

DF65 USA Class Owners Association Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the DF65 US Class Owners Association (DF65 USCOA).

Article II. Emblem

The emblem shall be as described in the DragonForce 65 Restricted Class Rules with allowance of an additional marking distinguishing it as USCOA.

Article III. Object

To promote the DF65 Class under the DF65 Restricted Class Rules, and to act as the National Class Authority (NCA) for the United States in support of any possible DF65 International Class Authority (ICA) development.

To encourage, support and promote DragonForce 65 sailing and racing in the United States.

To ensure adherence to the class rules so as to maintain the 'restricted' concept of the class.

To promote membership in the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA).

Article IV. Policy

To aid members with technical information and assistance, encourage vendors by disseminating product information, and promote friendly competition in the Corinthian Spirit.

Article V: Jurisdiction

The Constitution, Bylaws and published DF65 Restricted Class Rules available at <http://DragonForce65.us> are binding on all COA members.

Article VI. Membership

Membership of the DF65 USCOA shall be open to all DragonForce 65 boat owners upon application to and acceptance by the Class Secretary.

Article VII. Organization

The DF65 USCOA is formed under its own authority.

Article VIII. Administration

Officers of the COA shall consist of a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of one representative from each Region as defined by the AMYA.

Article IX. Ratification

Initial ratification of the Constitution and Bylaws and acceptance of the DF65 Restricted Class Rules will be established by the founding Board of Directors of the DF65 USCOA.

Article X. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended as specified in the Bylaws.

BYLAWS

1. Administration

1.1 Officers

The officers of the COA shall consist of members as described in [Article VIII Administration](#). One of those Directors will be the Class Secretary whose selection is described in section 1.2. Each Director must be an American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) member. The Directors will serve a two year elected term. One of the Directors, as chosen by the Directors, will serve as the COA National Class Authority representative to any potential International Class Authority. Should a Region have insufficient membership to muster a Regional Director, the Board shall vote to select one of the members as temporary Regional Director for the region.

1.2 Selection of Directors

Any qualified COA member may volunteer for position of Director no later than the First of April each odd numbered year. A slate of current Directors, who wish to continue serving, plus new volunteers, shall be submitted to membership of the COA for a vote within 30 days. Each candidate may place a statement of qualifications on this ballot. Each COA member shall be entitled to vote for candidates in their region as well as Class Secretary. Ties will be resolved by a flip of a coin. At any time the position of Class Secretary may be transferred to one of the other Directors providing two-thirds majority of voting officers approval of the Directors. In the case that a Director becomes unwilling or unable to finish their term, the remaining Directors shall issue a call for volunteers and hold a special election under the procedures as defined for regular elections. The Director chosen in a special election will serve for the remainder of the original term and shall be eligible for reelection at the regularly scheduled biennial election.

1.3 Other Administrative Posts

Directors may appoint other individuals to administrative or support posts as required.

1.4 Conduct of Business

All business, elections, notifications, etc. shall be by means of the Internet. Documents generated during the conduct of COA business shall be maintained in electronic form in multiple locations. Funds collected by COA shall be maintained in a separate account accessible by Directors or designated administrative persons. In all matters calling for an election or a polling of the membership, these elections or polls shall be conducted on the basis of one vote per member.

2. Membership

2.1 Classes of Membership

There shall be one class of Membership, Registered. To become a Registered Member, an individual must own a DragonForce 65, submit a completed application and pay the sail registry fee.

2.2 Nondiscrimination

Section 2.1 shall be sole criterion for qualifying for membership.

2.3 Member Privacy

The only information about a member which the DF65 USCOA may publicly release shall be the member's name, city and state of residence, AMYA membership number, and sail number as submitted in their membership application. No other personal information about any member shall be released by the COA without the explicit permission of that member.

2.4 Removal for Cause

A member may be removed or suspended for cause by a two-thirds majority of voting of Officers. The member shall be given full opportunity to review and respond to any allegations and evidence prior to Directors' vote. If the allegations are against a Director, the remaining Directors shall unanimously appoint an independent third party to review allegations and evidence and cast that Director's vote. This process shall maintain the privacy of the members involved in the matter.

3. Registration of Boats

3.1 Sail Number

Each member shall receive a sail number upon achieving Registered Member status. This number plus the DF65 Class Emblem shall be displayed on the sails of all boats owned by the member in the manner called out by the Restricted Class Rules. A member may apply for a specific number of no more than four digits and if that number is unassigned it shall be granted.

4. Class Rules

4.1 Rules

The class rules shall be the DF65 Restricted Class Rules as issued by the Builder. (The term “Builder” is defined in the DF65 Restricted Class Rules.

4.2 Changes to International Rules

Should the COA join an International Association, the process for proposed changes shall be to distribute to COA members proposed changes and the membership shall be polled as to their preferences. The Class Secretary shall then cast the DF65 USCOA vote in accordance with those poll results.

5. Certificate

5.1 Certificate

No measurement certificate is required; however, boats may be subject to inspection by the race committee at registration or at any time during a regatta or series to determine compliance with the DF65 Restricted Class Rules. If a boat is found to be noncompliant during a regatta, the race committee may require any action up to and including the withdrawal of the boat from competition.

5.2 Measurement at Events

A boat shall be measured upon owner’s request, or if the boat is protested.

6. National / Regional Championship Regattas

Directors shall designate one regatta per year as the DF65 US National Championship.

Regional championships may be awarded by the Directors, a maximum one regional championship per year, per region, based on suitable bids placed by clubs within that region.

7. Amendments to Governing Documents

7.1 Any COA member may propose an amendment to the governing documents. Upon two-thirds majority of voting officers approval, the proposed amendment shall be distributed to the membership and a vote held. A two-thirds majority of COA registered AMYA members who cast ballot shall be required to submit the amendment to the Builder for consideration of Restricted Class Rules. At no time shall these COA governing documents conflict with the Restricted Class Rules as issued by the Builder. These COA governing documents will abide by all applicable provisions of the AMYA.