

**Article 1 NAME**

This organization of sailors of International 29er Dinghies, their parents, and other interested persons shall be known as the Canadian 29er Class Association hereafter referred to as the Association. Where applicable throughout this constitution, the word He may be replaced by the word She, according to the case at hand.

**Article 2 OBJECTS**

The objects of the Association are:

- a. To promote the building, sailing and racing of International 29ers in Canada, in full compliance with the current Int. 29er Class Rules, specifications and the spirit of the same.
- b. To maintain affiliation with the International 29er Class Association and to support its aims.
- c. To maintain affiliation with the Canadian Yachting Association (C.Y.A).
- d. To act as the parent organization for the 29er Regional Associations, if any, in Canada and, through them or independently, to maintain affiliation with any respective Regional or Provincial Sailing Associations.
- e. To serve as the Canadian authority responsible for the sanctioning of National, Provincial, and Regional regattas and for cooperation with the United States 29er Association in the organization of North American Regattas.
- f. To take any other action as shall be in the interest of the boat owners and sailors of the Canadian 29er Class.

**Article 3 MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Active Membership will consist of any persons who support the objectives of the Association and who, by virtue of their membership, receive all the benefits of participation in Association sanctioned events and Association communications, as well as a vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association.
- b. Honorary membership will consist of any person elected by a majority vote of the members present at any general meeting of the Association who, by virtue of their membership, receive all the privileges of Active Membership including a vote at the AGM of the Association. No membership fee will be payable by an Honorary Member.
- c. Membership may be denied or revoked by the Executive for due cause. If this is protested, such protests will be heard at the next AGM of the Association.

#### **Article 4 DUES**

Dues, if any, shall be determined at the AGM, and set out in the By-Laws of the Association.

#### **Article 5 MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION**

- a. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted on behalf of the membership by the elected Executive, who shall be responsible for the spirit of Article 2, and who shall make a full report of their actions and the state of the Association at the AGM
- b. The Executive will have full authority to conduct the business of the Association between general meetings. It may accept the resignations of any of its members, and replace vacancies amongst its membership with an appointment from the same Region until the next Annual General Meeting.
- c. The Executive may appoint Standing Committees from time to time.

#### **Article 6 THE EXECUTIVE**

- a. The Executive of the Association shall consist of a President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and four (4) Regional Representatives from the following regions. WESTERN (BC), CENTRAL (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), EASTERN (Ontario and Quebec) and ATLANTIC (New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland)
- b. The President, Secretary/Treasurer and Regional Representatives shall be elected by simple majority vote at the AGM of the Association.
- c. All Executive members must be voting members of the Association and shall be elected for a term set out in the By-Laws of the Association.
- d. No Executive may hold the same position for a term longer than that specified by the By-Laws of the Association.
- e. A quorum of the Executive shall be determined by the By-Laws of the Association. Votes may be cast by correspondence, telephone, fax or other communication device, and will be counted toward the quorum set out in the Bylaws.
- f. Notice of an Executive meeting shall be made in advance according to the By-Laws of the Association.

#### **Article 7 DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

- a. The President of the Association shall preside at Executive and General Association meetings, be ex-officio a member of all standing committees, be responsible for all communication with the CYA and generally perform the duties of a President and Chairman of the organization.
- b. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge of all books, papers and records of the

Association. She shall maintain the membership database, shall collect all monies due or payable to the Association and shall deposit the same in a safe place. She shall make any payments required for the purposes of the Association and shall keep adequate records of all transactions. At the Annual General Meeting, she shall present a statement of the Association's finances. She shall keep minutes of all Executive and General meetings, shall give notices, and conduct the general correspondence of the Association

c . The Regional representatives MUST be responsible to, and represent the sailors of, their own constituency. They shall also be responsible for all communication amongst the membership and between Regions, such communication to be circulated to members and other interested parties. They shall arrange for the widest publicity for the Class directed in the spirit of Article 2.

### **Article 8 STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

a. Nomination Committee.

This committee shall normally consist of the two most recent past members of the Executive or two current Association members not standing for election or re-election. It shall bring forward to the Annual General Meeting a slate of Executive members for the Association.

b. Fund-Raising Committee

This committee may be appointed by the Executive. The duties of this committee will be to raise funds at the discretion of the Executive for special projects which fulfill the objects of the Association according to Article 2.

c. Regatta Committee

This committee may be appointed by the Executive but shall have at least one elected member of the Executive. The duties of this committee shall be:

- i. To be responsible for the organization of the National Championship,
  - ii. To determine with the Organizing Committee of the Regatta, the sailing instructions, eligibility of competitors and any special age or other consideration.
  - iii. To establish and maintain a perpetual trophy for the National Championship
  - iv. To consider and recommend venues and dates for the National Championships and to present these for approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- d. Any other special committees which the Executive may appoint from time to time.

### **Article 9 MEETINGS**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members shall be called by the Secretary upon written notice to the members of the agenda and notice of motions as set out in the By-Laws.

A general meeting may be called either by the Executive, or by a quorum of the membership, in accordance with the By-Laws.

A general meeting may appoint its own committees reporting directly,

A quorum of members of a general meeting shall be set out in the By-Laws.

Proxy voting rights on items specified by the Executive or the membership calling the general meeting of which written notice of motion was made on the agenda may be granted in writing by an absent member.

#### **Article 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

No part of this constitution shall be amended or annulled except by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority vote at a general meeting of the Association.

#### **Article 11 OBLIGATIONS**

All members of the Association shall, by accepting membership therein, agree and have determined to agree to this Constitution and all of the provisions thereof and to the rules and regulations made there under including the By-Laws and shall be bound thereby.

#### **Article 12 TERMINATION**

Termination of the Association must be by a two-thirds majority vote. In the event that the Association terminates, the funds and other assets thereof shall be distributed to the 29er International Class Association.

#### **Article 13 BY-LAWS**

By-Laws, providing that they do not contravene the provisions of Articles 1 to 12 inclusive of this constitution, may be established or amended by a 2/3 vote at any general meeting of the Association.