



Capri 25 One Design Fleet Rules

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ARTICLE I

OBJECT AND SPIRIT OF THE CLASS RULES

It is the intention of the Class Rules to equalize the performance capabilities of the yachts in class racing so that the skill of the skipper and crew in racing, tuning, equipping and maintaining the yacht are the major factors in winning a class race. These rules are also intended to help control the expenses associated with competitive racing, ensure safe family oriented racing and preserve the value of our yachts. Deviations from these rules may be petitioned to the rules chairperson for evaluation by the Planning/Rules Committee who will determine if the issues in the petition comply with the spirit of these rules.

ARTICLE II

FLEET MANAGEMENT

A. ELECTED POSITIONS AND VOTING

A Planning/Rules Committee will be elected yearly to guide fleet planning and development and to help with interpretation and enforcement of WYC and fleet rules. The committee will consist of the following members:

1. A Fleet Captain to be responsible for presiding over meetings, being a liaison with WYC, the fleet's financial position, fleet promotion and coordination of responsibilities with other fleet members.
2. A Rules Chairperson to be responsible for overseeing the development of the fleet rules, overseeing the evaluation and measurement of yachts and serving as a back-up to the Fleet Captain.
3. A Social Chairperson to be responsible for managing or assisting with each social event, delegating responsibilities and providing continuity of social activities on land for family activities and parties that will complement the sailing activities. Individual fleet members may be assigned responsibility for an event, to be assisted by the Social Chairperson.
4. A Secretary/ Treasurer to be responsible for the collection of fleet dues and the payment of fleet expenses. This individual has authority to write checks from the fleet account. In addition, this individual will record the notes from the fleet meetings and committee meetings.
5. An Awards / Recruiting Chairperson to be responsible for the distribution of keeper awards, maintaining an award history, replacing lost or broken hardware and securing the return of traveling trophies for the banquet. In addition, this individual is responsible for encouraging fleet members to serve on the Planning/Rules Committee and to prepare election ballots for fleet officers and special awards.
6. A Rules Committee consisting of four additional fleet members to assist with fleet planning activities and to help with interpretation and enforcement of the fleet rules.
7. A minimum of three (3) Crew Representatives to represent crew interests. To qualify as a Crew Representative the individual must be a member in good standing of Wayzata Yacht Club (as defined in Article IV of the Wayzata Yacht Club Bylaws). Without crew, our boats do not leave the dock. Crew insight concerning the fleet is not only valuable but also essential for the continuing growth of the fleet.

8. Elections will be held during the yearly fleet meeting for positions for the next season. Election will be by popular vote of attending yacht representatives. One boat, one vote. There are no term limits, but two years is a suggested limit for elected positions to ensure fresh ideas and enthusiasm. People may run for election again, at a later date.
9. Capri 25 One Design annual dues are \$50. A \$20 credit is available if the boat participated in the Capri Dock Party the previous year. Dues are for postage and printing of fleet newsletters and promotion materials, trophies, social activities and other minor expenses.

B . PLANNING /RULES COMMITTEE PROTOCOL

The Planning/Rules Committee will be headed by the Fleet Captain and is responsible for both the development of the fleet and the refinement and enforcement of the fleet rules. This committee will plan and delegate responsibilities for fleet activities, monitor rules compliance, draft rule changes to be voted on by the fleet at a meeting with a minimum of 50% of the fleet in attendance with a required majority vote and provide a forum to make fleet decisions apart from the yearly fleet meeting.

1. When discussing a rules issue or protest, if a committee member has a conflicting interest, that person will remove themselves from the decision process. Yacht representatives may be added to the Planning/Rules Committee to replace removed committee members.
2. Evaluation of yachts for rule adherence will occur when a newly owned yacht enters the fleet and on a continuing "as needed" basis, preferably once every two years. A newly owned yacht will be made available prior to put in. If any yacht does not pass the evaluation, that yacht will not be permitted in the fleet. A fleet rules checklist documenting rules compliance for each boat, tracking of racing sails and a rules waivers list will be maintained to track rules compliance. Sail purchases and measurements of new sails must be registered before the sails are used for racing.
3. A Fleet Rules Checklist will be issued to each boat to be completed by the boat owner and any member of the Planning/Rules committee. The form must be returned within two weeks of when the boat begins racing. Failure to return the form will result in initiating non-compliance actions from the Planning/Rules Committee.
4. Requests for rules clarification (see Article II - Note below) or a scantling protest of another Capri 25 shall be submitted to the Rules Chairperson for evaluation. Petitions for waivers (to accommodate new boats entering the fleet) may be presented, in writing, to the Rules Chairperson. Granted waivers will be issued in writing.
5. The Planning/Rules Committee may request action be taken by a yacht to be in compliance with the rules. Failure by a yacht to respond to the Planning/Rules Committee's request will result in a written recommendation of action by the Planning/Rules committee to the WYC Capri 25 fleet. A 50% majority vote, with at least 75% of the fleet responding, will be required for action to be taken.

Note: We are a Corinthian Racing Fleet. As stated in [Article I](#), these rules are intended "to equalize the performance capabilities of the yachts" and to "control the expenses associated with competitive racing, ensure safe family oriented racing and preserve the value of our yachts". These rules cannot cover all the eventual situations the enforcement of these rules may encounter. It is the responsibility of each fleet member to understand these rules and

ensure their yacht's compliance with the rules and the spirit of the class rules. The Planning/Rules committee's primary role is to provide consistency to the interpretation of the rules and second, to enforce the rules where needed. If a fleet member is unsure of their yacht's (current or future) legality under fleet rules, they are responsible for contacting the Rules Chairperson for assistance.

ARTICLE III

RACING REQUIREMENTS

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of these requirements is to maintain the one design characteristics of the Capri 25 and to ensure that racing will be a true test of sailing abilities in a fair, safe and enjoyable manner.

1. The yacht must be sailed with factory standing rigging and hull, factory standard interiors, windows, hatch, companionway boards, or equivalent*, with factory specified mounting and placement of stays. No other non-factory specified stays shall be allowed such as baby stays or running backstays.
2. Bow pulpit, stern rail, and stanchions shall be factory standard or equivalent*. Life lines shall be factory standard or equivalent* and shall be sufficiently taut.
3. No inside ballast shall be carried.
4. Class approved sails as stated in Article IV-D.
5. Engine capable of propelling yacht at 5 knots, bracket and fuel.
6. Battery and navigational lights are required.
7. Six liter bucket.
8. Yachts must meet all applicable governmental and WYC safety rules.
9. Anchor and tackle 12lbs. min. (with min 100ft of rhode). Rhode must be 5/16 min. diameter.
10. Owner must be a member in good standing of the Capri 25 One Design Fleet and WYC.
11. The Capri 25 insignia is required on both sides of the mainsail.
12. Stern mounted BBQ grills are strongly recommended for post-race and social events.

*Subject to approval by the Planning/Rules Committee by petitioning for a waiver as stated in Article II-B.4.

ARTICLE IV

RESTRICTIONS AND PERMITTED ALTERATIONS

These are closed rules; alterations from the original manufactured boat not expressly allowed here shall not be considered legal. Any yacht modified or altered for the express purpose of substantially changing weight, trim, or sailing characteristics of the Capri 25 from the builder supplied yacht, shall be ineligible for one design racing.

The variables listed herein are intended to accommodate personal preference in hardware selection, sail handling technique, crew comfort and safety gear while maintaining safe and affordable one design racing with equivalent speed potential and sailing characteristics.

A. STATED RESTRICTIONS

1. The use of boat lifts or dry sailing is not permitted. Boats may be removed from the water during the season for repairs, off-lake regattas, sailing, washing and extended storage.
2. Holes drilled in the hull for the purpose of cleaning the keel are not allowed.
3. No additional permanent ballast shall be added.
4. Keel and rudder profile may not be altered from the original dimensions as stated in Article IV-D.3, and no ballast shall be added to an altered keel or rudder.
5. No hydraulics of any kind shall be permitted.

B. PERMITTED ALTERATIONS

- 1 Location and placement of deck hardware may be altered as desired.
- 2 The hull, rudder, and keel may be faired to provide a smooth and consistent surface.
- 3 The keel and rudder thickness may be altered to minimum and maximum limit allowed by [Article IV-D.3](#).
- 4 Length of forestay and backstay may be changed.
- 5 Additional hardware alterations may include
 - a) Lengths and positions of tracks
 - b) Infinitely adjustable genoa lead cars
 - c) Winches (any size), self-tailing winches (no electric or hydraulic powered)
 - d) Unlimited vang purchase and boom lift or kicker
 - e) Unlimited main outhaul purchase
 - f) Unlimited purchase on backstay adjustment
 - i) The split Y adjuster may be replaced with a cascading (or other) adjustment system but the backstay must still be wire rope from the mast to the triangular tang attachment.
 - g) Jib cunningsams
 - h) Windward sheeting mainsheet cars
 - i) Two speed mainsheet systems
 - j) Ball bearing cam cleats
 - k) Curve radius mainsheet track
 - l) Instruments include wind anemometer and direction, depth, speed, compass, gps units and computers
 - m) Forestays may be altered for installation of headfoils or hank system.
- 6 Cushions may be removed with NO designated weight to replace them.
- 7 Bulkhead Repairs or Replacement

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- a) Bulkheads need to be the same size and placement as the original but can be of any material.
- b) Additional tabs can be added to attach them to the hull and deck.
- c) The starboard bulkhead cannot be extended to the compression post.

8 Repairs Below the Cabin Sole

- a) If the cabin sole needs to be removed to make a repair it needs to be put back when the repair is done.
- b) Changing how the keel and compression post is anchored is allowed between the hull and bottom of the cabin sole.

C . ONE DESIGN CLASS RACING SAILS

1. All one design racing sail measurements, specifications and dimensions must be within the tolerances shown in Article IV-D. All sails must be pulled sufficiently taut to remove wrinkles. All measurements are to be made from the projected edges (or outside edge of the boltrope) of the sail to specifications stated in Article IV-D. Mainsail mid and upper $\frac{1}{4}$ girths are measured from the respective points between the projected head and clew to the nearest point of the luff. All racing sails must be measured and registered with the Planning/Rules Committee before racing use.
2. In an effort to make racing in the Capri 25 One Design Fleet affordable, each yacht in the fleet is allotted one brand new sail per racing season. A brand new sail is a sail that has been measured, approved and used within that racing season. Any new boats to the fleet will be allowed five new sails total for the first two years; after two years that boat shall be allowed one brand new sail per racing season. If five sails are not purchased within the initial two year period, the remaining allotment does NOT carry over to year three. All sail allotments per boat can be carried from year to year with a maximum purchase of three sails in any one year (see example below). This provision is retroactive from 1996. **NOTE:** the purchase of a storm jib (size $\leq 110\%$) will NOT count toward the boats yearly sail allotment.
 - a. Sail allotment carryover example-
 - o 2015- Zero sails purchased
 - o 2016- Zero sails purchased
 - o 2017- Up to 3 sails allowed to purchase

There is no buying limit on the use of used sails. A used sail is defined as any sail purchased for \$1000 or less.

Exceptions to this rule for extenuating circumstances (i.e.. dismasting and extensive sail damage) will be addressed by petitioning the Planning/Rules Committee for approval.

3. The Planning/Rules Committee reserves the right to ban prohibitively expensive sails or sail materials. A ban will be considered if a complete sail is double the cost of a similar sized cross-cut cruising dacron sail from the same manufacturer.

4. There is no limit on the number of sails that can be registered for a season for the purposes of racing in the Capri 25 One Design Fleet. However, the one new sail per boat rule still applies.

D. MEASUREMENTS

1. Sail Dimensions

a. Main Sail - Maximum

Max Leach	28.5"
Max Midgirth	6.17"
Max U-1/4 girth	3.61"
Foot	9.50"
Luff	26.5 "

b. Jib & Genoas - Maximum

Max Luff	31.0"
Max L.P.	15.154"

c. Spinnaker - Maximum

Luff	30.65"
Girth	17.69"
Foot	17.69"
Weight - min	.6 oz

- d. All sail measurements shall use ORC (Off-shore Racing Requirement) method of measuring sails.

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2. Spinnaker pole maximum is 9.83'
3. Keel and Rudder

KEEL		MIN	MAX
Transom Corner to MPD		132 1/4	133 3/4
Bottom of Keel to MPB		34 1/2	35
STATION ONE	Chord Length	33 3/4	34 1/2
	Section Thickness	4 13/16	---
STATION TWO	Chord Length	19 1/4	19 13/16
	Section Thickness	2 3/16	---
Trailing Edge Thickness		7/32	---
RUDDER		MIN	MAX
Trailing Edge (top to Bottom)		36 1/8	36 3/8
Trailing Edge (hull to bottom)		36 5/16	37 1/8
STATION THREE	Chord Length	19 3/16	19 1/2
	Section Thickness	2 7/16	---
STATION FOUR	Chord Length	12 1/4	12 9/16
	Section Thickness	1 5/16	---
Trailing Edge Thickness		5/32	---

Note: All measurements in inches and to the nearest 1/16 inch, except for Trailing Edge Thickness to 1/32 inch.

ARTICLE V

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A . AWARDS

Awards are presented for both racing performance in race series and regattas, in addition to special recognition awards. Trophy winners are responsible for returning the trophies to the WYC Awards Banquet and having the plaques engraved as per WYC requests.

1. Racing Performance

Traveling trophies are presented for the following race series and regattas as per WYC race instructions.

[Thank you to Don Pearson for constructing most of our trophy bases and special thanks to Ralph Stillman for building custom keeper trophies.]

a. WYC Club Trophies

Series/Event	Trophy
Championship	Ice Bucket
A Series	Champagne Bucket
B Series	Champagne Bucket
C Series	Champagne Bucket
Sunset Series	Stillman Sculpture
G Series	Champagne Bucket
T Series	Champagne Bucket
M Series	Champagne Bucket
WYC Cup	Sunny Dalton Sculpture (donated by Dallas Johnson)
Burton Cup	1911 Trophy Cup
Fall Regatta	Small Bowl (or sponsored keeper trophy)
Commodore Cup	Champagne Bucket
Big Island Series	Plaque
Women's Big Island	to be determined
Women's Buoy	to be determined
Women's Championship	Large Bowl (donated by Karen Onan)
Frostbite	Large trophy

2. Capri 25 Fleet Trophies -- Special Recognition Awards (online voting approved for 2018 and beyond)

a. **Boat of the Year** Champaign Bucket

Awarded to the skipper and crew that best exemplifies the spirit of the Capri 25 fleet through:

- Team Spirit
- Always trying to improve
- Capri fleet camaraderie and enthusiasm
- Believing that having fun is more important than results
- Inviting new crew to WYC

Voting is by popular vote of the Capri Fleet. One boat, one vote. Boats may not vote for themselves, the Fleet Captain is not eligible for this award. Ties are broken by voting for one of the tied boats by those who voted for other boats. Winners are not eligible for the next two years.

b. Rookie of the Year Keeper Burgee Trophy or other Keeper

Awarded to the "Rookie" boat that best displays performance, participation and team enthusiasm. Rookie boats are eligible for two full seasons after entering the fleet. The first season does not begin if the boat enters the fleet after July 15th.

- ¼ of scoring is based on participation numbers provided by WYC.
- ¼ of scoring is based on performance in race series, as determined by the Fleet Captain.
- ½ of scoring is for team spirit, as voted on by the "non-rookie" boats.

Boats winning in their first year, will not be eligible the following year

A winning boat is not eligible for the Capri of the year award. If fewer than two boats are eligible, the Trophy will be awarded as a "Most Improved" award which will be determined by the Fleet Captain using "improvement" criteria similar to the Rookie Award.

c. Most Valuable Crew Traveling Trophy AND Crew of the year burgee (keeper)

Awarded to the Most Valuable Crew (MVC) member in the Capri 25 fleet. This person is the best of the best. The recipient is a real rock star on boat performance and excels in a number of positions. They must be a paid crewmember and primarily sail on a Capri 25 and have a desire to learn and teach sailing. The previous winners of this award get together and select the recipient for the following year.

d. Smoozability Award Keeper Burgee Trophy or other Keeper

Awarded to any fleet member that demonstrates the greatest passion for the Capri Fleet, smoozability, fun to sail/party with, and volunteerism to the fleet.

Nomination and voting is open to any member in good standing of WYC who owns a Capri 25 or regularly crews on a Capri 25.

Each owner or crew member is allowed one nomination and one vote.

Children of boat owners are eligible. Award winners must be a paid Member in the WYC log unless the Fleet Captain makes an exception due to extenuating circumstances.

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e. Rookie Crew of the Year Keeper Burgee Trophy or other Keeper

Awarded to someone new to racing but not necessarily new to sailing who displays great participation, team spirit, and eagerness to learn. Rookie crew is eligible for two full seasons after entering the fleet. The first season does not begin if the crew enters the fleet after July 15th. We encourage crew membership at WYC but this is not mandatory for this award. A keeper burgee trophy can be awarded to one to three rookies in a given year.

Boat owners will submit nominees and details about participation. Crew Reps will make the final selection. Three-fourths of scoring is based on participation provided by boat owners. One fourth based on enthusiasm, eagerness to learn, and team spirit:

- High marks would go to how many total races the rookie has participated in
- High marks would go to consistency of racing for example every Thursday, Saturday, or Sunday
- High marks would go to racing outside of WYC
- Ties breakers would go to attitude and performance

f. **Most Improved** Keeper Burgee Trophy or other Keeper

Awarded to the skipper and crew that has most improved in overall performance from the previous year based on the results from the Championship and Sunset series.

g. **The Moxie Award** Traveling Trophy

Awarded for a combination of participation and results and is evaluated based on all races scored for the season. Traditionally, it is given to the boat with the best attendance record who has not won any other award in a WYC-sponsored event.

h. **Man Overboard Trophy** Traveling Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the crew member or boat that demonstrates the most amusing or ridiculous blunder. A traveling trophy will be awarded along with bragging rights.

Nomination and voting is open to any member in good standing of WYC who owns or regularly crews on a Capri 25. The previous winner has final say on who it is awarded to.

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3. **Additional Prizes**

WYC awards prizes for each Series and Cup Race based on the average number of competitors in each race (see the [WYC Sailing Instructions](#)). Due to the large size of the Capri 25 fleet, the fleet will supplement the 5 prizes awarded by the club for races where the average number of competitors exceeds 19 as follows:

- 1 additional prize for 20 through 23 boats
- 2 additional prizes for 24 through 27
- 3 additional prizes for 28 boats and over

ARTICLE VI

FLEET MOTTO

"Making a better world through One Design racing and stern-mounted BBQ grills."

ARTICLE VII

RACING POLICIES

Each boat in the fleet is allowed to compete in one race per season with a "Professional Sailor" onboard. See the [US Sailing Rules of Racing](#), Appendix P for the definition of a "Professional Sailor."

If a competing boat includes a "Professional Sailor" onboard for subsequent races, the boat's finishing position for each race will be adjusted down four positions. It is the responsibility of the boat to notify the fleet captain or member of the rules committee, before the beginning of the race, of their intent to compete with a "Professional Sailor" onboard. Failure to make this notification can result in an official protest that if lost, would include an additional 20% penalty after the four place deduction.