

# **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 A minimum term of office is for 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 Recommendations, 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.