



RG65 USA Class Owners Association Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the U.S. RG65 Class Owners Association (COA).

Article II. Emblem

The emblem shall be as described in the RG65 International Class Rules.

Article III. Object

To promote the RG65 Class under the International Class Rules, and continue to act as the National Class Authority (NCA) for the United States in support of the RG65 International Class Authority (ICA).

Article IV. Policy

To aid members with technical information and assistance, encourage vendors by disseminating product information, and promote friendly competition in the Corinthian Spirit.

Article V: Jurisdiction

The Constitution, Bylaws and Class Rules are binding on all COA members.

Article VI. Membership

Membership in the COA is open to all owners and prospective owners of RG65 Class yachts.

Article VII. Organization

The RG65 COA is formed under the auspices of the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) and will abide by all applicable provisions of the AMYA Constitution and Bylaws. In case of conflict with the ICA Statutes, the ICA Statutes will take precedence.

Article VIII. Administration

Officers of the COA shall consist of a Board of Directors.

Article IX. Ratification

Initial ratification of the Constitution and By-Laws and acceptance of the International Class Rules, will be by simple majority vote of the members of the RG65 NCA for the United States at time of ratification.

Article X. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended as specified in the Bylaws.

BYLAWS

1. Administration

1.1 Officers

The officers of the COA shall consist of the three Directors, each of whom must be a member of the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA). The Directors shall choose one of their number to act as President of the COA. The primary duty of the President shall be to represent the COA as the U.S. National Class Authority (NCA) to the RG 65 World Council, which acts as the International Class Authority (ICA).

1.2 Selection of Directors

Any qualified COA member may volunteer for position of Director no later than the First of April each year. A slate of current Directors who wish to continue serving, plus new volunteers, shall be submitted to membership of the COA for a vote within 30 days. Each candidate may place a statement of qualifications on this ballot. Each COA member shall be entitled to vote for three Directors. The three candidates with the most votes become Directors for that year. Ties will be resolved by a flip of a coin. In case a Director becomes unwilling or unable to finish their term, the remaining Directors shall issue a call for volunteers and hold a special election under the procedures as defined for regular elections.

1.3 Other Administrative Posts

Directors may appoint other individuals to administrative or support posts as required.

1.4 Conduct of Business

All business, elections, notifications, etc. shall be by means of the Internet unless this imposes undue hardship on a member, in which case reasonable accommodation will be made. Documents generated during the conduct of COA business shall be maintained in electronic form in multiple locations. Funds collected by COA shall be maintained in separate account accessible by Directors or designated administrative persons. In all matters calling for an election or a polling of the membership, these elections or polls shall be conducted on the basis of one vote per member.

2. Membership

2.1 Classes of Membership

There shall be two classes of Membership, Registered and Confirmed. To become a Registered Member an individual not registered and having an assigned sail number at the time of ratification of these Bylaws must submit an application and pay the registration fee required by the AMYA. To become a Confirmed Member, an owner must submit a picture of their boat and Statement of Good Faith as described in the International Class Rules. An individual may apply directly to be a Confirmed Member by submitting all three documents along with the registration fee. All Members, Registered or Confirmed, shall have equal rights and obligations under these Bylaws. **2.2**

Non-Discrimination

Section 2.1 shall be sole criterion for qualifying for membership.

2.3 Member privacy

The only information about a member which the COA may publicly release shall be the member's name, state of residence, AMYA membership status, sail number, and design of their boat as submitted in their membership application. No other personal information about any member shall be released by the COA without the explicit permission of that member.

2.4 Removal for Cause

A member may be removed or suspended for cause by unanimous vote of the Directors. The member shall be given full opportunity to review and respond to any allegations and evidence prior to Directors' vote. If the allegations are against a Director, the remaining two Directors shall unanimously appoint an independent third party to review allegations and evidence and cast that Director's vote. This process shall maintain the privacy of the members involved in the matter.

3. Registration of Boats

3.1 Sail Number

Each member shall receive a sail number upon achieving Registered member status. This number, plus the USA National Identifier and the RG65 Class Emblem, shall be displayed on the sails of all boats owned by this member in the manner called out by the International Class Rules. A member may apply for a specific number of no more than four digits and if that number is unassigned it shall be granted.

3.2 Hull Identification

Each hull shall be identified by its owner's sail number followed by a suffix whose purpose is to identify this hull separately from the owner's sail number. The hull identifier suffix shall be chosen by the builder or the first owner of the hull. The hull identifier shall be permanently marked or affixed to interior of hull and visible from the outside. This identifier shall remain unchanged throughout the life of the hull, irrespective of transfer of ownership.

4. Class Rules

4.1 Rules

The class rules shall be the International Rules plus any amendments listed below:

4.1.1

There are no amendments.

4.2 Changes to International Rules

The COA shall follow the process for changes as specified in the ICA Statutes. The proposed changes shall be distributed to COA members and the membership shall be polled as to their preferences. The President shall then cast the USA vote in accordance with that poll.

5. Measurement of Boats

5.1 Statement of Good Faith

In the absence of evidence to the contrary, a Statement of Good Faith shall be accepted as sufficient evidence of a Registered Member's boat complying with the RG65 Measurement rule. **5.2**

Measurement at Events

A boat shall be measured upon owner's request, or if the boat is protested, or if the boat is chosen for membership by an event's Race Committee. If a Race Committee intends to require a full-size sail diagram as part of the measurement process, then that requirement must be included in the Notice of Race.

6. National Championship Regatta

6.1 Designation

Directors shall designate one regatta per year as the RG65 National Championship.

6.2 Special Event

A special event open to all Confirmed Members may be run and scored concurrently with the RG65 National Championship. Confirmed Members who are also members of the AMYA are eligible for the National Championship, and all entrants are eligible for awards under the special event.

7. Amendments to Governing Documents

7.1 Any COA member may propose an amendment to the governing documents. Upon unanimous approval by the Directors, the proposed amendment shall be distributed to the membership and a vote held. A two-thirds majority of total COA membership shall be required to enact the amendment.