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To: Members of the Canadian Shark Class Association

From: John Brunt President, Canadian Shark Class Association  
Greg Cockburn, President, International Shark Class Association

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**Re: Vote on proposed changes to Constitution, Rules and Specifications**

This Voting Form document is being distributed to all Full Members and Honourary members in good standing of the National Shark Class Associations of Canada (including US Members), Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

Its purpose is to seek approval via a mail vote to implement a number of changes to the Constitution, Rules and Specifications (CRS) of the International Shark Class Association.

Following is some background information on this initiative which is intended to assist you in making an informed decision regarding these proposed changes.

- The ISCA CRS had governed Shark racing since the early 70's when the International Shark Class Association was formed. It consists of five parts, with the first being the Constitution which deals with the management of the ISCA. The second being the Championship Rules (Appendix 1) which deals with the management of Class World, Continental and National Championships. The third, General Class Rules and Specifications, Appendix II, which deals with the rules and regulations governing the specifications under which we race. The fourth, Official Drawings of the Shark, Appendix III. The fifth, Interpretations and Exemptions to the General Class Rules and Specifications, Appendix IV.
- The process to change the CRS is somewhat cumbersome in that it all permanent changes require the approval of a majority of the Full members in both North America and Europe, and it must be done by a mail vote (note one of the proposed changes is to allow electronic voting)
- In recent years, ISCA has dealt with minor changes by issuing clarifications, amendments and/or rulings on various parts of the CRS. We have now reached the point, however where the number and scope of changes should be formally approved by the membership in order to be fully incorporated into the CRS.

Attached to this form is a copy of the proposed changes to the CRS which have been prepared and reviewed by the ISCA Specifications Committee in conjunction with the various National Authorities, including significant discussions with our European counterparts. The additions are underlined and the deletions are struck through. The table below summarizes the proposed changes by Section, and is the ballot upon which the Member's vote is recorded.

Please note, in order to view both the final version of the proposed ISCA CRS along with a copy showing the proposed changes to the CRS, both versions have been posted to the Class website in PDF format at a link on the CSCA web site under "Latest News". We have done this in order to save on reproduction and mailing costs as the documents may be downloaded from the web site and printed at your discretion.

If you require a hard copy of either or both documents mailed to you individually, please let us know by email at [president@shark24.org](mailto:president@shark24.org) or call me at (416) 601-4127.

At the present time, a mail-in vote is required to make any changes to our constitution. Full Members and Honorary Members in good standing with ISCA and their National Association may vote on the proposed changes. In order to control voting, your name must be on the ballot in order for it to be counted. Individual voting results will not be disclosed.

Members may approve all changes or may vote on each individual change as set out. Members who vote on each individual change must complete the entire form to properly vote. Parts not completed will not be counted (neither for nor against). A **YES** vote indicates the Member is in favour of the change and a **NO** vote indicates the Member is not in favour of the change.

Please complete this form by placing an "X" under **YES** or **NO** and return, along with your annual 2010 registration form and dues, to:

CSCA  
P.O. Box 24, 260 Adelaide St. E.  
Toronto Ontario, Canada  
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All votes must be received by ***March 23<sup>d</sup>, 2010***. (Please note that as we are converting to a new website shortly, online registration is not available this year).

Best Regards,

John Brunt, President,  
Canadian Shark Class Association

Greg Cockburn, President  
International Shark Class Association

**Constitution, Championship Rules and General Class Rules and Specifications (ALL):**

<b>FULL MEMBER NAME:</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	
<b>COUNTRY:</b>		
<b>HULL NUMBER :</b>		
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
I approve <b>all</b> changes		
If <b>YES</b> , please return this ballot by mail. If <b>NO</b> , please complete the following sections:		

<b>Constitution:</b>				
<b>SECTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	
			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
5. membership and Voting Rights Full Member b)	Revised	Clarification of Full Member status		
5. Membership and Voting Rights Voting g)	Revised	Addition of electronic voting		
5. Membership and Voting Rights h)	<b>New</b>	Suspension of Class Member		
8. Management b)	Revised	A change to the composition of the ISCA Committee. Original format was unwieldy, impractical and very difficult to put into effect. This change makes the Committee more manageable.		
8. Management c)	Revised	Replacement Member and acknowledging the fact that members may stay beyond their prescribed term if no replacement can be found.		
8. Management g)	Revised	Serving length of Committee Member		
8. Management j)	Revised	Addition of electronic communication		
8. Management l)	<b>New</b>	Suspension of Committee Member		
10. Conduct of Meetings of the Association c)	Revised	Addition of electronic communication and 60 days notice		
10. Conduct of Meetings of the Association d)	Revised	Addition of electronic voting		
12. e, f, h) Protection of "One Design" and issue of Certificates	Revised	Addition of word "Measurement"		
12. g) Protection of "One Design" and issue of Certificates	Revised	Sail manufacturers to certify sail complies to specifications		

**Championship Rules: Appendix 1**

SECTION	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	VOTE	
			YES	NO
3. b) Frequency of Championships	Revised	Replace will with may		
4. a) Size of Championship Fleet	Revised	Clarification		
6. Eligibility of Boats	Revised	Added "sanctioned regattas" to first sentence		
7. Number of Races in Championships a)	Revised	Change to the number of races can be sailed (World's)		
7. Number of Races in Championships b)	<b>New</b>	Added maximum number of races in one day (World's)		
9. Courses a)	<b>New</b>	Option of race courses for (World's)		
9. Courses b)	Revised	Change in length of Long Distance Race (World's)		
9. Courses c) Continental Championships	Revised	Removal of required distance		
10. Shortening of Course a)	Revised	Change time limit (World's)		
10. Shortening of Course b)	Revised	Change time limit and length (World's)		
13. Management e,f)	Revised	Wording clarification		
14. Prizes a)	Revised	Change recommendation of prizes (World's)		
14 Prizes b)	<b>New</b>	Presentation of Bill Metzger Trophy (World's)		

General Class Rules and Specifications: Appendix II				
SECTION	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	VOTE	
			YES	NO
1. General 1.1 b)	<b>Revised</b>	Additional statement on handicap rating.		
1. General 1.4	<b>Revised</b>	Specifications Committee will require the approval of the ISCA Committee prior to issuing clarifications.		
2. Builders and Owners 2.4)	<b>New</b>	Interpretation of Class Rules		
4. Measurement 4.2 a	Revised	Addition of "as appointed and approved by each National Shark Class Association		
4. Measurement 4.3	Revised	Addition of "...fee where applicable		
4. Measurement 4.4 c)	Revised	Addition of the word "restoration"		
5. Certification 5.1 a)	Revised	Addition of the words "if applicable"		
5. Certification 5.1 c ii)	Revised	Addition of words "in North America only"		
5. Certification 5.4)	Revised	Removal of the word "sails" and clarification by "except sails"		
5. Certification 5.5)	<b>New</b>	Suspension of Measurement Certificate		
6.2 Deck a)	Revised	Remove word "trunk" and replace with "lazarette"		
6.2 Deck d)	Revised	Additional clarification of wood coamings		
6.2 Deck e)	Revised	Moved from Appendix IV		

6.3. Keel c)	Revised	Added missing dimension to keel web		
6.4A Weight - Outside North America c)	Reformat	Clause c from 6.4B has been copied to this section		
6.4B Weight- North America only	Revised	Added Headings to Weight Relief List		
6.5 Rudder a)	Revised	Added material reference		
6.5 Rudder b)	Revised	Added maximum weight for correctors		
6.5 Rudder d)	Revised	Re-defined measurement point on transom		
6.5 Rudder h)	<b>New</b>	Prohibiting horizontal foils		
6.6 Tiller	<b>New</b>	Maximum length added		
6.7 Chain Plates	Revised	Clarification		
6.10 Mainsheet Traveller Track c)	<b>New</b>	Thwart shall not be removed		
6.11 Compression Post	<b>New</b>	Moved from Appendix IV		
7.1 Mast c)	<b>Revised</b>	Replaced "stemhead with "mast"		
7.10 Backstay	<b>New</b>	Minimum length shall be 7900 mm		
7.10 Jumper Stays	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.11		
7.11 Jib Halyard Block	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.12		
7.12 Spinnaker Halyard Block	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.13		
7.13 Mast Foot Position	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.14		
7.14 Boom	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.15		
7.15 Boom Band	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.16		
7.16 Boom Vangs	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.17 and the words Boom Kickers, Boom Topping Lifts and Boom Preventers added		
7.17 Spinnaker Pole	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.18		
7.18 Sheets	Revised	Re-numbered to 7.19		
8. Sails 8.1 General b)	Revised	Windows to be transparent and material need not be woven fabric/cloth		
8.1 General d)	<b>New</b>	Clarification on cloth weight		
8.2 Mainsail a)	Revised	Removed imperial weight of cloth, wrong conversion was used		
8.3 Jib a)	Revised	Removed imperial weight of cloth, wrong conversion was used		
8.4 #1 Genoa a)	Revised	Removed imperial weight of cloth, wrong conversion was used		
8.5 #2 Genoa a)	Revised	Removed imperial weight of cloth, wrong conversion was used		
8.6 Spinnaker a)	Revised	Removed imperial weight of cloth, wrong conversion was used		

General Class Rules and Specifications (continued):				
SECTION	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	VOTE	
			YES	NO
8.6 Spinnaker e)	New	The spinnaker shall be symmetrical		
8.8 National Letter a-d)	New	New section on National Letters		
9.1 racing Regulations General	Revised	Clarification of the decision making tree between ISCA, ISAF and National Associations with regards the governing of racing		
9.3 Equipment Requirement a) vii)	New	Inventory of Required & Optional equipment form added to list		
9.4 Motor and Fuel Tank	Revised	Applicable in North America only given the varying rules and regulations applicable throughout Europe.		
9.4 Motor and Fuel Tank b)	Revised	Addition of wording that corrector weights must be "...permanently attached to the bulkhead."		
9.5 Lazarette Cover(s) b)	New	Minimum weight of replacement Lazarette cover(s)		
9.5 Lazarette Cover(s) c)	New	Minimum weight of replacement Transom hatch(es)		
9.5 Lazarette Cover(s) d)	New	Corrector weights can not be used		
9.6 Sails a) & b)	Revised	Removed the wording " 1 jib, 2 genoas" and replaced with " 3 headsails"		
9.6 Sails b)	Revised	Added, "measure" to the first sentence.		
9.11 Hand Rails	New	Moved from Appendix IV		

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