proxy permission.



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Article VI. MEASURING

A. The Executive Committee, based on the advice of the Technical Committee if there is one, shall pass upon the compliance of each boat and its equipment, including sails, with the Constitution, Bylaws and Class Rules. Either committee and any members of each shall be at liberty to enter upon any boat or call for any sails at any time and as often as they may need for the purpose of checking compliance.

B. Should a discrepancy be found, the owner or charterer of a boat shall be informed in writing if necessary. Where discrepancies are of a minor nature, no penalty shall be attached if the Executive Committee is satisfied they are of an accidental rather than a deliberate nature and are not of such nature as to influence the one design performance of the boat, and provided further the Executive Committee is satisfied that the owner shall promptly rectify the infraction. Should the Executive Committee conclude the discrepancy was intentional or won't be immediately corrected, they shall suspend the membership of the owner and/or charterer until the infraction is corrected.

C. The Executive Committee may suspend the membership of a member where a jury or protest committee has determined that that member's boat was in breach of the Constitution, Bylaws and/or Class Rules. Such suspension shall remain in effect until the Executive Committee is satisfied the breach has been remedied.

D. A challenge in the form of a protest can be filed by one member against a member or boat with regard to compliance to the Constitution, Bylaws and/or Class Rules, if the boat is entered in the current season championship series.

E. In order to facilitate rules administration, discourage creative exploitation of the rules and preserve one design principles:

1. Any variation made to the hull, rigging, or sail plan that is not specifically permitted in the Constitution, Bylaws or Class Rules shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval, and;
2. If modifications to a boat have taken place that were not specifically allowed by the rules, or were not previously approved by the Executive Committee, then said modifications are prohibited and shall presumptively be evidence of breaking a rule and grounds for protest. The protest committee or jury, in deciding the issue shall be governed by the letter and the spirit of the provisions of Article III of the Constitution.