

The Hampton One Design Class Racing Association

CONSTITUTION

Revised February 1969

ARTICLE I -- Name:

The name of this organization shall be Hampton One Design Class Racing Association.

ARTICLE II -- Emblem:

To be an "H", the horizontal bar of which is extended beyond the vertical bars, forming a horizontal arrow. Standard color shall be red, or another dark color to contrast with white sails.

ARTICLE III -- Object:

To promote and develop Hampton One Design Class racing in all localities, under uniform rules, and governed by this association of Hampton One Design Class owners.

ARTICLE IV -- Policy:

1. To cooperate with all other yachting organizations and to demand in return observance of the rules of the Hampton One Design Class.
2. To keep the Hampton One Design Class within the financial reach of owners of modest means without handicapping ability or encouraging neglect in conditioning yachts. A Hampton One Design yacht constructed and rigged in accordance with the specifications in use in 1938 except as modified in accordance with the rules and regulations of this document shall be considered typical thereof. Design or specification changes tending appreciably to increase costs, or in races to outclass boats certificated as of October 22, 1938, will not be permitted.

ARTICLE V -- Organization:

1. The individual shall join through a fleet on whose waters he normally sails. The power to accept or reject applications for membership is vested in each fleet, subject to refusal, for cause, by the Governing Committee.
2. The Fleet, a territorial branch or unit, is open to all eligible persons within its territory. Each fleet shall elect its own officers, which include a Fleet Secretary. It is self-governing in local matters not conflicting with Association rules.
3. Groups of Fleets in distinctive localities shall constitute Districts. The Districts shall be formed upon direction of the Association. Each District shall elect a District Secretary at a convenient time prior to the annual meeting of the Association.

4. The powers of the Association shall be vested in and exercised by the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI -- Jurisdiction:

The Association shall have jurisdiction over all Hampton One Design activities. The Class rules shall govern all Hampton One Design races regardless of by whom held. The Constitution, By-Laws and Rules shall be binding upon all members and Fleets, and the construction of all Hampton One Design Yachts must conform strictly to the official plans and specifications within the limitations and provisions of the measurement rules.

ARTICLE VII -- Fleet Charter:

A Fleet may be granted a charter upon application to the Governing Committee, by the owners, or prospective owners, of three or more Hampton One Design yachts not racing within the locality of an organized fleet. The annual renewal of the charter shall be provided for by the By-Laws. Charters shall be granted by the Governing Committee. Charters may be suspended by the National Executive Committee, but revoked only at an annual meeting for failure to maintain in good standing a minimum membership and quota of yachts as above required, or by other adequate causes.

ARTICLE VIII -- Dues:

Association dues shall be fixed by the NEC; fleet dues, if any, shall be fixed by the Fleet. Both classes of dues shall be paid before a member can be held in good standing in either organization.

ARTICLE IX -- Membership:

1. An Active Member: An active member shall be an owner, a part owner, a designated syndicate representative, or a bona fide charterer of a Hampton One Design yacht, and shall be a corinthian yachtsman. There shall be no barriers to active office, to vote, to race a Hampton One Design yacht in all races, except as modified in the rule governing the National Series.
2. An Associate Member: An associate member shall be a corinthian yachtsman who has neither ownership nor charter interest in a Hampton One Design yacht. Associate members shall not vote, nor hold office, but the racing privileges and other provisions for active or isolated membership shall apply.
3. Membership Retention: Membership in active class cease when a member sells his Hampton One Design Yacht or when his Hampton One Design Yacht does not come up to specifications. He shall be put in Associate Membership class until September 30th of the calendar year. His active Membership may be re-established at any time during this period when he becomes the owner of a Hampton One Design Yacht which passes all requirements of the Constitution, By-Laws and Specifications.

ARTICLE X -- The Executive Officers:

The National Executive Committee, and Their Duties

1. **Commodore:** The Commodore is the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at meetings and serve as chairman of the National Executive committee and of the Governing Committee. He shall rule on procedure, jurisdiction, summarize decisions, appoint special committees, and authorize the payment of all bills.
2. **Vice Commodore:** The Vice Commodore shall officiate in the absence of the Commodore.
3. **Rear Commodore:** The Rear Commodore shall officiate in the absence of the Commodore and the Vice Commodore.
4. **National Secretary:** The National Secretary (if applicable) shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Association and the National Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for the system of forms, keeping the rolls, the roster of names and numbers of yachts of the class, keeping all the records and perform other duties pertaining to the office of Secretary.
5. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep the financial books and securities of the Association.
6. **District Secretaries:** A District Secretary shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association from each established district by a majority of the votes of the fleets of the district. He shall represent the Association in his district as directed by the officers and authoritative committees, and shall represent his district on the National Executive Committee.
7. **National Executive Committee (NEC):** The National Executive Committee consist of the above officers. The Committee shall be empowered to function by mail. It shall interpret the Constitution and By-Laws, and make amendments which do not conflict therewith. It shall be the last court or appeals in disputes over constitutional rights, and have the power to enforce its decision by suspension of a member. A majority vote shall decide all questions, if not otherwise stipulated. Rulings of the Committee shall be binding and final.
8. **Budget Committee:** The Budget Committee shall consist of the Commodore who shall be chairman, the National Secretary, and the Treasurer. This committee shall prepare the association budget, and following its approval by the National Executive Committee, shall publish the budget for the ensuing year.
9. **Governing Committee:** The Governing Committee shall consist of the Commodore, who shall be chairman, and two or more National Executive Committee members from his vicinity. The committee shall be authorized to render decisions on appeals, to sanction or ban races, procedure, and committees, to grant charters, to fill vacancies in office, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee if the vacancy to be filled is within that committee, to impeach association officers, subject to ratification by three-quarters of the vote of the National Executive Committee when an officer of that committee is involved, to suspend members guilty of gross violation of rules or of unsportsmanlike conduct for a period not exceeding the committees' term of office, to approve the purchase and sale of securities, and to approve depositories.

10. In addition to the responsibilities listed in paragraph 1 through 5 above all the National officers will keep contact and encourage the members in his immediate area. The National Commodore is to act as coordinator and director for all class activity keeping contact with the subordinate officers to insure the performance of their responsibilities. The Vice Commodore will act as special committee head; keep a record of boats available for sale; direct class activity and participation (boat shows, special regattas, Sea Chest). The Rear Commodore will act as special committee head, organize and direct all class publicity establishing contact with the various popular publications and keeping a flow of class news to them. The Secretary-Treasurer will act as special Committee head, keep record of class finances, boats and handle general correspondence.
11. The NEC shall meet during July each year to determine items of new business to be proposed at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI -- Appointed Officers and Committees:

The National Executive Committee shall hold an organization meeting following the National Series, and at that time shall appoint from any class of membership a Technical Advisory Committee, a measurement committee, of which the chairman shall be chief measurer of the Association and on which no Hampton One Design builder or sailmaker shall serve. A Rules Committee consisting of five members shall be appointed and any boats under question may be referred to this committee which shall inspect or if necessary have such boats remeasured to see that they meet the requirements of the Association. The decision of this committee may be referred to the National Executive Committee. Such officers and committees shall be appointed as may be considered necessary, and shall determine their respective duties.

ARTICLE XII -- National Race Committee:

The National Race Committee shall consist of all members of the National Executive Committee present for the National Series. The National Race Committee shall conduct the National Series and generally supervise all other officials and committees connected therewith. It shall appoint, from its own members who are eligible to serve by reason of not being contestants, the race committee that shall conduct each race. Other members of the Association may be added to make an odd number of at least five members. The race committee shall be ratified by the annual meeting, and it shall serve until twenty-four hours after the completion of the first race or sail-off of the National Series. During this period it shall supersede the National Executive Committee, which remains inactive in respect to the Series, having direct and appellate jurisdiction shall be final, if rendered in accordance with the provisions of this article, over matters directly connected with the current Series, but its powers shall not extend to other matters, nor shall it revoke National Executive Committee rulings. The National Series Committee shall appoint a protest committee from its own membership, if possible. It shall hold hearings on all protests, and witnesses may be heard collectively or separately. Decisions shall be rendered within twenty-four hours of the completion of the race involved, or as described in the race circular. It shall, however, have the power to re-open a hearing because of new evidence at any time during its term of office. All business must be disposed of before the committee is disbanded. The ranking officer member of each committee appointed by the National Series Committee shall be its chairman. A majority of the committee membership shall constitute a quorum, and a majority decision shall decide all questions. The decisions of the committee shall be final if rendered in accordance with the provisions of this article and they cannot

be appealed to any other body whatsoever.

ARTICLE XIII -- Meetings:

1. The annual meeting shall be held during the period of and in the vicinity of the National Series, if possible. Special meetings may be called upon order of the National Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing by twenty-five per cent of the active members. The exact time and place of all meetings shall be fixed by the National Executive Committee.
2. Notice of meetings must be sent by the National Secretary to each active member. If the meeting is a special meeting, the purpose thereof must be stated in sufficient detail to permit voting by mail, and no other business can be transacted.

ARTICLE XIV - Deleted

ARTICLE XV -- Quorum and Roll Call:

1. One-half (50%) of the active members in good standing constitute a quorum at meetings.
2. If a quorum exists at roll call it exists throughout the session.

ARTICLE XVI -- Voting:

1. Each active member shall be entitled to cast one vote. Membership books close July 1st, or as ordered by National Executive Committee.
2. At special meetings each member will be allocated one vote.
3. Members may be heard, but only active members shall vote on motions, and must vote unless excused by the Chair. A majority of the votes present shall decide all questions not otherwise stipulated and the Chair shall cast the one deciding vote in case of a tie. He may fix time limits on speakers and motions.
4. At National Meetings, no decisions will be made on new business proposals. Discussions are encouraged, but approval or disapproval of the proposal will be deferred to a subsequent active membership meeting or vote by mail.

ARTICLE XVII -- Election of Officers:

1. Each officer (No. 1 to No. 5, Article X) shall be voted upon separately and the candidate receiving the most votes in each case shall be elected.
2. Nomination may be made by an active member from the floor or by mail and must be seconded. Nominations cannot officially close until the results of the election on the preceding office voted upon have been made known.

3. All officers at the annual meeting shall serve for one year beginning October 1st and ending September 30th. A suitable award such as a plaque may be given to the retiring National Commodore and Vice Commodore at their termination of office each year.

ARTICLE XVIII -- Impeachments:

1. A member may be expelled only by a three-fourths vote at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE XIX -- Amendments:

1. The Constitution, By-Laws, National Series Rule can never be suspended but may be amended at any meeting by two-thirds of the votes present. The plans and specifications may be amended at any meeting by four-fifths of the votes present, but any such amendments must conform to Section 2 thereof.
2. The basic principles of Articles III, IV, V, and VI cannot be changed, nor can an amendment be passed which will render then existing rules of this Association and whose status cannot be changed to conform to the proposed amendments: nor shall retroactive legislation be passed affecting active members.
3. At the annual meeting previous notice of proposed amendments is not required, but at special meetings it must have been included in notice thereof.
4. The Governing Committee shall have the power to simplify, clarify or correct the wording of any article without changing its intent or purpose.

ARTICLE XX -- Order of Business:

1. At annual meetings:
 - (1) Call to order
 - (2) Determine quorum
 - (3) Minutes of last meeting
 - (4) Reports of officers
 - (5) National Race Committee Ratification
 - (6) Suspensions
 - (7) Ratification of National Executive Committee
 - (8) Unfinished business
 - (9) Instructions for the Measurement Committee
 - (10) New business
 - (11) Election of officers for following year
 - (12) Adjournment
2. At Special Meetings:
 - (1) Determine quorum
 - (2) Special Business
 - (3) Adjournment

**The newly elected National Executive Committee shall hold its organization meeting following the National Series.

-- BY LAWS --

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ARTICLE I - Fleet Business and Meetings:

1. Business between Association and the fleets is, in general, transacted by a system of approved forms filed by the fleet secretaries with the National Secretary of the Association. New Business to be proposed at the Association Annual Meeting should be submitted in writing to the National Secretary at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
2. The annual meetings of fleets shall be in April of each year, and results of elections of fleet officers shall be filed with the Association Secretary.
3. Each fleet shall provide officers as required, but the following is recommended: Refer to Article X, Sections 1-5 of the Constitution. The Commodore will act as stated. The Vice Commodore will act as stated, forwarding his information directly to the National Vice Commodore. In addition he will act as fleet measurer and spot check fleet boats at least twice a season, and submit for decision any questionable boats or equipment. The Rear Commodore will act as stated, and forward all fleet information direct to the National Rear Commodore. In addition he will be responsible for local publicity. The Secretary-Treasurer will act as stated.

ARTICLE II -- Dues:

1. As determined by NEC.

ARTICLE III - Deleted

ARTICLE IV -- Report and Returns (Penalties where applicable):

1. To the Annual and any interim Report filed, must be attached all registration forms and Association dues collected by the fleet since the time of filing the previous report. If the annual report of the fleet, or annual dues and registration of members, has not been received by the Association on or before July 1st, they become automatically suspended. In the case of new fleets the same provision applies upon demand.
2. Suspended fleets, members and ineligible yachts may be posted by publication, and must be barred from all Hampton One Design races. They cannot be reinstated until all requirements of the Association have been fulfilled.

ARTICLE V -- Eligible Yachts:

1. A yacht is eligible and considered in the Hampton One Design Class only if it conforms to measurements rule, has been properly registered, and is owned by a qualified active member recorded at the time as in good standing with the Association.

ARTICLE VI -- Yacht's Number and Name:

1. The official number, allotted to new yachts on application to National Secretary, shall be permanent and affixed to each mainsail and the centerboard trunk. Name is optional but it must be recorded and approved. (For compliance with U. S. Coast Guard, the number should also be placed on the upper starboard corner of the transom.)

2. If alterations are made and affect more than one-half of the hull, or sufficiently extensive to so warrant, in the opinion of the measurement committee, a new number shall be awarded and boat be considered new as of such date.

ARTICLE VII -- Measurements and Certificates:

1. No yacht shall be eligible to enter any race for the Hampton One Design until a measurement certificate has been granted for such yacht.

2. Measurers will be approved by the Commodore and Chairman of the measurement committee jointly. Their authority is restricted to actual measuring and filing a report of same. They are entitled to a fee approved by the National Executive Committee. No certified measurer shall measure his own boat except under supervision of a disinterested person appointed by the measurement committee.

3. The Association certificate shall be binding upon all organizations conducting races for the Hampton One Design Class. A yacht holding such certificate shall not be subject to measurement or protest on measurements unless reasonable grounds can be shown to suspect subsequent alterations. A yacht is always subject to remeasurement by order of the rules committee or the measurement committee. The owner of a yacht that has no certificate shall pay the measurer's fee whether approved or not.

4. Protest of measurements of a certified Hampton One Design yacht must include \$10.00 deposit, only in the actual remeasurement of hull or protested yacht, returnable only if sustained, except, as to matters covered by Paragraph 5 hereof.

PART II

The Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, and Provisions which are included here shall apply to all contests, exclusive of the National Series, in which Hampton One Design yachts participate. If any incident or conditions should arise in the course of the National Series, then these provisions of Part II (and of Part I, if applicable) of the By-Laws shall be made to apply thereto.

ARTICLE I - Deleted

ARTICLE II -- Racing Rules:

1. The official code of Racing Rules which shall govern all Hampton One Design Class races unless otherwise specified in circulars of invitation races shall be that of U.S. Sailing Association's IYRR.

2. In Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association Sanctioned Regattas, U.S. Sailing Association's IYRR as modified by CBYRA will apply -- particularly as regards scoring of protests.

ARTICLE III -- Racing Restrictions:

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1. The correct boat number in specified size must be displayed on both sides of the mainsail.
2. The maximum number of persons allowed in one boat in any race shall be four (4). At least two (2) persons must be aboard each boat in each race.
3. Professionals used as crews are optional under fleet rules, but they shall not touch the helm in a race. They are barred in all sanctioned championships, interfleet and eliminating events.
4. No dead weight can be carried as stationary or shifting ballast.
5. The jib may be winged by means of a whiskerpole the inboard end of which, when in use, shall rest against or be secured to the mast. No sails other than the approved jib and mainsail can be used and only one of each on its proper hoist can be above deck at the same time.
6. A yacht must carry ground tackle of not less than 15 pound anchor or equivalent in manufacturer's rating and 50 ft. of 5/16 inch manila anchor line, or 1/4 inch minimum diameter synthetic anchor line or better, and an oar (paddle). Wearable life jackets are required.
7. Sculling with rudder is prohibited. Sweeping the boat's head around to change course or fill away in one given direction is not considered sculling. No stopping of headway by any means except sail and rudder or anchoring, shall be allowed.
8. Any yacht that capsizes or swamps shall be credited with a D.N.F. for that race. Capsize shall be defined as mast head hitting the water.
9. One yacht only registered under the same owner can enter a race. The score made by different yachts having the same owner cannot be combined in the same series.
10. It is the policy of the Association that prizes and points be awarded to the eligible entrants, also that trophies of perpetual character be inscribed with names of yachts and entrant (or entrants).
11. The 1989-92 International Yacht Racing Rules #54, Propulsion, is modified so as to restrict #54.3 (b) by adding "The whole main may be pumped, but only once to assist getting the boat to start to plane."

ARTICLE IV - Deleted
ARTICLE V - Deleted
ARTICLE VI - Deleted
ARTICLE VII - Deleted
ARTICLE VIII - Deleted

ARTICLE IX -- Novice:

It shall be at the option of the host yacht club or the NEC, as applicable, as to whether a novice trophy is to be awarded, but it is recommended that as much recognition be given this category of skippers that is possible. Winning of any special novice events removes the novice from said classification. Winning of a novice trophy in any event; however will not remove a skipper from the classification of novice. A novice is a person who has never won a trophy at a CBYRA sanctioned regatta racing in the Hampton One Design Class.

ARTICLE X -- Obligations:

The Association shall not be liable for any debts contracted by its fleet or officers other than expenditure authorized by the budget or upon written order of the Commodore and National Secretary.

**RULES GOVERNING THE NATIONAL SERIES
AND OTHER SANCTIONED EVENTS
AS APPLICABLE**

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ARTICLE I -- Purpose:

To determine annually the championship of the entire Hampton One Design Class by bringing together, insofar as possible, the entire class.

ARTICLE II -- Perpetual Trophies:

1. The name of the perpetual trophy shall be "National Hampton One Design Class Championship Trophy." The perpetual trophy shall be held by the HYC, subject to Governing Committee approval and order. Right, title, and interest in and to the trophy shall, always be in the name of the Hampton Yacht Club, Inc., the donors, who may impose any conditions necessary to safeguard the same.
2. The J. W. Hurst perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the highest placing novice skipper in the Hampton Nationals. This award is given in honor of J. "Willy" Hurst for his contributions in promoting the Hampton Class.
3. The Hampton One Design Racing Association - T. Lane Stokes Cup shall be awarded to the skipper who:
 - is a Hampton One Design Owner,
 - has met the current Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association's high point criteria and is thus scored for the CBYRA high point trophy,
 - did not place in the top 40% in either of the last two Nationals, and
 - is not, nor has been, a Hampton One Design National Champion.

*Thus, the skipper who meets the criteria and is scored the highest on the current CBYRA high point score is the winner of the T. Lane Stokes Cup.

ARTICLE III - Entries:

1. Open to entire class subject to limitations established by the NEC. Past National Champions may always enter without qualification.

ARTICLE IV - Deleted

ARTICLE V - Deleted

ARTICLE VI - Deleted

ARTICLE VII -- General Procedure:

1. All instructions and regulations not fully described in National Series rules shall be published in Race Circular.

2. The National Race Committee shall be the Regatta Committee and conduct all races.
3. The National Race Committee shall be available for hearings at and directly following hours stated in Article X.
4. Course and mark officials shall be appointed and instructed by the National Race Committee.
5. Fouls or violations reported by or to any official before 8:30 p.m. must be investigated and an open hearing shall be conducted if necessary.
6. Postponements, for an accident reported before preparatory signal, of reasonable time (intervals of fifteen minutes) shall be given, but if repairs or allowable substitutions cannot be made within one hour, or if entry cannot mathematically win the series, or if postponements would result in extending series more than one hour beyond schedule, then no postponement can be granted unless by unanimous consent of all entries.
7. The Governing Committee before, and the National Race Committee during, the series has the power to modify or change such details connected with the Series Rules as may be necessary to conform to local conditions, but cannot alter their basic principle. Notice of such changes must be contained in the Race Circular or be issued by bulletin or written notice before any race to which they shall apply.
8. Contestants and officials must remain at or within call of headquarters until two hours after last race or sail-off and be available to attend hearings or enter sail-offs until that time when all decisions shall be rendered and the results of the series shall become official. Results shall not be subject to subsequent change for any reason whatsoever.

ARTICLE VIII -- Conditions Governing Race:

1. Six races shall be scheduled for the National Series. The winner of a Championship shall be the crew which scores the least points under the Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) in its best five races, if all six races are held. If five races are held, then all five shall count. If four races are held, then all four shall count. The Championship shall not be awarded if less than four races are sailed.
2. Races shall be held in open water as free as possible from headlands, shoals, obstructions or aids to navigation. If unavoidable, aids to navigation, unless otherwise ordered, must be left on the required or channel side.
3. Course shall be an equilateral triangle, with a (windward) and (leeward) leg and return, totaling about five miles each or other course selected by the Race Committee.
4. Procedure: Signals and descriptions, etc., shall be as nearly as practicable as shown on the approved series instruction circulars and on file with the National Secretary.
5. The time limit shall be one hour, forty-five minutes (1 3/4 hours). If one entrant finishes within the time limit all must be timed.

6. Rules shall always be the approved rules of the Association, and such special rules as may be published in the race circular.
7. No yacht shall be prevented from entering a re-sail of an uncompleted National, sanctioned, or elimination race for any cause arising out of the uncompleted race. Such incomplete race shall be considered null and void for all purposes.
8. Ties for prize winning places shall be sailed off separately after the series.

ARTICLE IX -- Eligibility

NOTE: Consult the Constitution and By-Laws on membership qualifications and other details affecting eligibility.

1. A yacht must be certified as eligible by the Measurement Committee before the first race. A certified copy of the bill of sale must be demanded as proof of ownership if a yacht was acquired from another territory or registered with Association for the first time under new owner's name within six months of the series. Spars, rudders and positions not included in the certificate, must be measured and approved before any major championship series.
2. Sails used, not exceeding two units, must have been approved by a class measurer.
3. Each entrant must: (a) Be an active Association member (or members); (b) Be a bona fide owner, or syndicate owners of the yachts to be sailed, and (c) Have sailed the yacht in a representative number of Hampton One Design races within a year. Requirement (b) and (c) may be modified by the NEC.
4. Syndicate owners may list either one or two owners of the yacht as entrants, subject to the eligibility requirements stated herein.

ARTICLE X -- Substitutions:

1. Alternates may be designated but yacht, and entrant (or entrants) starting the series must sail throughout except in the case of proven accident or sickness.
2. No limitations are placed on the duties that may be performed by the individuals aboard yachts while racing. The entrant (or entrants) must be aboard in each of the races sailed and will be in command, assuming full responsibility, but may ask and receive advice from others aboard the yacht.