

Marblehead IOD Fleet

Marblehead International One- Design Class

Fleet Constitution

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Preamble

The International One-Design Class was conceived to build, maintain and race a fleet of "One-Design Yachts, distinctive in appearance and performance, using One-Design racing, and especially to develop the competitive capacities of both helmsmen and crews under the fairest and most equal conditions."

The design of the International One-Design was inspired by a Six Meter created by the famous Norwegian architect and builder Bjarne Aas, in 1935. Cornelius Shields, Sr., impressed by her beauty and handling qualities, initiated action for an entire Class similar in design and appearance, but with a loftier rig and a short shelter and storage cabin. Aas submitted plans and specifications in 1936: a syndicate was formed; in 1937 twenty five International One-Designs yachts commenced racing on Long Island Sound. Since that time, other fleets have formed: at Oslo and Hango in Norway, at Cowes, England, Bermuda, at San Francisco, Northeast Harbor, Fishers Island, Nantucket, Long Island and Marblehead in the United States.

Team Races, Match Racing, and World Championships between these ten fleets have provided keen competition and encouraged the exchange of ideas and improved sailing techniques.

The accomplishment of the original objectives and the continuance of the traditions and records established are now entrusted to the owners who shall have the obligation to properly maintain their yachts, compete well in a majority of the scheduled races and contribute to the betterment of the sport of yacht racing -- and especially to the International One Design Class.

With these purposes in mind, this set of rules is adopted to regulate the International One Design Class of Marblehead.

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Articles

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Marblehead International One Design Fleet.

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose is to promote racing of the International One Design (IOD) class yachts; to maintain "one-design" principles in hull construction and sail plan; to adopt and enforce rules to ensure equality in racing competition; and to assist each other in the proper sailing and maintaining of all IODs.

Article 3: Membership

Voting membership in the International One-Design Class of Marblehead shall be limited to the owner or owner's delegate of the yachts. Each boat shall be entitled to one vote; part owners may not divide their vote. Also, there shall be an additional category: Associate Member. Owners or Charterers must be members of the Marblehead Racing Association. In order to be recognized on the starting line, each owner must have a Measurement Certificate for his yacht and all dues, fees and assessments, sail measurement charges must be paid in full.

Article 4: Officers and Duties

The necessary Officers, Chairmen, Appointees, and Services shall be elected, appointed, and confirmed according to the following procedures. Accepted parliamentary practices shall be followed. Duties and objectives shall be the enforcement of these rules and regulations, and one-design plans, cooperation with other IOD fleets and all recognized yachting bodies and dedication to the continuing improvement of skippers, crews and the Class.

Class Officers

At each Fall meeting, the Nominating Committee shall recommend a slate to be elected by a simple majority. At least two must be owners; one may be a charterer. These officers shall conduct all meetings and be responsible to the members for their actions, their expenditures, and enforcement of the Rules and Regulations, and One-Design Plans, and furtherance of Class objectives. The term of office for these positions shall be not more than four consecutive years.

President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shall preside at meetings, shall rule on procedure, appoint committees, set the time and place for meetings and make necessary decisions regarding the fleet.• In the event that the president vacates the position, the position shall be filled until the next Fleet meeting by the Secretary.
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shall deposit all funds, keep financial records, make necessary disbursements, and render financial reports at regular meetings.• In the event that the Treasurer vacates the position, the position shall be filled until the next Fleet meeting by the Secretary.

Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall keep records for the fleet, maintain membership roll, register fleet yachts, keep the minutes of meetings, mail out meeting and special event notices, and all other duties pertaining to such office. • In the event that the Secretary vacates the position, the position shall be filled until the next Fleet meeting by the President. • Notify owners of qualification standings as soon as possible upon receipt of these standings from the scorekeeper.
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In the event that all three class officer positions are vacated, then the past president or any past fleet officer shall call a Special Business meeting to elect new officers.

The Class Officers shall also be responsible for selecting the recipients of fleet awards that are not determined based upon race results. These include, but are not limited to the John O'Day Crew Trophy, the Sommerby Bowl, and the Damned If You Do... Trophy. The Class Officers shall ensure that trophies are appropriately engraved prior to the awarding of the trophy. The following trophies are awarded in the IOD fleet:

Rowen Bowl	Season Championship First Place
Full IOD Half Model (Red)	Season Championship Second Place *
Full IOD Half Model (White)	Race Week First Place*
Kungsornen Bowl	Most Improved
Joseph Crosby Memorial IOD Half Model	Crew Race First Place
John O'Day IOD Half Model	Best Crew
Damned If You Do... Trophy	Most Unfortunate Racing Incident
Sommerby Bowl	Contribution to the Fleet

Appointees: Committee Chairmen

The Class Officers shall appoint the Committee Chairmen listed in the table below. The Class Officers may appoint other Chairmen as appropriate.

The appointees must be owners, Associates, or Charterers. They shall be given policies, budgets and responsibilities and the necessary authority to carry out their assigned duties. They shall report to the Class Officers. The term of office for these positions shall be not more than four consecutive years.

* This trophy must be returned to the Corinthian Yacht club in the spring for display during the racing season.

Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When requested in writing, shall make a ruling on a technical question of interpretation. • Shall interpret the Class Hull and Sail Specifications and shall propose to the fleet any advisable alterations or additions to the Specifications. • Shall make recommendations regarding fleet sail purchase at the end of each season. • Shall also maintain a list of boat weightings and shall be responsible for conducting the boat weightings as required. • Will conduct, from time to time, unannounced audits of boats to ensure compliance with the fleet rules.
Score Keeper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall score all fleet yachts accepted and registered with the fleet and update the results with the decisions from the protest committee. • Provide the secretary with the approved fleet scoring procedure for submission to the MRA in accordance with the time frames imposed by the MRA • Provide the fleet with a yearly summary of the fleet results and qualifications. • As requested provide fleet members with up to date official scoring results. • For each qualifying series, provide the Secretary with the official standings.
MRA Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall notify the fleet of issues to be discussed at Regular and Special MRA meetings, obtain a consensus of the fleet on these matters, and represent the fleet views to the MRA. • Report to fleet in a timely manner on the results of all MRA meetings. • Convey to the MRA special fleet events (e.g. Championship regattas) for inclusion in the MRA calendar.

Article 5: Meetings

Quorum

At any meeting a quorum of at least 51% of the owners shall be represented in person or by proxy in order to conduct business. If a quorum is not represented, those in attendance may conduct business, but approval of the contents of the minutes, in their entirety, by two-thirds of the owners must be obtained before any of the items decided at the meeting can be acted upon.

Fall Business Meeting

The Fall Business Meeting shall be held on a Thursday in October at a time and place selected by the President. The fleet shall be notified of this date prior to September first. All matters pertaining to the Class Rules and One Design Plans shall be discussed and settled at this meeting. A two thirds vote of all registered owners, in good standing, is required with respect to such matters.

Spring Business Meeting

The Spring Business Meeting shall be held on a Thursday in April and shall concern itself with schedules, awards, rules, special and social events, series qualifications, worst race exemptions, spinnaker use, prize funds, fees, assessments, measurement costs, and all other matters pertaining to the ensuing racing season. A simple majority vote of registered owners, in good standing, shall be required with respect to these matters .

Other Meetings

Other meetings shall be informal and changes in rules shall only be made at the Fall and Spring Business Meetings. However, if an emergency situation arises -- two-thirds of the class officers or one-third of the registered boats may request a Special Business Meeting. Proper notification, the rule involved, any proposals, and meeting date must be given to all registered boat owners in ample time.

Article 6: Proxies

Proxies must be in writing and in the hands of the Class Officers before each meeting and should pertain to the specific questions on the agenda.

Article 7: Dues

Dues to conduct all necessary Class business, e.g. for stationery, printing and plans, publicity, and new membership, shall be collected annually. The amount of the dues shall be set by a vote of the fleet at the Spring Meeting and the amount shall be recorded in the minutes.

Article 8: The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the past president. The chairman shall select two other fleet members to serve on the committee. This committee shall propose a slate of officers to replace those officers whose terms have expired or need to be filled due to a vacancy.

Article 9: Invitations to Events

It is beneficial to the fleet and the World Class to have as many different participants in these events as possible. All invitations to the Marblehead Fleet to participate in sailing or social events within and outside of Marblehead shall be directed to the president.

For events that require qualification (as set forth in the fleet scoring requirements) the President shall offer the invitation to the owner that qualified for the event. If the owner is not the regular skipper of the boat (as defined in the World Class By-laws) then the owner may, with the permission of the fleet officers, have the skipper to represent him at the event.

If neither the owner nor the skipper can attend the event, they shall notify the president in a timely manner and the president shall pass on the invitation to the next qualified boat ... and so on until the invitation is accepted. If the fleet receives more than one invitation to an event then the president shall start at the top of the list of qualifiers and follow the procedure above in extending each invitation.

Every effort shall be made by the qualifying boat(s) to represent the fleet with the crew that normally sails on the boat. The boat(s) representing the fleet shall provide in a timely manner the Class Officers with a crew list for the event. If the Class Officers determine that the crew list is not representative of the boat or Marblehead as a fleet (and the owner cannot make the boat representative) then the Class Officers may decide to pass the invitation on to the next qualified boat.

For events that do not have a qualification (or where no qualified boat can attend), the Class Officers shall determine who shall represent the fleet.

Article 10: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any Spring, Fall or Special Business Meeting by a two thirds vote of the boats represented. Any amendments approved at a meeting must be distributed to all members within thirty days of the meeting.

Article 11: Review of This Constitution

At least every eight years, the president shall charter a Special Committee to review and update this document for submission to the fleet for ratification. Copies of this document shall be sent to Fleet members, Associates, the World Class Secretary, and all individual IOD fleet secretaries worldwide.

Article 12: Summary

This constitution, and One-Design Plans represents the experience of over two hundred owners and skippers covering over five decades of competitive racing. They have been tightened to provide fairer racing, yet simplified for easier reference and compliance. Observance in both spirit and letter is essential to preserve and further the International One Design Class.

This Constitution, Rules, Regulations, and One-Design Plans adopted by a two thirds majority on _____ 1998.

Timothy Dittrich, President

Peter Stahle, Secretary

All questions, suggestions, and rule interpretations should be directed to the Committee Chairmen -- with recourse when necessary to the Class Officers.

BY LAWS

1. One Design Specifications

The Marblehead Fleet shall consist of yachts designed and built in accordance with the applicable sections of the World Class By-laws except as amended by the following bylaws.

The following table lists One Design Plans that may be used for reference in determining compliance to one design specifications:

I	Lines with Table of Offsets	Dated June 1936
II	Construction and Working Plan	Revised March 1963
III	Additional Construction Detail	Dated December 1965
IV	Spar and Rigging Plan	Dated March 1959
V	One Design Fitting Specifications	Dated may 1964
VI	Sail Plans	Latest Purchase
VII	General Specifications List	Revised January 1961
VIII	Measurement Check List	Dated March 15, 1964

Exceptions and Options

Description	Notes
Plywood Decks Short Cabin	Mandatory - yachts built 1960 on In order to allow for personal taste and comfort, non structural interior changes are allowed.
Rudder Heel Pintle	Mandatory - yachts built 1960 on
Mast Step	Size and Weight Optional Additional strengthening in the area of mast step including extra strapping is permitted.
Gooseneck	Swivel optional
Jumper Stays	May be lead through the deck
Cockpit Seats	See World Constitution
Cabin Benches	Mandatory according to plans

In order to stimulate individual initiative and improve control, all other fittings and rigging not specified in the Class Plans shall be optional.

Measurement Certificate

In order to be scored, eligible for prizes, and to vote, a yacht must conform to all Class Plans and all Class Rules here in and be so certified as checked on Plate VIII by the Technical committee and Class chairman. Such signed measurement certificate shall be valid until accident, challenge, or change in ownership.

2. Special Regulations

Rigging

All standing rigging must be attached to the One-Design fittings at the points so designated in the Spar and Rigging Plan (except the Jumper Stays which may be led from the lower spreader base to any desired point). All running rigging sizes and lengths are optional, but Main and Jib and Spinnaker halyards must be led over sheaves at the designated One Design hoist positions.

Sails

Sails are to be purchased according to the following plan. All boats in the fleet will purchase sails at the same time from the same sailmaker. A sailmaker will be chosen by the technical committee which may hold a competition between interested sailmakers or be directed by a majority vote of the yachts. Sails will be ordered as a lot with each yacht sharing equally in the cost prior to receipt of the sails. Sails shall be accepted by the technical committee when convinced that the quality and manufacture meet one design standards.

A yacht choosing not to purchase sails shall be allowed to continue racing with her most current sails and shall not be allowed to purchase new sails until the next fleet purchase of that sail.

A new boat owner may elect to purchase new sails for any sail in the inventory that is not current. The Class Officers may intervene and restrict or prohibit any sail purchase resulting from a yacht purchase that they feel was arranged with the intent of enabling the purchase of new sails for tactical advantage.

Sails will be distributed to yachts by drawing lots by the Technical Committee and at least two other yacht owners. No inspection and selection by any one yacht is allowed. The schedule of purchase will be decided as necessary at regular meetings of the fleet with input from the technical chairman. Should a Schedule of Sail Purchase be developed and passed by the fleet, this schedule shall be made available to all owners and to all new owners who join the fleet during the period that the plan is in effect.

No alterations, re-roping, or re-cutting of sails is permitted without prior written approval of the Class. The sails must be measured and conform to the sail specifications after being altered.

Once purchased, each sail becomes part of the inventory of that yacht and that original number. Only the Jib, Mainsail, and Spinnaker of the latest class purchase may be used in official class races.

If a current sail becomes unusable (not just wet or tactically undesirable for some other reason), a prior sail may be used in a subsequent race, but not in the same race that the sail was rendered unusable.

The technical committee may allow experimental sails to be used.

Trim

No movable inside trim ballast will be allowed at any time. No unusual amount of weight or equipment may be carried except a reasonably sized outboard motor (Maximum 77 lbs.), and an average fuel can (maximum 56 lbs.). Neither will any unusual lightening or stripping of the interior be allowed. Any boat which is underweight must have weights added in accordance with the following instructions:

- A maximum of 200 lbs. to be added at the mast step between the lifting eye position and the front of the mast step.
- The remaining weight must be distributed evenly throughout the boat as directed by the technical committee.

Crew Limit

There is no limit on crew size.

Haul-outs

Haul-outs shall be limited to two per season. Haul-outs to inspect or repair damage shall not be counted unless during the haul out a tactical advantage is gained through such activities as substantial bottom cleaning, sanding or painting etc.

Racing Rules

All Marblehead IOD Fleet Races shall be sailed in accordance with the sailing instructions. Normally this will be under the US Sailing Rules as modified by the Marblehead Racing Association.

The world Championship shall be sailed in accordance with the World Constitution and By-Laws.

3. Challenges

Any challenge regarding a yacht meeting specification must be in writing to the Class Officers. The loser shall pay all special measurement costs.

A yacht when challenged, shall be re measured. If sustained, i.e., deviations are found to specifications, all prizes won by that yacht during the current season shall be forfeited. Prizes will be awarded to boats next in standing.