

# **X-35 ONE DESIGN CLASS ASSOCIATION**

## **Subject to Review in 2008**

### **1. TITLE**

The full title of the Association shall be the X-35 One Design Class Association

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Association are to promote and further the interests of the X-35 One Design Class Association and to represent the interest of owners of X-35 One Design's as follows:

- (a) to keep members informed of developments concerning the Class and any proposals concerning Class Rules.
- (b) to organise Championships and to co-ordinate the programme for other races for the Class.
- (c) to encourage National and International competition in Britain for the Class.
- (d) to negotiate with the International X-35 One Design Class Association on any matters relating to Class Rules.
- (e) to promulgate information on technical development within the X-35 One Design Class.

### **3. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

Throughout these Rules the following defined terms will be used:

- (a) "The National Association" shall mean the X-35 One Design Class Association.
- (b) "The International Association" shall mean the International X-35 One Design Class Association formed to control the affairs of the X-35 One Design Class throughout the world.
- (c) "The Committee" shall mean the Committee of the National Association, consisting of elected committee members and members appointed as regional members.
- (d) "The National Association Rules" shall mean the rules governing the conduct of the National Association.
- (e) "The National Association Register" shall mean the register of owners of the X-35 One Design Class with their addresses, number of boats, to be kept as hereafter provided.
- (f) "The Class" shall mean the class of sailing boat designed by X-Yacht Design Group and made in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and known under the name X-35 One Design.
- (g) "The Class Rules" shall mean the rules relating to specification, construction and measurement controls of the Class as defined in the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing and governing the building of each X-35 One Design and its rating as a recognised boat within the class for class racing purposes.

- (h) "The Sail Number" shall mean the Sail Number allocated to the boat.
- (i) "The National Class Secretary" shall mean the duly elected Honorary Secretary or appointed Secretary as the case may be, of the National Association.
- (j) "Measurement/Rating Certificate" shall mean a certificate as defined in the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing to be issued, ratified and endorsed as hereinafter provided and recording those items recommended by the ISAF but including: -
  - (i) The Sail Number and initial ownership of a X-35 One Design and any changes in ownership.
  - (ii) The fact that such X-35 One Design originally complied with the Class Rules in completion of construction, together with such particulars as may be required by the Class Rules.
- (k) "Fleet" shall mean six or more registered X-35 One Design's.
- (l) "Owner" and "Joint Owner" shall mean any person or persons, corporation or association entered on a certificate as owner or joint owner of an X-35 One Design.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

- (a) The following classes of membership shall be recognised:
  - (i) Full Membership.
  - (ii) Associate Membership.
  - (iii) Honorary Membership.
- (b) Full Membership shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription be open to any owner of an X-35 One Design or, in the case of joint owners, to any one of them, or in the case of a an X-35 One Design owned by a corporation or Association, to a nominated representative of that organisation.
- (c) Associate Membership shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to any joint owner of a X-35 One Design not being a full member, or to all individuals or clubs interested in the X-35 One Design Class.
- (d) Honorary Membership shall be open to any person having an interest in the National Association in Britain who is proposed by a Full Member and seconded by at least one member of the Committee and is elected by Members of the National Association at any General Meeting of the National Association.
- (e) Members shall be bound by the National Association Rules.
- (f) Each full member shall be entitled to one vote at a General Meeting of the National Association, or in a postal ballot. Associate and Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting, but not to vote.
- (g) All full or Associate Members of the National Association shall ipso facto be an equivalent Member of the International Association.

## 5. MANAGEMENT

- (a) The affairs of the National Association shall be managed by the Committee, which shall be the only body empowered to make recommendations to the X-35 One Design Association for changes in the Class Rules.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of not less than six and not more than ten full members of the Association, elected annually at a General Meeting of Members, or by postal vote, as elected Committee Members. In addition, each area, as later defined with three or more fleets, shall be entitled to appoint two full members to the Committee. The areas shall be:

The Committee shall have powers to co-opt any person to assist it, whether a full member of the Association or not, but such persons shall have no vote in Committee.
- (c) No member shall serve on the Committee as Elected or Regional Committee Member for more than three years at the end of which period he shall retire, but shall be liable for re-election after an interval of one year and may be co-opted.
- (d) The Committee need not fill a vacancy arising in the Committee unless the total number of Committee Members has dropped below the minimum of six. Committee Members appointed to fill vacancies shall remain in office until the expiry of the term of office of the person whose position they have filled.
- (e) At its first meeting to be held immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the National Association, the Committee shall:
  - (i) Elect one of its members to act as Chairman of the Association for the following year.
  - (ii) Elect an Honorary Secretary or appoint a Secretary, who shall keep correct Minutes and records of all Committee and General Meetings, together with the National Association Register, and shall be responsible for communicating the decisions of the Committee to members of the National Association, to the Secretariat of the International X-35 One Design Association and, when directed by the Committee, to owners and joint owners not being members of the National Association.
  - (iii) Elect an Honorary Treasurer, who shall control the funds of the National Association: make such disbursements as the Committee shall direct: present an annual financial statement at each Annual General Meeting. The Secretary or Honorary Secretary may act as Treasurer.
  - (iv) Appoint an Auditor who shall certify the annual financial statement.
- (f) At meetings of the Committee, one-third of the elected members shall form a quorum.
- (g) The Committee shall have power to make recommendations to the members in general meeting, or by post, for alteration in, or additions to, the National Association Rules.
- (h) The Committee may arrange an Annual National Championship of the Class and shall co-ordinate such Regional Championships as

may be required. All matters pertaining to International Championships held in Britain shall be settled by the Committee in consultation with the sponsoring Club or Clubs, the RYA the ISAF and the International Association.

- (i) At least three weeks notice of the date, place and agenda for any Committee Meeting must be given in writing by the Secretary to each Committee Member. Any business conducted by correspondence shall always be circulated through the Secretariat and any Committee Member not answering a motion communicated to him in writing within three weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to such a motion.

## **6. POWER OF THE COMMITTEE**

Subject to the provision of these rules, and in particular to the object of the National Association, as expressed in Rule 2, the General Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration.

The making of payments and receipt of monies shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of the Treasurer or his Deputy as appointed by the Committee and payments or receipt of monies exceeding the sum of £1000 shall require the signature of the Chairman and Secretary or Treasurer.

## **7. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the National Association shall be held annually at a place judged by the committee to be most convenient to the majority of members of the Association. The precise date, time and place is to be at the Committee's discretion.
- (b) A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Chairman or Class Secretary upon receipt by the Class Secretary of a written request, signed by not fewer than fifteen full members of the National Association.
- (c) At least six week's written notice shall be given to members of any General Meeting.
- (d) At any General Meeting or Committee Meeting decisions shall be limited to matters on the agenda, other than those concerning measurement rules and shall be carried by a majority vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by not fewer than three of the full members present. At any meeting the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The Secretariat shall be responsible for circulating all members or in the case of Committee Meetings, all Committee Members, with the result of any voting. In the event of a postal ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretariat within two weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.
- (e) At any General Meeting of the National Association, eleven shall form a quorum.
- (f) At any General Meeting of the National Association a decision to recommend to the International X-35 One Design Association a change in, or addition to, the Class Rules shall require a majority of two-thirds.

## **8. SUBSCRIPTION AND REGISTRATION FEES**

- (a) Subscriptions payable for all classes of membership of the National Association shall be payable annually and shall be £100 and any new member after October 2007 joins free until February 2008. This fee is subject to review as necessary.  
A member joining the National Association after 1<sup>st</sup> October, whose subscription has been paid for that year, shall not be liable to pay his subscription for the ensuing calendar year.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the National Association in General Meeting, the annual subscription for full members shall be £100 and for associate members £50 – subject to review.
- (c) Any member whose subscription has not been paid within three months of the date due may have his name removed from the list of members of the National Association by the Committee. A member's name may be restored to the National Association Register at the discretion of the Committee, on payment of any subscription due.

A percentage of the National Association's annual income from subscriptions, which shall be the same as that applied to all other National Associations, shall be contributed to the International Association annually as a general levy, the percentage to be fixed bi-annually by the Committee of the International Association.

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

- (a) The Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept giving particulars of:
  - (i) All monies, assets and liabilities of the National Association.
  - (ii) All monies received and expended by the National Association and the reasons for such receipts and expenditure.
  - (iii) All sales and purchases by the National Association.
- (b) The Committee shall cause the annual financial statement to be prepared and presented at every Annual General Meeting of the National Association.
- (c) A copy of the annual financial statement, duly audited, prepared for presentation at a General Meeting shall, not less than fourteen days prior to such General Meeting, be sent to every full member of whose address the Committee is aware.
- (d) A copy of the annual financial statement, audited and as accepted by the General Meeting, shall be forwarded to the International Association within 14 days of its acceptance by a General Meeting.

## **10. PROTECTION OF 'ONE DESIGN' OF THE CLASS**

The National Association shall promote the maintenance of the one-design character of the Class.