

CONSTITUTION OF THE CANADIAN SHARK CLASS ASSOCIATION

1. TITLE The full title of the Association shall be the "Canadian Shark Class Association" (CSCA).
2. EMBLEM The emblem shall be the Shark Symbol as shown on the Shark Sail Plan.
3. PURPOSE The purpose of the Canadian Shark Association is to promote and further the interest of the Shark Class throughout Canada by:
 - 3.1 maintaining the one-design character of the Shark 24;
 - 3.2 making recommendations to the International Shark Class Association (ISCA) on the control of the licensed builders;
 - 3.3 encouraging the formation of regional and local fleets;
 - 3.4 encouraging and co-ordinating regional, inter-regional and national competition, cruising and social events in the Class; and
 - 3.5 providing relevant information to members of the Association.
4. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS Throughout the constitution the following definitions shall apply:
 - 4.1 The "Canadian Association" shall mean the Canadian Shark Class Association. (CSCA).
 - 4.2 The "International Association" shall mean the International Shark Class Association.
 - 4.3 The "Executive" shall mean the Executive of the Canadian Association.
 - 4.4 The "Canadian Association Register" shall mean the Register of members of the Association to be kept as herein provided.
 - 4.5 The "Canadian Association Rules" shall mean the rules governing the conduct of the Canadian Association.
 - 4.6 The "Class" shall mean the class of sailing yacht designed by George Hinterhoeller and made in accordance with his drawings and specifications as filed with the International Association, and known under the name "Shark 24".

- 4.7 The "Class Rules" shall mean rules relating to measurement, construction, specifications and racing, forming the Appendices to the International Association Constitution, and governing the building of each SHARK 24 and its listing as a recognized boat within the class for class racing purposes.
- 4.8 A "Full Member" of the Canadian Association is an owner or equal share owner of a Shark who has applied for membership and paid the required fee. A Full Member is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Canadian Association.
- 4.9 An "Associate Member" of the Canadian Association is any person other than a Full Member of the Canadian Association who has applied for membership and paid the required fee. An Associate Member is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership except the right to vote or to fulfill the requirement that the helmsman or skipper of a Shark in an event be a Full Member.

5. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION RULES

- 5.1 **Executive**
The Executive shall consist of the National Officers and all Region Vice Presidents. The National Officers shall consist of a President, Executive Vice President, Vice-President Specifications, Secretary, Treasurer and such number of Officers as are duly nominated and elected. Members of the Executive shall be members (in any category) of the Canadian Association.
- 5.2 **Elections**
National Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting. No office shall be held by one person for more than three consecutive terms.
- 5.3 **Regions**
The Executive shall establish Regions where sufficient numbers of Members warrant. Regional Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the members of the particular region at or before the Annual Meeting.
- 5.4 **Voting**
Only Full, Life and Honourary Members shall be entitled to vote. There shall be a maximum of one vote per boat. Voting by proxy is permitted. Ballots may also be mailed to the Secretary.

- 5.5 Nominations
The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson at least eight weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall make such nominations as it deems advisable for each office and the Secretary shall mail same to each member thirty days prior to the meeting.
- Any five members may make additional nominations in writing to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Such nominations must be accompanied by letters of acceptance from those nominated.
- 5.6 Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the President. Notice of such meeting shall be sent to all members by mail, at least thirty days before the meeting. A quorum shall be those present, in person or by proxy.
- 5.7 Executive Meetings
Five National Officers shall constitute a quorum. A members of the Executive who cannot attend a meeting may vote by mail on specific proposals that have been previously submitted and such vote shall be included in the determination of the quorum on such specific proposals. Members of the Executive who are Associate Members may vote at Executive Meetings and form part of the quorum. Vacancies arising in the Executive may be filled by the remaining Executive. Between Annual Meetings the Executive may create additional National Officer positions, and fill them.
- 5.8 Amendments to the Constitution
Amendments may be proposed by a majority of an Annual Meeting or at any time by the Executive of the Canadian Association. The Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of the votes cast in a mail vote. Any motion to amend the Constitution must be sent to all members at least thirty days prior to voting.
- 5.9 Committees
The President shall appoint the Chair persons of all committees. The chairperson shall select the remaining committee members. The President shall be an ex-officio members of all committees
- 5.10 Special General Meeting
A Special General Meeting may be called upon thirty days notice by the Executive or by ten members in good standing. The notice shall specify the business to be conducted at the Meeting. Meeting procedures shall be governed by this Constitution.

- 5.11 Special Memberships
The Canadian Association may grant one Life Membership per year. Life Members shall enjoy the privileges of full membership and shall be exempt from all dues and fees. The Executive may issue Honourary Memberships at its discretion. Such membership shall be awarded for noteworthy serve to the Canadian Association and shall be valid for the current year only.
- 5.12 Membership Fee
The Executive shall establish the annual fee to be paid by Full and Associate Members for the Membership Year, which will run from April 1 to March 31. Members shall be invoiced by March 1 each year with payment due immediately and new members, enrolling on or after October 15, shall be entitled to membership for the forthcoming membership year. A member may not participate in any Canadian Association sponsored event until membership fees have been paid. Changes in membership fees shall require prior notice by mail to the membership and must be ratified by a majority of members at the Annual Meeting.
- (amended March, 2003)*
- 5.13 One Design
As one of the objects of this Association all racing between Sharks shall be one-design as detailed in the Class Rules. The Executive will enforce such specifications rules and regulations to maintain the Shark as a one-design class insofar as items affecting sailing characteristics are concerned.
- 5.14 Publications
The Executive shall arrange for the publication of a periodical newsletter to be known as "Sharkscan" as a medium for the exchange of information, a membership list, and such other documents as may be indicated. There shall be no charge for these publications.
- 5.15 Association Register
A register of members of the Canadian Association in good standing shall be prepared annually by the Secretary.
- 5.16 Signing Officers
The signing officers shall by the President, the Treasurer and one other member of the Executive as chosen from time to time by the Executive. The signature of two of the signing officers are required to validate cheques and other official documents. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the Annual Meeting.
- 5.17 Termination
In the event of the termination of the Association, disposal of all assets shall be determined at a special general meeting.

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(Revised December 10, 1985)