

IDNIYRA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND EMBLEM

The name of this organization shall be the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association (IDNIYRA). Its emblem shall be the letters DN, placed on the sail in ten-inch letters, in red or other contrasting color.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The Association's purpose shall be to sponsor, organize and regulate class regattas in this one design class, for boats built in conformity with the Official Specifications. The DN is intended to be an inexpensive, home buildable and one design ice yacht.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

The IDNIYRA is made up of two continental organizations: the IDNIYRA-North America and IDNIYRA-Europe. Regular meetings and close links between the NA and European Governing Committees shall be maintained

a. The North-American organization is one of individual members acting through general membership meeting and its NA Governing Committee.

b. The European organization is one of individual members acting through respective National membership meetings, National Secretaries and its European Governing Committee.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for IDNIYRA-North America shall be July 1 through June 30 and for IDNIYRA-Europe April 1 through March 31.

The dues are fixed by each continental organization

a. IDNIYRA-North America.

Association dues shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

b. IDNIYRA-Europe

1. National dues are set by the respective National organizations.

2. In Europe the dues are fixed by the National Secretaries Meeting and based upon a due per country or per start place in the EC. The National Secretaries should pay these dues to IDNIYRA-Europe each year before the EC entry closing date.

A member who has paid his dues for the current year to either IDNIYRA-NA or the appropriate IDNIYRA-Europe National organization shall be a member of IDNIYRA. Such membership will entitle all members to vote on proposed changes to official specifications, plans, constitution and by laws; to sail in the IDNIYRA Gold Cup and other major regattas (NA, EC); hold office and to receive information published by IDNIYRA.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND DUTIES OF IDNIYRA OFFICERS

World Commodore: There will be an honorary office of World Commodore. The world commodore will be the Commodore of the continent hosting the Gold Cup that year or his designated representative. The World Commodore will be the official representative of the IDNIYRA at the Gold Cup and associated regattas.

a. IDNIYRA - NA

A Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated at the annual meeting. They will be voted for by mail vote. Write-in nominations and votes will be accepted. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes wins the election to that office. The term of office shall be one year: from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Duties are as follows:

Commodore: To be chief executive, preside at all meetings, be chairman of the Governing Committee, rule on procedure and jurisdiction, summarize decisions, appoint special committees, authorize payment of bills. The Commodore will counter-sign any checks for expenditures of more than \$1000.00. He will receive a photocopy of all IDNIYRA bank account statements (including IDNIYRA checks and deposit slips) involving IDNIYRA funds within three weeks of being mailed by the bank.

Vice Commodore: To officiate in the absence of the Commodore. To help the Commodore in the approval of N.A. and Gold Cup sites. To take care of perpetual trophies: 1) Make sure all perpetual trophies are returned, repaired, or replaced. 2) All perpetual trophies are to be properly engraved with winner's names. 3) Make sure Perpetual trophies are delivered to the proper race officials two weeks prior to the regatta. 4) The keeping of names and addresses of all winners of the perpetual trophies and to pass such information to the new Vice Commodore.

Secretary: To keep minutes and other Association records, publish several newsletters each year and publish an annual directory. IDNIYRA Europe will provide a computerized membership list in a format that can be used with the NA computer to generate a membership list for the annual directory. This list will include only members of IDNIYRA-Europe who have paid their appropriate National dues for the current season. It will be provided to the North American Secretary by September 15th. Copies of official newsletters and yearbooks will be sent to all national secretaries, continental officers and technical committee members. English will be the language for all official communications between NA and Europe.

To publish any proposals and mail the IDNIYRA proposal ballots, count the completed ballots and publish the results with the full text of the ballot and vote count. To bring the records up to date, complete business pending from the Annual Meeting, and transmit all Association records to the new Secretary as soon as possible after June 30th.

Treasurer: To maintain the Association membership list, collect dues, assign sail numbers, maintain association funds in a checking account, disburse funds on order of the Commodore, take care of all government or legal documents required of the Association, generate reports and notices associated with financial matters, respond to inquiries about the Association by interested non-members, oversee the sale of mail ordered goods sold by the Association. Complete an annual financial report as of June 30th.

Deliver all Association records to the new Treasurer as soon as possible after June 30th. The Association shall purchase a \$10,000 surety bond covering the Treasurer of the IDNIYRA. The IDNIYRA Corporation or their designated auditor shall make an annual audit of the Association books. One person can hold both the positions of Secretary and Treasurer if necessary.

Rear Commodores for each of the 5 regions of North America shall be elected by the region they represent. If a vacancy exists as of May 1st, the Commodore may appoint a replacement until the next regional meeting.

b. IDNIYRA – Europe

European Commodore: Duties

1. To preside at Board and National Secretaries Annual Meetings.
2. To represent IDNIYRA-Europe interests.
3. To call Board meetings. When a meeting is requested, in writing, by at least two Board Members a Board meeting will be organised within four weeks.
4. Ultimate authority over the choice of the regatta site for European Championships, European Cup, and World Championships when held in Europe.

European Vice Commodore: Duties

1. To assist the European Commodore in his/her duties and represent him/her during his/her absence.
2. To oversee the care of the perpetual trophies. These must be engraved each season and available for presentation at the appropriate prize giving (WC, EC & E Cup) and a record kept of winners' names.

European Treasurer: Duties

1. Collection of membership dues.
2. Financial administration of IDNIYRA-Europe.
3. To provide a current Financial Report to National Secretaries Meeting members four weeks in advance of the meeting.
4. Presentation to the Executive Board and National Secretaries of an audited IDNIYRA-Europe Financial Statement covering the fiscal year (1st April – 31st March) by 15th April each year.
5. Payment of reasonable expenses incurred on IDNIYRA-Europe business by Executive Board and Technical Committee members.
6. Obtain approval of the European Commodore for other expenditures.

European Secretary: Duties

1. Keeping and directing all IDNIYRA-Europe correspondence.
2. Taking the Minutes of the National Secretaries Meetings and, after approval by the Commodore, conveying them to all participants and indicated parties.
3. To administer lists of members provided by the National Secretaries.
4. To liaise regularly with the IDNIYRA-NA Secretary.

European Top Sailor: Duties

1. To act as the link between active sailors and the Executive Board.
2. To attend National Secretaries and Board meetings.
3. To encourage participation in IDNIYRA-Europe regattas by junior sailors.

National Secretary: Duties

1. Represent their organisation in IDNIYRA-Europe.
2. Attend National Secretaries Meeting. If unable to attend, a representative with written authorisation may attend as National Secretary or a proxy vote may be given to another attending National Secretary.
3. Assignment of National sail numbers.
4. To provide a National membership list annually by 1st September to the IDNIYRA-Europe Secretary and the IDNIYRA-NA Secretary.
5. Remit National annual dues to IDNIYRA-Europe Treasurer before the EC entry closing date.
6. Select and enter National participants in World Championship, European Championship and Europa Cup regattas.

Internet Administration and Communication:

1. The portal web site www.icesailing.org is the main information source for IDNIYRA-Europe.
2. It shall provide official IDNIYRA information and links to member countries and affiliated associations.
3. Special services for ice reports, regatta information, membership administration, voting procedures, online publishing etc. shall be developed.
4. A responsible webmaster will be appointed by the National Secretaries Meeting for two years.
5. A yearly budget will be allocated and revised by the National Secretaries Meeting.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNING COMMITTEES

a.IDNIYRA-NA

The North American Governing Committee consists of its Officers acting as a group. Its powers are to render final decisions on appeal, sanction or prohibit races in the North American and Gold Cup Regattas (when held in North America), accept or reject membership applications, approve the Race Committee for the North American and Gold Cup Regattas (when held in North America) and perform other duties mentioned in the By-Laws. The Governing Committee may initiate changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, Official Specifications, or Racing Rules by proposing such changes to the entire membership at the Annual Meeting, or by mail. Membership vote is required for enactment of all proposed changes. Otherwise, the Governing Committee may not change or modify any of the above documents, although it has the power to interpret them.

b.IDNIYRA- Europe

The European Governing Committee consists of its officers acting as a group on 2 levels.

1.The Executive Board consisting of the European Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, and Top Sailor Member. All members are elected by majority vote at the National Secretaries Meeting and serve for two years. In order to ensure continuity on the Board, no more than two members should change in any one year. National Secretaries are appointed by nations.

2.The National Secretaries Meeting consists of the Executive Board, National Secretaries of all European Member countries, and one member of the European Technical Committee.

Their individual duties are specified in Article Vb. Their corporate responsibilities are:

Executive Board: The day to day working of IDNIYRA-Europe between the Annual National Secretaries Meeting and in consultation where appropriate with National Secretaries.

The National Secretaries Meeting: The running of IDNIYRA – Europe primarily through attendance at the Annual National Secretaries Meeting either in person or via proxy. No nation may carry more than two proxy votes at this meeting. Initiation of changes to Constitution, By Laws, Official Specifications and Racing Rules by proposing such changes to the IDNIYRA membership according to the procedure described in article XI. The approval of new member countries. The setting of dues and insurance requirements.

ARTICLE VII -TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee shall consist of six members, three elected from North America and three elected from Europe. One new member shall be elected each year. In NA a new member will be nominated at the Annual Meeting on even number years. The term of office is six years. Upon resignation prior to six years, a replacement member shall be elected at the Continental Level to serve the unexpired term. Term of office will begin July 1st, and expire June 30th of the appropriate year. Each year the Committee shall elect from its membership a Chairman to serve until June 30th of the following year. The Chair shall report to the respective continental Governing Committees on all recommendations of the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee may initiate changes in the Official Specifications by proposing such changes to one of the Governing Committees, who may submit them to the membership on a mail ballot requiring two-thirds majority for approval. The Technical Committee shall, upon the request of any member or at the direction of either Governing Committee, provide interpretation of the Official Specifications. These interpretations shall be published in the Association Newsletter (Runner Tracks). Such Interpretations shall prevail as Supplements to the Official Specifications unless and until voided by a simple majority vote by ballot. If a Committee seat becomes vacant for any reason, the Commodore may appoint a replacement until the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – ANNUAL MEETINGS

a. IDNIYRA – NA

The NA Annual Meeting shall be held during and in the vicinity of the North American Regatta, if possible. Special meetings may be called on the order of the NA Governing Committee or upon demand in writing by twenty-five percent of the membership. The NA Governing Committee shall fix the exact time and place of all meetings. If a special meeting is called, the purpose thereof must be stated in such form as to permit voting by mail, and no other business may be transacted.

All proposals to be made at the IDNIYRA-NA Annual Meeting shall be submitted to the NA Governing Committee in writing ninety (90) days prior to the meeting. All proposals so submitted must be published in the DN newsletter by December 15th.

A quorum at an IDNIYRA-NA meeting is any number present. However, if less than twenty percent of the then-paid membership is present, all action must be ratified (unless rejected) by a mail vote. In addition, any action requiring a majority of two-thirds (such as amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws, or changes in the Official Specifications or Racing Rules) shall be put to a mail vote, regardless of the number present at the Annual Meeting. All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

A majority of the votes cast shall determine the decision on all questions and the chair also has the power to fix a time limit on speakers and discussions of motions.

b. IDNIYRA – Europe

The annual European National Secretaries Meeting shall be held on completing each season if possible before 1st May and hosted by a European member nation in rotation. It will be chaired by the European Commodore and the Minutes taken are published by the European Secretary. A majority of votes cast shall determine the decision on all questions and the chair shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. The chair also has the power to fix a time limit on speakers, discussions and agenda items.

The entire European Governing Committee (see Art VI) will be invited together with an IDNIYRA-NA representative. Member countries unable to attend may nominate proxy votes by agreement to specific agenda items. Proxy votes are restricted to 2 absent member nations per attending nation. A quorum shall be a minimum of five National Secretaries or their appointed representatives (not including proxies).

The Commodore and Secretary will issue the meeting agenda at least one month ahead of the meeting date. Issues for the agenda must be communicated to both the Commodore and Secretary at least 6 weeks before the meeting date. The meeting will normally be scheduled to run for 2 days.

ARTICLE IX-OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Requirements for the yacht, sail, and attached equipment shall be set forth in the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE DN ICE YACHT. It is intended that changes in the Official Specifications be limited to the following purposes: to make the yacht safer, to minimize differences in sailing performance associated with the design and construction of the yacht, to make it easier or less expensive to build, to make the yacht more durable, and/or to clarify existing specifications.

Specifications, however complete, cannot anticipate every possible situation that may arise. If a point is not covered, a ruling must be obtained from the Governing Committee through the Technical Committee. The intended meaning and the basic principles of maintaining the DN as a one-design class shall be considered in interpreting any point not covered. If a point is not clearly covered by the Plans and/or Specifications, it must be assumed to be illegal.

The OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS shall be enforced in three ways.

- 1) Any participating sailor or judge or Race Committee member at the Gold Cup, European Championship or North American Regattas may file a protest against any competing yacht.**
- 2) The Race Committee shall measure the first five place-winning yachts at the conclusion of each Major Regatta (Gold Cup, North Americans, Europeans).**
- 3) The Race Committee shall measure yachts during a regatta as described in the continental governing documents or the regatta sailing instructions.**

ARTICLE X – OFFICIAL PLANS

The official plans are one example of how a DN iceyacht can be built. Their purpose is to demonstrate the function of the parts and to provide perspective for the specifications. In all cases where there is a conflict between the Official Specifications and the Official Plans, the Official Specifications shall prevail.

ARTICLE XI – PROPOSAL SUBMISSION, AMENDMENTS AND BALLOT PROCEDURE

Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws, and changes to the Official Specifications* or the Racing Rules, may be made only after approval of the membership by a mail vote. A ballot will be published on the website (www.icesailing.org) sent by airmail, fax, e-mail or appropriate Runner Tracks to all IDNIYRA members for all specification or plan proposals by 5th May. This ballot is sent by the NA Secretary.

The completed ballots will be sent to and counted by the Secretary of the IDNIYRA-NA. All ballots must be received by mail, fax or electronic mail by 1st July. Members belonging to both NA and European organisations can submit only one ballot.

Changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, Official Specifications and Racing Rules require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast to pass. Changes in the Official Specifications or Official Plans shall become effective March 31st unless the governing group that submits a specific proposal stipulates that it have a January 1st effective date. Changes in the Official Specifications shall become effective only if approved by July 1st. Otherwise they shall become effective the following season. Any proposal which does not pass may not be resubmitted for one year.

Proposals to change the Official Specifications or Plans can be made by either continental Governing Committee. All proposal submissions should be written in specification language as it would appear in the specifications. The Technical Committee will review the wording of proposals. They will suggest revised wording, if appropriate, to make the proposal more clear or reasonable to interpret. They will work directly with the author of the proposal on suggested revisions. All proposals will be submitted to the Technical Committee and the continental Governing Committees by October 1st. The Technical Committee will submit final wording on proposals to the NA Secretary by December 1st.

ARTICLE XII - CLASS HISTORIAN

The Class Historian keeps the class historical records, including, but not limited to past Newsletters, important historic documents and other articles of importance to the class. The position is appointed by the NA Governing Committee.

ARTICLE XIII - INSURANCE

a.IDNIYRA-NA

All IDNIYRA Regatta skippers are required to show proof of 3rd Party Liability Insurance for a minimum of \$300,000 .

The regatta Committee will require proof of Insurance from all skippers at the time of registration.

b.IDNIYRA-Europe

All European participants are required to have 3rd Party Liability Insurance providing cover of Euros 500,000. The regatta Committee will require proof of Insurance from all skippers at the time of registration.

ARTICLE XIV - ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

This Constitution will be administered jointly by the NA and European Governing Committees. The necessary funding will be shared between the two Governing Committees. The proportion of administrative costs will be agreed between the two parties and revised whenever deemed necessary. An annual summary of administrative costs shall be produced by the IDNIYRA-NA Secretary for the two Governing Committees.

ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

In the event that either IDNIYRA-NA or IDNIYRA-Europe desire to be dissolved a mail ballot in accordance with Article XI is required with 2/3 majority for dissolution to be agreed.