

NEIYA By-Laws

With revisions proposed by the governing committee, discussed and favorably voted on by the membership at the 2012 annual meeting. The existing By-Laws are on the back of this page.

1. NAME The name of the Association shall be New England Ice Yacht Association Inc.

2. PURPOSE The purpose of the Association will be to serve and promote the sport of ice yacht sailing, ice yacht racing, and to sponsor regattas and cruising events.

3. MEMBERSHIP Privileges are to compete in the sponsored regattas, participate in cruising events, vote on Association matters, receive the Association's communications, hold office, and participate in other Association affairs. The Association requires a signed Waiver of Liability as part of the membership application and renewal process. Annual membership is from October 1 to September 30.

4. ELECTED OFFICERS A Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer (collectively, the Officers) shall be elected as prescribed in sections 6 and 7. It shall be the responsibility of each outgoing Officer to update and advise his or her successor as to the duties of their office, and to turn over all necessary material relating to these duties. The duties of each Officer position are as follows:

A. Commodore To be chief executive, preside at all meetings, be Chairman of the Governing Committee, rule on procedure and jurisdiction, be advised prior to and approve the location of all official NEIYA events, summarize decisions, appoint standing and special committees, manage the day to day business of the Association and authorize payment of bills.

B. Vice Commodore To officiate in the absence of the Commodore and to track, care for and update all trophies and awards, for all events sponsored by the Association.

C. Secretary Shall keep all non-financial records of the Association, handle correspondence, membership applications and inquiries, membership updates, newsletters, record the votes of all meetings, give notice of all meetings, keep minutes of all meetings, and maintain regatta historical records. The Secretary will work closely with the Treasurer to assure the effective operation of their interrelated duties.

D. Treasurer Shall keep all financial records of the Association including the receipt and collection of all funds due the Association from any source, pay all bills approved by the Commodore, keep records of all such collections and disbursements, distribute periodic financial reports to the Officers of the Association, and make an annual report thereof at the Annual Fall Meeting of the Association. The Treasurer will work closely with the Secretary to assure the effective operation of their interrelated duties.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES

Governing Committee The Governing Committee consists of three at large members appointed by the Commodore, and approved by the Officers, plus the Officers, acting as a group. Whenever possible, the Governing Committee should have representatives from each of the New England States. Its powers are to render final decisions on appeal, sanction and eligibility of participants in Association sponsored events, reserve the right to accept or reject membership applications, expel current members, and perform other duties as mentioned in these By-Laws.

Nominating Committee The Governing Committee shall select three Association members, at least one of which must be a member of the Governing Committee, to serve on the Nominating Committee until the next Annual Fall Meeting. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to meet from time to time prior to the Annual Fall Meeting to nominate certain members of the Association as candidates for Officer, and other positions of the Association. The names of the said candidates shall be submitted to the Governing Committee for approval.

Race Committee The Race Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the Commodore, and one or more members, appointed by the Chairman. The Race Chairman shall determine, subject to the Commodore's approval, the site of the official NEIYA regattas.

Cruise Committee The Cruise Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the Commodore, and one or more members, appointed by the Chairman. The Cruise Chairman shall determine, subject to the Commodore's approval, the site of official NEIYA cruising events, both off and on the ice, open to all club members.

Webmaster The Commodore shall appoint a webmaster to maintain and update the Association website.

6. MEETINGS The Association shall hold an Annual Fall Meeting for the purpose of electing new officers and conducting the business of the Association. The Annual Fall Meeting shall be held at a site to be determined and announced by the Commodore. All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

7. VOTING A simple majority of the votes cast by current members shall be determining on all questions except changes to the By-Laws, and the Chairman (if in a meeting) shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. The Chairman also has the power to fix a time limit on speakers and discussion of motions. The Chairman of the meeting shall be the Commodore, or if not present, the Vice Commodore, or his or her designee. A minimum of 20% of current association members at the Annual Fall Meeting shall constitute a quorum for all voting purposes. However if fewer than 20% of the current membership is present, then all actions of the membership must be ratified (unless rejected) by a physical or electronic mail vote. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Fall Meeting each year and shall take office at that time, unless there is no quorum, in which case officers will take office when ratified. Terms of each office expire at the next Annual Fall Meeting, or when a replacement is elected. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected.

8. AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES The Governing Committee may initiate changes in the By-Laws by submitting such changes to the members present at the Annual Fall Meeting, or by mail to the entire active membership at any time. Members wishing to propose changes to the By-Laws should submit their request in writing to the Governing Committee no later than 90 days prior to the date of the Annual Fall Meeting. Amendments to the By-Laws proposed to and approved by a two-thirds majority of the current paid members present at the Annual Fall Meeting may be made only after approval of the membership by a physical or electronic mail vote. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required for enactment of all proposed By-Laws changes. Otherwise, the Governing Committee may not change or modify the By-Laws, although it has the power to interpret them.

9. DUES Dues for all members will be established for the upcoming season by the Governing Committee. An invoice for Association dues for the upcoming season shall be mailed to all current members prior to October 1st. Past due members will be dropped from the active member list on January 2nd.

10. SAFETY Due to the nature of the sport of ice yachting and the potential for rapidly changing environmental conditions (including but not limited to variations in wind, temperature, visibility, precipitation, lighting, and ice conditions), safety is the sole responsibility of each member of the Association. Each member shall exercise all due caution regarding sailing safety.

11. RACING

Regattas The Association shall hold one or more annual regattas. The site and time for each regatta shall be recommended by the Race Committee and approved by the Commodore or his or her designee. The Race Committee Chairman or his or her designee shall be responsible for its proper management. This includes the authority to postpone or cancel any race if he/she deems it necessary.

Racing Rules a) The current racing rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) as amended and interpreted through appeals decisions, and Notice of Race shall prevail in all New England Ice Yacht Association sponsored regattas.

b) It shall be a requirement that to participate in any sponsored NEIYA regatta, the participant must be a member of the NEIYA in good standing, must sign the appropriate NEIYA Release Form, and certify liability coverage of no less than \$300,000 per incident.

Disqualification A yacht may be protested or disqualified by the Race Committee for violation of any rule of the NEIYA or NIA racing rule. Protests shall be made and heard according to the NIA procedure.

12. CRUISING AND SOCIAL EVENTS The Association shall use its best efforts to hold one or more Cruising and Social Events each year. The site and time will be recommended by the Cruise Committee and approved by the Commodore or his or her designee. The Cruise Committee Chairman or his or her designee shall be responsible for the proper management of all cruise events. This includes the authority to postpone or cancel any on ice event if he or she deems it advisable. Social events may include the Annual Tune-up Clinic, Rendezvous, and Spring Meeting.

NEIYA Bylaws AS THEY STAND NOW

1. PURPOSE The purpose of the Association will be to serve and promote the sport of ice yacht sailing, ice yacht racing, and to sponsor annual regattas each year.

2. MEMBERSHIP Privileges are to sail in the sponsored regattas, vote on association affairs, receive all the Association's communications, hold office, and participate in other Association affairs.

3. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS A Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Fall Meeting each year and shall take office at that time. Terms of the office expire one year later at the next Annual Fall Meeting. Each shall be nominated and voted upon in the order named. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected. It shall be the responsibility of each outgoing officer to update and advise his or her successor as to the duties of their office, and to turn over all necessary material relating to these duties.

A. Commodore To be chief executive, preside at all meetings, be chairman of the Governing Committee, rule on procedure and jurisdiction, summarize decisions, appoint special committees, authorize payment of bills.

B. Vice Commodore To officiate in the absence of the Commodore.

C. Secretary Shall keep all non-financial records of the Association, handle correspondence, membership applications and inquiries, membership updates, newsletters, record the votes of all meetings, give notice of all meetings, keep minutes of all meetings. His records shall be open to active members at all times. The Secretary will work closely with the Treasurer to assure the effective operation of their interrelated duties.

D. Treasurer Receive and collect all moneys due the Association from any source, pay all bills approved by the Commodore, keep records of all such collections and disbursements and make an annual report thereof at the Annual Fall and Spring Meetings of the Association. The treasurer will work closely with the Secretary to assure the effective operation of their interrelated duties.

E. Race Committee The Race Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the Commodore, and two members, appointed by the Chairman, one of whom shall be a member of the Governing Committee. The Committee shall determine, subject to the Commodore's approval, the site of the Annual New England DN Championship Regatta, The Doc Fellows Regatta, and The Big Boat or Skeeter Regatta, based on ice conditions and the ability to set a clear 5/10th of a mile course in any direction.

4. GOVERNING COMMITTEE The Governing Committee consists of five appointed members plus the officers, acting as a group. Whenever possible, the Governing Committee should have at least one representative from each of the New England States. Its powers are to render final decisions on appeal, sanction or prohibit races in the Annual Regatta, accept or reject membership applications, and perform other duties mentioned in the by-laws. The Governing Committee may initiate changes in the by-laws, Official Specifications, or Racing Rules by proposing such changes to the entire membership at the Annual Fall Meeting, or by mail to the entire active membership. Membership vote is required for enactment of all proposed changes. Otherwise, the Governing Committee may not change or modify

any of the above documents, although it has the power to interpret them.

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE The active members of the Governing Committee shall elect three of their members to serve until the next Annual Fall Meeting. It shall be their duty to meet from time to time prior to the Annual Fall Meeting and nominate certain members of the Association as candidates for the Officers of the Association. The names of the said candidates shall be submitted to the Secretary and shall be included in the notice to be mailed notifying all members of the time and place of the Annual Fall Meeting.

6. MEETINGS AND QUORUM The Annual Fall Meeting shall be held at a site to be determined and announced by the Commodore.

A quorum at a meeting is any number present. However if less than twenty per cent of the then paid membership is present, all actions must be ratified (unless rejected) by a mail vote of 2/3rds of the responding membership. In addition, the results of any action requiring a majority of 20% or more (such as amendments to the By-laws, or changes in the Official Specifications or Racing Rules) shall be mailed to the entire membership.

All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's' Rules Of Order.

7. VOTING A majority of the votes cast shall be determining on all questions not otherwise stipulated, and the chair (if in a meeting) shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. The chair also has the power to fix a time limit on speakers and discussion of motions.

8. AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES Amendments to the by-laws proposed at the Annual Fall Meeting may be made only after approval of the membership by a mail vote. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required.

9. DUES Dues for all members will be established for the current season by the Governing Committee and announced at the Annual Fall Meeting. Dues will be payable to the Treasurer by January 1st. Delinquents will be dropped from the Roster as of January 2nd.

10. ANNUAL REGATTA The Association shall hold one or more Annual Regattas. The site and time to be recommended by the Race Committee and approved by the Commodore or his or her designate. The Commodore or his or her designate shall be responsible for its proper management. This power includes the power to postpone any race if he/she deems it necessary.

11. HEADGEAR Hard surfaced, suitable, padded headgear (crash helmet of an approved motorcycle or racing-car driver type) must be worn while racing in all regattas.

12. DISQUALIFICATION A yacht may be disqualified by the Race Committee for violation of any rule of the NEIYA Association or any NIA racing rule. Protest shall be made and heard according to the NIA procedure.

13. RACING RULES a) The current racing rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) as amended and interpreted through appeals decisions shall prevail in all New England Ice Yacht Association Regattas.

b) It shall be a requirement that to participate in any sponsored NEIYA event, the participant must be a member of the NEIYA in good standing, must sign the appropriate NEIYA Release Form, and provide the Race Committee with a "Certificate of Insurance" showing coverage with limits of liability of no less than \$300,000.00 per accident.