



## INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE ASSOCIATION

### A. Name

1. The name of the association shall be the International Six Metre Association (ISMA).

### B. Objects

1. The objects of ISMA shall be:
  - a. to represent the International Six Metre Class before the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as the international organization for the Class;
  - b. to organize and supervise the international activities of the Class;
  - c. to enact and enforce the International Six Metre Class rules;
  - d. to promote, develop and govern international regattas for the International Six Metre Class throughout the world; and
  - e. to circulate information among the National Associations, International Six Metre sailors and the sailing community in general.

### C. Membership

1. The members of ISMA are the National Associations of owners of International Six Metre yachts.
2. A National Association of International Six Metre owners may join ISMA by certifying that it will adhere to its By-Laws.
3. All National Associations shall accept membership applications made by International Six Metre owners who are either residing or keeping their yachts in the country of their jurisdiction. National Associations may also admit members who are not owners of an International Six Metre yacht.

4. Owners of International Six Metre yachts are affiliated with ISMA as individual members through their respective National Association. However, those owners residing or keeping their yachts in countries where no National Association in good standing exists may join ISMA directly or through another National Association.

#### **D. Membership Dues**

1. National Associations shall pay annually to ISMA membership dues according to the number of owners of International Six Metre yachts they represent.
2. Membership dues must be paid before May 1st of each year. National Associations will submit to ISMA a list giving details of the yachts and owners that they represent.
3. If a National Association fails to pay such dues, it will no longer be a member of ISMA of good standing.
4. Each National Association will cast votes at General Assemblies or when a mail vote is organized equal to the number of yachts for which it has paid membership dues during the preceding year.

#### **E. General Meetings**

1. The General Meeting is the governing body of ISMA. As a general rule, General Meetings are held at the same time and place as the World Cup and, in years where no World Cup is taking place, at the same time and place as some other major International Six Metre event. General Meetings are called by the President with one month's notice.
2. All National Associations in good standing are entitled to attend General Meetings and to cast one vote for each International Six Metre yacht for which the owner has paid dues in the preceding year. Individual members may attend General Meetings, but they are not entitled to vote.
3. Each National Association shall designate in writing one person who will act as its representative at General Meetings.
4. The purpose of the General Meeting shall be to:
  - a. adopt the Rating Rules and Measurement Instructions, subject to approval by ISAF where applicable;
  - b. establish the membership dues;
  - c. approve the accounts;

d. elect the President and the other officers of ISMA and the members of the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Technical Committees;

e. attend to all matters submitted to it by the President; and

f. amend these By-Laws.

5. One half of the National Associations in good standing shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote shall decide all matters.

6. A decision regarding an issue which should normally be submitted to the General Meeting may also be made by a mail vote. A mail vote is valid when a majority of the National Associations in good standing concur.

#### **F. Officers**

1. The President is the official representative of ISMA and the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

2. Four Vice-Presidents shall assist the President and assume his duties in his absence.

3. The Secretary keeps the minutes and books of ISMA. The Board upon a proposal by its President has the option of hiring a permanent "Executive Secretary" who would assume the secretarial duties and also act as Secretary to the Classic and Technical Committees. The Executive Secretary will also manage the administration of the Association's finances under the supervision of the elected Treasurer.

4. The Treasurer keeps the financial records of ISMA and shall prepare bi-annual reports on the financial status of ISMA for presentation at the General Meeting and at the year end.

5. All offices are held for two years. In case of vacancies, the President shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the next General Meeting.

#### **G. Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee shall include the President, the Vice-President(s), the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Technical Committee, and such other members as shall be decided at the General Meeting.

2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

a. handling all current business;

b. collecting dues and hull royalties;

- c. publishing a class magazine; and
- d. maintaining contacts with ISAF, National Associations and yacht clubs organizing major racing events for the Class.

#### **H. Technical Committee**

1. Unless the President decides otherwise, all proposals to change the Rating Rule and Measurement Instructions of the class shall be first submitted to the Technical Committee.
2. The Technical Committee shall prepare a report and recommend approval, amendment or rejection of the proposal by the General Meeting.

#### **I. Nominating Committee**

1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members none of whom shall be Officers or members of the Executive Committee.
2. The Nominating Committee shall, not less than two months in advance of the AGM, propose candidates for election for the upcoming term. The names of the proposed candidates shall be announced in the ISMA news.
3. National 6 Metre Authorities can propose opposing slates of officials to be elected by submitting their list of candidates to the Nominating Committee not later than 3 months prior to the Annual General Meeting. Opposing slates shall be printed in ISMA news.

#### **K. Pennant**

1. ISMA has adopted a red/blue triangular pennant (or burgee) for the class.
2. The use of the pennant shall be governed by a "Pennant Rule", which can be changed by a decision of the General Meeting.

*This edition of the Constitution has been amended to reflect the resolutions made at the Annual General Meeting held in Falmouth on 21 July 2014.*