



United States Micro Magic Class Owners Association - By-Laws

Section 1. Administration

1.1 Officers of the Micro Magic Class Owners Association, hereinafter referred to as the MMCOA, shall be a Class Secretary, and a Committee composed of a minimum of two and a maximum of six members, each from a different region. All members shall be members in good standing of the MMCOA and the American Model Yachting Association, hereinafter referred to as AMYA. The Class Secretary shall chair the Committee as a non-voting member, but shall cast a deciding vote in any situation where a tie in votes occurs.

1.2 Officers will serve for a term of two years, as of April 1, and will automatically be re-nominated unless challenged or removed, or unless a resignation is tendered in writing to the Secretary and/or Committee.

1.3 Vacated positions will be filled by appointment, until the next scheduled election, by the Class Secretary in the case of a Committee member, and by a simple majority vote of the Committee in the case of the Secretary.

1.4 Any Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Committee members.

1.5 Any MMCOA member who is also a member of the American Model Yachting Association may challenge for an officer's position, and will be included in the ballot of the next scheduled election. Challenge must be made in writing, and postmarked by January 1 of the election year, to the Class Secretary.

1.6 Election of Class Officers and voting on proposed changes to the MMCOA Class Constitution and Bylaws will take place every 2 years. Ballots will be available in electronic format (either online or through ballots emailed to class members) or--if specifically requested by class members--mailed to all MMCOA members on or before February 1 of election years and must be postmarked for return on or before March 1 of that year. The Class Secretary will validate ballots by confirming, with the AMYA membership secretary, that each member's AMYA membership is current (see Section 3.3 below). Election of Officers and approved changes will become effective April 1 of that year unless specified otherwise in the ballot information.

1.7 Election of officers will be by a simple majority vote. All other class ballot items may only be approved by a 2/3rds majority vote. (see section 3.3 for voting eligibility requirements).

1.8 Rules revision proposals that are approved through the US-Committee will be submitted to the Micro Magic International Committee by the MMCOA Class Secretary for the next International Committee rules revision.

Section 2. Duties of Class Officers

2.1 The Class Secretary shall chair the MMCOA Committee, and be responsible for the administration of Class Rules and procedures. The Secretary shall also see to the proper registration of Micro Magic Class yachts, maintain a membership and registry list, and act as the main liaison between the MMCOA, the AMYA and the International Micro Magic Committee.

2.2 The US-MM Committee shall oversee policy administration of the MMCOA, and assist the Class Secretary, as requested, in his/her duties.

2.3 The Class Secretary shall rule on any questions concerning Class specifications or Rules, and may request a ballot of the MMCOA Committee in doing so. Such rulings will be binding on the MMCOA.

2.4 The Class Secretary will from time to time as appropriate informally poll members on questions or proposals concerning the International Rules.

2.5 The MMCOA Class Secretary will serve as the MMCOA representative on the International Committee. When the International Committee votes on, revises or ratifies the Micro Magic International Rule, the MMCOA Class Secretary will represent the MMCOA viewpoints.

2.6 The Class Secretary may assign other and specific responsibilities to the MMCOA Committee or regular MMCOA members, in order to administer its affairs.

Section 3. Membership

3.1 Membership in the MMCOA is open to any owner of a Micro Magic Class yacht.

3.2 Membership shall be accomplished by proper registration of the owner's Micro Magic yacht. Application must be made to the Class Secretary.

3.3 Only MMCOA members who are also current members of the AMYA will be voting members. Owners of more than one Micro Magic yacht will have one vote only.

3.4 The MMCOA Committee shall have the right to terminate the MMCOA membership of any person by two-thirds vote.

Section 4. Registration

4.1 Yachts shall be registered by submitting the proper registration form to the Class Secretary along with a one-time fee as set by AMYA from time to time for registration of all yacht classes.

4.2 The Class Secretary will issue a registration number, membership card and hull decal to each new member.

4.3 Registration numbers will be issued sequentially, unless a specific and available number is requested. Numbers will be limited to no larger than four digits.

4.4 MMCOA yachts, to be properly registered, must have the official class hull sticker affixed to the hull interior in a visible location.

Section 5. Changes

5.1 Any MMCOA member who is also a member of the AMYA may propose changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to be made in writing to the Class Secretary.

5.2 All proposed changes shall be postmarked on or before January 1 of the election year, to be included on the ballot of that year.

5.3 Any changes to the Constitution or By-Laws will require approval by a two-thirds majority of the valid returned ballots and will become effective April 1 of the election year unless specified otherwise in the ballot information.

5.4 In the case of changes to the International Rule, it will be the responsibility of MMCOA Committee to see that a fair and reasonable period of time is allowed for compliance before the change becomes effective for MMCOA events.

Section 6. Championship Regattas

6.1 Any club wishing to host a National or Regional Micro Magic Championship shall petition the MMCOA Committee for sanction. Whenever possible, such events shall be rotated geographically, and be conducted according to AMYA procedures. Championship results shall be promptly reported to the Class Secretary.

6.2 All yachts entered in a National or Regional Championship and any other MMCOA sanctioned regatta, shall be properly registered with the MMCOA and comply with all Micro Magic International Class Rules. Skippers participating in Regional or National Championship Regattas must own a yacht registered with the class and be current AMYA members. It shall be the responsibility of the Race Director to insure that yachts are in compliance throughout the competition.

6.3 It is the skipper who is in competition, rather than the yacht but only one yacht may be entered and sailed during a sanctioned Championship. Should a yacht be disabled during the competition, however, she may be replaced with the permission of the Race Director.

6.4 No equipment on the yacht at the start of competition, with the exception of batteries and sail rig (changing rigs up or down to compensate for wind conditions) may be replaced or substituted during a Championship competition unless damaged. The Race Director shall have authority to approve or deny substitutions so long as they are permitted under the International Rules and they are spelled out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the event.

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