

BY-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SKEETER ASSOCIATION
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Article I. DUES

- 1.1 Each member shall pay annual dues of (\$25.00) twenty five dollars per year which shall be paid on or before November 15 of each sailing season.
- 1.2 The Association shall place in a special fund for the purchase of trophies for the annual championship regatta one quarter of the dues paid. Territorial divisions of the Association shall receive the direct proportion of membership in the association except in years when the annual championship is in that territory.
- 1.3 Members in active military service shall be exempt from dues but shall pay current dues and assessments if they enter the annual championship regatta.
- 1.4 The Eastern Division shall be allotted \$1.50 per member to cover their operating expenses.

Article II. FEES

- 2.1 A registration fee at the Annual Championship Regatta shall be paid by each entry in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) collected at each regatta by the host fleet and turned over to the Association treasurer.

Article III. VOTING

- 3.1 Each member shall be entitled to one vote at each annual, regular or special meeting of the Association. Such vote may be cast by a delegate authorized to do so by a member Fleet.
- 3.2 Members in good standing, qualified to vote, are those on the membership list of the Association's Secretary-Treasurer as of ten days before the annual meeting.
- 3.3 At special meetings, or matters of the Association voted by correspondence votes will be qualified on the memberships the individual Fleet had, or would have had, at the last annual meeting, with the exception of new Fleets, which will qualify the number of members at the date of the call of the special meeting.
- 3.4 Only authorized delegates and proxies shall vote, and must vote unless excused by the Chair. A majority of votes present shall decide all questions not otherwise stipulated. In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast one deciding vote. The Chair may also fix a time limit on speakers and motions to expedite the meeting.

Article IV. DELEGATES

- 4.1 The Commodore of each member Fleet, or his authorized representative, shall be responsible to present the Fleet's views and cast its votes at all meetings.

Article V. MEETING

- 5.1 The Annual meeting shall be held during the annual championship regatta or at such time as the Governing Committee shall determine.
- 5.2 Special meetings, at the order of the Governing Committee, or upon demand in writing, of twenty-five percent of the membership shall be held at a time and place determined by the Governing Committee.
- 5.3 The annual championship regatta shall have its dates and location selected by the International Race Committee. The preferred date, providing the Northwestern I.Y.A. annual regatta is postponed and conditions are suitable is the second weekend in January, and not before, for three consecutive days, i.e. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Committee may have a weekend intervene between the annual championship regatta and the annual Northwestern I.Y.A. regatta prior to the first Friday in February.
- 5.4 Three of the fleets in good standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. If a quorum exists at roll call, it exists throughout the session.
- 5.5 Notice must be sent to the last recorded delegate of each Fleet and to all members not less than five nor more than forty days prior to the meeting and if a special meeting, the purpose thereof must be stated in such form as to permit voting by mail and no other business may be transacted.

Article VI. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 To hold office, to vote, to sail a Skeeter ice yacht, except as modified in rules governing the annual championship regatta, a member must be an owner, part-owner or charterer of a Skeeter and a paid member in good standing of the Association, as well as a sportsman.
- 6.2 A member may be expelled from the Association for misconduct or flagrant infraction of the By-Laws, General Rules and Regulations of this organization by a 3/4 majority vote of the delegates at a regular scheduled meeting and after he shall have been furnished an opportunity to be heard by the delegates in his own defense. No one who may have been expelled from the Association shall be re-elected or re-admitted to the Club for a period of one year, or until such time as appropriate restitution was made.

Article VII. GOVERNING COMMITTEE

- 7.1 The Governing Committee shall consist of the following officers: The President (chairman), the Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 7.2 The Governing Committee shall call meetings, fill vacancies in office; act on memberships; approve all activities of the Treasury; and appoint all committees.

Article VIII. OFFICERS

- 8.1 The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. They are also the directors of the Association.
- 8.2 Territorial Divisions, such as the Eastern Division of the International Skeeter Association, will elect their own regional officers, their President to be officially a Vice President of the International Skeeter Association in charge of the Eastern Division. The duties of these division officers will be to administer the normal duties involving those of the division in the interest of the Association in that area.
- 8.3 All officers shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected, and shall assume duties for the ensuing year's business at the close of the annual meeting.
- 8.4 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Governing Committee and shall have other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Governing Committee.
- 8.5 The Vice President shall preside, in the absence of the President, at all meetings and shall perform any other duties as may be prescribed by the Governing Committee.
- 8.6 The Secretary-Treasurer shall record all proceedings of meetings of the Governing Committee and the annual meeting and any special meetings or meetings by correspondence. He shall collect the dues by sending out notices in proper time, keep records of membership, of member fleets, annual championship regatta standings, winners and awards, sail numbers; keep records of financial accounts, deposits, bank statements, disbursements as authorized by the Governing Committee; keep a custody record of all trophies and properties of the Association; and keep the legal affairs of the corporation to date and in order. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send out dues invoices in the first week of October each year and shall send out a second notice of dues in the first week of November each year with a request for an answer on whether or not the member wishes to continue or drop his membership. Each fleet shall be sent a list of that fleet's delinquent members at the time. Dues shall be payable November 1.

Article IX. HONORARY OFFICERS

- 9.1 A Commodore, who is the Commodore of the host fleet, shall be the liaison between the Association and the host fleet in arrangements for the annual championship regatta. He is to open and close the annual meeting and to be the Toastmaster at all functions.
- 9.2 Editor -- to gather, write and publish the official news magazine of the International Skeeter Association, the "I.S.A. News & Views." The Editor is to be appointed by the Governing Committee and shall continue in this duty until he or she requests termination. The Editor shall print the membership list and all retired numbers in the Fall issue or the Winter issue of the "News & Views."

Article X. COMMITTEES

- 10.1 A Nominating Committee, named by the President, shall submit a slate of candidates for each office, with this list to be published with the agenda for the annual meeting so that each member will receive a copy no later than December 15th of each year. This nominating committee shall be named no later than November 1 each year and shall promptly advise the Editor of the "News

& Views” of their slate. Each nominee shall be seconded and voted upon separately by the fleet delegates. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected. Nominations may also be presented from the floor at the annual meeting.

- 10.2 The International Race Committee shall be appointed by the Governing Committee prior to the annual championship regatta.
- (a) It shall consist of no less than five members and its chairman may or may not be a member of the host fleet, but its membership may include the Commodore.
 - (b) It shall conduct the annual championship regatta, shall have jurisdiction over all matters connected with the regatta, and supervise other officials and committees connected therewith, but its authority shall not extend to other matters or revoke the Governing Committee rulings.
 - (c) During the conduct of the annual championship regatta races the International Race Committee shall supersede the Governing Committee in the conduct of the racing, the layout of the courses, the appraisal of ice and racing conditions, and be responsible to the membership of the Association for the final scheduling or canceling of the annual championship regatta, advising the Secretary-Treasurer and the rest of the Governing Committee of their decision on this not later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the Wednesday (or the second day) prior to the first race day of the annual championship regatta.
 - (d) A trained or competent Official Measurer shall be a member of every International Race Committee.
 - (e) The Renegade Association and Nite Association have option to submit two members each to the International Race Committee. If this is not done by September 15 of each year, the President of the I.S.A. will select the members.
- 10.3 The International Measurement Committee shall be appointed by the Governing Committee. It shall be in charge of all certified measures, grant or reject measurement certificates; issue duplicates; and answer questions on measurement rules.
- 10.4 The Trophy Committee shall be appointed by the Governing Committee. It shall be in charge of all permanent trophies and purchase all trophies for the annual championship regatta.

Article XI. AMENDMENTS

- 11.1 The Constitution, By-Laws and General Rules and Regulations can never be suspended, but may be amended at any meeting by two-thirds of the votes present. The basic principles of the Constitution cannot be changed, nor can an amendment be passed which will render ineligible a former yacht or active member whose eligibility was established under the then existing rules of this Association, and whose status cannot be changed to conform the proposed amendments, nor shall retroactive legislation be passed affecting active members' or fleet's constitutional rights, except by a three-fourths vote of the total voting strength of the fleets in good standing. If not present, a referendum can be ordered by the Governing Committee.
- 11.2 Any yacht made ineligible by an Amendment passed in accordance with article 11.1 will be allowed A further (3) championship regattas of eligibilty.
- 11.3 The Governing Committee shall have the authority to simplify, clarify or correct the wording of any Article without changing its intent or purpose.