

# United States - Class Catamaran Association

Fall Newsletter 2003

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## Officers

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Fellow Sailors,

Bare with me, I need your help. Last year at our annual meeting we discussed several things the class should consider to help improve and grow the association. One of these topics was the writing of a constitution for the United States A-Class Catamaran Association. Enclosed you will find a draft of that document. For those of you planning to attend the annual meeting at the North Americans, please read over this document and have your comments ready for the meeting. Those who cannot make the meeting feel free to contact me with your input. We will be voting on adoption of a constitution at the annual meeting.

Speaking of the North Americans, it looks like quite a gang is planning to attend. Some are coming in early to stay and enjoy the eats and treats of the French Quarter and others plan to stay after to continue the revelry. So by all means make a week of it. Bob Hodges has done a great job for this event, including providing plenty of food and drink at the venue, so no one should leave any lighter than they arrived. The weather down here is just right and hopefully it should hold on into November. But be ready for most anything.

There is one more topic for our upcoming annual meeting. Every year we designate where the class would like to have the next North Americans. The class has been very fortunate to have many opportunities to race throughout North America. If you have any input of good regatta venues, please feel free to bring your ideas. One thing I would suggest is a sense of adventure. We all have our home sailing waters and most areas can run a very good event from our local clubs, but going to new places and sailing on new bodies of water adds a new level of excitement for the event. Whether it's been Key Largo, Martha's Vineyard, or Lake Ponchartrain, all of these areas have added that little extra to create great memories of our North Americans Championships.

See yah in Mandeville,

Bob



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# **The Constitution of the United States A-Class Catamaran Association**

## **1.0 Organization**

1.1 The United States A-Class Catamaran Association shall be known and referred to as “USACA.”

## **2.0 Object**

2.1 The USACA shall have sole authority for the conduct and management of all U.S. A-Class Catamaran Association events.

2.2 The USACA shall promote expansion of the United States and International A-Class Catamaran classes of sailboat.

2.3 The USACA will coordinate with the National Authority (U.S. Sailing); the International A-Class Catamaran Association; and the International Sailing Federation (I.S.A.F.).

## **3.0 Membership**

3.1 Regular Members shall be owners or interested parties who have properly paid annual dues to the USACA.

## **4.0 Annual Dues and Other Fees**

4.1 The USACA shall collect an annual fee from Regular Members.

## **5.0 Governance**

### **5.1 Executive Committee**

5.1.1 The USACA shall have the following officers: President, Secretary/Treasurer, Information Officer (Web Master), and Technical Officer.

5.1.2 The Officers, collectively, will be responsible for the day to day management of USACA, including collection of dues, maintenance of accounts, initial registration, issuance of Sail Numbers, maintenance of the class registrar, and measurement of boats at required events.

5.1.3 Officers shall serve a term of one year, from North American Championships to the immediately following North American Championships.

- 5.1.4 Officers shall be nominated and voted upon at the Annual Meeting held during the North American Championships.
- 5.1.5 The Class Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain the registrar of class members and the accounts of the USACA.
- 5.1.6 The Technical Officer shall nominate USACA measurers to the Executive Committee for approval at any time.
- 5.1.7 The Technical Officer shall work with sailmakers, boatbuilders, and equipment manufacturers to maintain adherence to the International A-Class Catamaran rules.

## 5.2 Annual Meetings

- 5.2.1 The USACA Annual Meeting shall be held concurrently with the North American A-Class Catamaran Championships.
- 5.2.2 Each USACA Member shall have one vote.
- 5.2.3 There is no minimum attendance required for a quorum on a vote of any issue presented at the Annual Meeting.
- 5.2.4 All relevant issues presented at the Annual Meeting shall be decided by a majority of the Regular Members in attendance, including those by written proxy or teleconference.
- 5.2.5 Matters requiring a Vote at the Annual Meeting shall include (i) the election of the Executive Committee, and (ii) setting the venue of the following North American Championships (i.e., Annual Meeting).
- 5.2.6 Matters which may be considered at the Annual Meeting include (i) any matters that effect the Class organization, Constitution, Rules, or any other relevant issue(s) of the USACA.

## 5.3 Special Meetings

- 5.3.1 No Special Meetings are allowed.

## 5.4 Responsibility of General Members

- 5.4.1 It is the responsibility of the Skipper to certify that his or her boat is in conformity with the Rules of the International A-Class Catamaran Association at any sailing event.
- 5.4.2 Yearly dues become due by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year, paid in full on receipt by the Secretary/Treasurer.

# Florida Winter Circuit

## The Coconut Grove Sails A-Class Invitational

January 14-15  
Key Largo, Fl

Contact: John and Carla Schieffer  
305-323-7968  
schiefers@earthlink.net

## NAMSA Nationals/Tradewinds Midwinter Open Cat Nationals

January 17-18  
Key Largo, Fl

Contact: John and Carla Schieffer  
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## Notice of Race

### 2004 A-CLASS GULF COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

March 13&14, 2004

Gulfport Yacht Club  
4638 Del Rio Way  
Gulfport, Fl 33707

The Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC) invites the A Class to a regatta to be sailed on the sheltered waters of Boca Ciega Bay.

**Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the I.A.S.F. Racing Rules of Sailing, 2001-2004. The regatta will be classified as category C for advertising.

**Eligibility & Entry:** The regatta is open to all A Class catamarans.

**Sailing Instructions:** Instructions will be available upon registration.

**Entry Fee:** \$45

**Tentative Schedule:**

Friday 3/12,	5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Registration
Saturday 3/13	7:00- 10:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast
	8:00 - 10:00 A.M. Registration
	11:00 A.M. Skippers Meeting
	12:30 A.M. 1st warning signal back to back racing
	no start after 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 3/14	7:00- 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast
	10:00 A.M. 1st Warning Signal
	no start after 1:30 P.M.
	Trophy presentation when scoring is completed.

**Contact:** Gordon Isco, 727- 345-3678, gisco@tampabay.rr.com

## USACA Membership Form

Please PRINT all information.

Last Name:	First Name
Address:	
City	State/Province
Zip	Country
Home Phone:	Office Phone:
Fax:	E-mail
Sail Number	Year & Make of Boat
Comments:	

Mail your \$25 membership fee:USACA; C/O Ben Hall; 17 Peckham Dr; Bristol, RI 02809

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