

SCIRA Proposal Form

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Summary: Constitution, sections 23, 24, 25, 30 update

Affects:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | By-Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> | Class Rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deed of Gift | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rules of Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> | NoR or SI Template |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | | | | |

Objective: to align the Constitution with the current situation; to give more flexibility to the rules.

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red): *Example: By Laws: Section 1. Racing Season*

The official ~~racing~~ sailing season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Section 23.3 Board Meetings: ~~Bi-annual meetings~~ **an official meeting** shall be held in conjunction with the absolute World Championship to facilitate attendance. A quorum shall be an absolute majority of the voting Board of Governors in attendance. ~~The Commodore, when petitioned by an absolute majority of the members of the Board of Governors, shall call an official meeting of the Board of Governors. The Commodore shall choose a time and place for the meeting, which shall be held within three months if petitioned, and the Executive Director shall give notice to all members of the Board of Governors at least thirty days in advance. The Commodore, even when petitioned by another member of the Board of Governors, can call a meeting of the Board of Governors through tele conferencing or video conferencing. The Commodore shall choose a date and a time according to the needs of the other members, and the Executive Director shall give notice to all members of the Board of Governors at least seven days in advance.~~

The following paragraphes remain unchanged.

Reasons:

1. to update the Constitution to the current situation due to the Covid pandemic.
2. to delete unnecessary meetings not practicable with the current media possibilities.

Section 23.4 Meeting Agenda: [...] All proposals related to the Class ~~Measurement~~ Rules and **the Rules of Conduct Restrictions** must first be referred to the International Rules Committee, which shall report out the proposal and its advice. This proposal shall become an item of the next agenda.

Reasons:

1. to align the wording to the current 2021 version.

¹ Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to 1st March.

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Section 24. General Secretaries

The General Secretaries designated in Section 23 shall be elected every two years, to take office on even-numbered years at a meeting of National Secretaries at the European or Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship regattas **or via video conferencing**. The chairman of these meetings shall be the current Hemisphere General Secretary, or if he is not present, the National Secretary of the country where the Championship is held. Designated representatives may represent Secretaries not present from their countries who may vote for them but otherwise, proxy voting shall not be allowed. Voting by mail, e-mail or fax shall be permitted. The individual receiving the most votes shall serve as Hemisphere Secretary for the next two years.

Reasons:

1. to allow meetings via video conferencing.

Section 25. Election of Officers

The Board of Governors shall have the sole power to nominate and elect the Officers of the Association for the ensuing term, such election to take place as soon as feasible after the general meeting held at the World Championship races **or the ballot called via video conferencing**.

By August first of each year, the Commodore shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the nomination of members for office. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, or the Executive Director, shall promptly notify each voting member of the Board of Governors of said appointments and shall call for nominations to be received by October first. Nominations of the Nominating Committee may be supplemented by nominations by any member of the Board of Governors. If more than one name is placed in nomination for a given position, all names shall be shown on the ballot. The Executive Director shall mail, fax or e-mail ballots to each voting member by November first. They shall be completed and returned to the Executive Director by December first. Officers shall be elected as follows or until their successors are duly elected. Commodore will be elected for a 2 year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Vice Commodore will be elected for a 2 year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Chairman of the International Rules Committee will serve a 4 year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. The Treasurer will serve a 4 year term, re-electable only once consecutively. ~~The General Secretaries shall be elected every two years to take office on even-numbered years at a meeting of National Secretaries at the European and Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship regattas. The Secretary shall be elected for a 2 year term. Generally, they will assume office as of January 1st of each year.~~

Reasons:

1. to allow elections via ballots called at video conferencing.

Section 30. Amendments

Proposed amendments to Constitution, ~~or By-Laws changes to~~ **Class Rules or Rules of Conduct, etc.** must be submitted to the Executive Director not later than March 1st of each year for consideration by the Board of Governors and Rules Committee. Amendments to the Class Rules are subject to approval of WS in accordance with WS Regulations. **Changes to the Deeds of Gift shall be approved by the Board of Governors at any time to be effective on January 1st of the following year.**

Reasons:

1. to align the wording with the current Section 28;