

Constitution of IM-XVIYRA

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND EMBLEM

The name of this organization shall be the International Monotype-XV Ice Yacht Racing Association. Its emblem shall be the letters XV placed on the sail in contrasting colour.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

The Association's purpose shall be to promote ice yacht racing in this one design class, in boats built to the Official Specifications and to sponsor class regattas.

ARTICLE 3 - ORGANIZATION AND FISCAL YEAR

The Association is one of individual members, acting through general membership meetings, and through the Governing Committee. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30. The official language of the Association is English. Association membership dues for the next year shall be fixed and reviewed by the Governing Committee at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open for everybody. There shall be three classes of membership, as follows:

A. ACTIVE

ñ *Any owner or part-owner of a M-XV, a good standing. Privileges are to sail in the Annual Regatta, vote on the Association affairs, receive all Association communications and hold office.*

ñ *Active membership can be owned by physical persons only.*

B. ASSOCIATE

ñ *Any non-M-XV owner interested in the affairs of the Association, in good standing. Privileges are to receive all Association communications.*

C. INACTIVE

ñ *Any Active or Associate member who has not paid dues in the current year by the time of the Annual Regatta, will no longer be considered a member in good standing and will be transferred to inactive status. There are no privileges.*

Members must be Corinthians, and power to accept or reject applications for membership is vested in the Governing Committee.

ARTICLE 5 - ELECTIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated at the annual meeting. They will be voted for by mail vote. Write-in 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.

VICE COMMODORE: To officiate in the absence of the Commodore. To help the commodore in the approval of competition 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 winners names;*
- 3) make sure perpetual trophies are delivered to the proper race officials 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. He shall publish any results of a membership vote with the full text of the ballot and vote count. He shall bring the records up to date, complete business pending from the Annual Meeting and shall transmit all Association records to his successor as soon as possible after June 30.

TRESURER: He shall maintain the association membership list, collect dues, 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 nonmembers, oversee the sale of mail ordered goods sold by the association.

Both the positions of secretary and treasurer can be held by one person if necessary.

ARTICLE 6 - GOVERNING COMMITTEE

The Governing Committee consists of the three Officers, acting as a group. Its powers are to render final decisions on appeal, sanction or prohibit races in the M-XV European Championship, accept or reject membership applications, approve the Race Committee for the M-XV EC. The Governing committee may initiate changes to the Constitution. 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.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETING AND QUORUM

The annual meeting shall be held during and in the vicinity of the M-XV EC, if possible. Special meetings may be called on the order of the Governing Committee or upon demand in writing by twenty five percent of the membership. Exact time and place of all meetings shall be fixed by the Governing Committee. 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.

ARTICLE 8 - VOTING

A majority of the votes cast shall be determined on all questions not otherwise stipulated, and the chair (if in a meeting) shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. The chair also has the power to fix a time limit on speakers and discussions of motions.

ARTICLE 9 - OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS

*Requirements for the yacht, sail and attached equipment shall be set forth in the **Official Specifications of Monotype-XV**. In all cases where there is a conflict between the Official Specifications and the Official Plans, the Official Specifications shall prevail.*

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 M-XV 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.

Following national letter(s) should be used on mainsail:

C-Estonia; O-Latvia; R-Russia; S-Sweden

ARTICLE 10 - AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES

Amendments to the Constitution and changes to the Official Specifications or the Racing Rules may be made only after approval of the membership by a mail vote. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required. Changes in the Official Specifications shall become effective only if approved by July 1. Otherwise they shall become effective the following season.

ARTICLE 11 - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee shall consist of 3 members. One new member shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting for a term of 3 years. Upon resignation prior to three years, a replacement member shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve the unexpired term. Term of office will begin July 1, and expire June 30 of the appropriate year. Each year the Committee shall elect from its membership a chairman to serve until June 30 of the following year. The chairman shall report to the Governing Committee on all recommendations of the Technical Committee. The Committee may initiate changes in the Official Specifications by proposing such changes to the Governing Committee, who may submit them to the membership on a mail ballot requiring two-thirds majority for approval. The Committee shall, upon the request of any member, or at the direction of the Governing Committee, provide interpretation of the Official Specifications. These findings shall be published in the Association News Letters. Such interpretations shall prevail as Supplements to the Official Specifications unless and until voided by a simple majority vote by mail ballot. If a Committee seat becomes vacant for any reason, the Commodore may appoint a replacement until the next Annual Meeting.