

**INTERNATIONAL ONE DESIGN CLASS
Northeast Harbor**

BY-LAWS 2012

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Preamble

The conduct of the Class shall be guided by the By-Laws of the WCA and these By Laws.

The Class seeks to promote amateur racing among yachts that are equal. The goal that the Class hopes to attain is to test the racing skill of each skipper and crew member. Engaging a helmsperson or crew member for either fee or in-kind compensation is unacceptable.

To promote and protect the one design racing philosophy' the Class recognizes the importance of maintaining a strict policy of boat equalization given that the Class consists of various generations of boats built by different boat builders using both wood and fiberglass.

The Class is committed to promoting and protecting the one-design tradition, and it is the responsibility of each owner or principal helmsman to insure that the yacht they bring to the starting line is in conformance with all WCA and NEH Class Rules and Specifications. The IOD Class tradition of testing helmsmanship in equally equipped yachts is significantly enhanced by racing not only identical hulls but also identical sails. A sail purchase plan assures everyone of as near equal sails as possible, regardless of the financial resources a competitor may have or the access a competitor may have. Purchase limitations combined with group-purchase discounts help to make maintenance of competitive IOD sail inventory less expensive.

Article I. Eligibility and Qualifications for Racing

A Skipper must be a current member of the NEH IOD Class.

Article II. Dues

Regular and Associate Members of the Class shall be charged annual dues as may be set from time to time by the Class Officers. The Class Treasurer shall send out bills in the spring of each year not later than May 1st. Dues shall be payable by June 1st.

Article III. Sails and Boat Substitution

1. Only sails approved for the current purchase sail plan may be used by the NEH IOD Class competition with the following exceptions. Yachts (newly built, purchased, relocating or that had not been raced in a Series for an extended period) registering with the Class shall be bound by the sail purchase rotation of the Class and shall, as designated by the Class Captain, either:
 - a. purchase or borrow current rotation sail(s) from the Class

- b. purchase new sail(s) built to the current sail rotation design by the current approved Class sail maker.
 - c. Use such other sail for the balance of a rotation period as specified by the Class Captain subject to purchasing one new sail each year after the first year of racing in a Series.
2. The Class may modify the sail purchase plan at any class meeting.
3. Purchase of the sails shall be approved at the August Meeting of the Class.
4. When a current sail has been damaged by natural causes and not reasonably repairable prior to the next race, a yacht may use the class spare sail or a borrowed current sail as a substitute. When a yacht uses a spare sail it shall make the Technical Committee aware of the temporary change before the start of the next race in which she competes.
5. A yacht may carry during a race the most recent jib and spinnaker as spares and use either sail when her current sail has been damaged by natural causes and is not easily repairable before the next race. When a yacht is forced to use a spare sail it shall make the Chairman of the Technical Committee aware of the temporary change at the earliest possible time.
6. If a yacht sustains damage that will prevent her from racing for one race day, her owner/skipper may request permission to race another yacht as his/her own. The owner/skipper shall make the request to the Class Captain. If the request is approved, the Class Captain shall notify the Race Committee of the change. If possible, a skipper will use their jib and spinnaker.

Article IV. NEH IOD Class Specifications

1. Yachts shall conform to all World Class Specifications except as modified by NEH IOD Class Specifications.
2. The NEH IOD Class may from time to time decide to weigh some or all the yachts within the NEH IOD Class to determine compliance with WCA and NEH IOD Class specifications. Yachts shall be weighed after being soaked for a minimum of two weeks.
3. Jumper stays may be extended to a convenient location to allow for adjustment. Jumper stays may not be adjusted from after the preparatory signal until the yacht has finished or withdrawn from the race.
4. All masts shall be of (i) wood and conform to the Local Rule for Mast Weight Equalization adopted by the NEH IOD Class in August 1999, a copy of which is incorporated by reference to these By-Laws Any future reconsideration of allowing conversion to carbon fiber spars will require both 30 day notice of the vote for reconsideration, and a two-thirds vote of the boats registered in the class in favor of reconsideration.

5. The following modifications are permitted:
 - a) Mainsheet travelers;
 - b) Jib barber haulers;
 - c) Tiller extensions;
 - d) Halyard hooks to reduce compression loading on the mast;
 - e) Hatch covers and cabin doors may be removed from the yacht;
 - f) Electric bilge pump;
 - g) Electronic Compasses.
6. A yacht may have her bottom cleaned once per calendar month.
7. Required equipment to be carried on board each yacht while racing shall include:
 - a) Anchor and Chain;
 - b) Anchor Rode, 1/2" x 120';
 - c) Compass;
 - d) USCG approved PFD for each person on board;
 - e) Throwable device per USCG requirements;
 - f) Foghorn;
 - g) Protest Pennant;
 - h) The current ISAF rulebook;
 - i) VHF radio;
 - j) NEH Fleet Racing Chart and Sailing Instructions.

Article V. NEH IOD Class Rules

1. Qualification for Inter-Club Events - IOD Fleet Regatta Inter-Club Events includes the World Championship, North American Championship, Bermuda Race Week, and Nantucket Invitational. A NEH IOD Class competitor(s) in either July or August Series is eligible to participate in an Inter-Club Event and will therefore be a qualifier for the Pecking Order if he/she has helmed 75% (rounded down) of the number of races in either the July or August Series. Representation shall be awarded by the Class Officers according to the Pecking Order as defined below.
2. The Pecking Order is the ranking of the competitors/yachts using the results of both the July and August Series. The procedure for determining the Pecking Order is as follows: The Series with the most number of qualifying helmspersons is designate as the Alpha List, the other as the Beta List. List the helmspersons A1, B1, A2, B2, A3, B3, etc. If a helmsperson is listed twice, cross off their lower ranking. The resulting list is the Pecking Order. After completion of the Pecking Order, competitor ranking is the deciding factor for the selection for Inter-Club Events. The 1st ranked competitor on the Pecking Order selects the Inter-Club Event of their choice and upon acceptance, the 2nd ranked competitor selects from the remaining Inter-Club Events. If more than one invitation to an Inter-Club Event is offered, the 2nd ranked competitor will be extended that invitation to that Inter-Club Event. The remaining Inter-Club Events are allocated using the same procedure. A skipper may not represent the IOD Class in more than one Interclub Event in any year unless she/he is the

defending champion of that event or is extended an invitation to the Interclub Event. If no other skipper accepts an invitation to an Inter-Club Event, then a skipper may participate in a second Inter-Club Event. Written acceptance is by letter, fax, or email to the Class Captain and Secretary. In the event that the July and August Series have the same number of qualifying helmspersons, the series with the the greatest number of races will be designated the Alpha List. In the event that the July and August Series have the same number of qualifying helmspersons and an equal number of races, the August Series will be designated as the Alpha List.

3. Scoring – The IOD Class may request changes to the scoring system of a series, including the number of discards, by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the Class at a Class Meeting. Yachts not in conformance with the NEH IOD Class or World Class Association Articles or By-Laws may be scored DNS for races sailed while not in conformance.
4. Co-Skippers - A team of two individuals may compete as co-helmspersons to qualify for Inter-Club Events. Co-skippers will be eligible to participate in an Inter-Club Event, and will qualify for inclusion in the Pecking Order, if within either the July or August Series each person has helmed at least 40% (rounded up) of the number of races in the same series and each has helmed an approximately equal number of races. Co-skippers who qualify for an Inter-Club Event must participate as co-helmspersons in the event. Each person must be a member of the NEH IOD Class.

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