

ARTICLES OF INDENTURE
(and Statement of Ethics)

I, _____, hereafter referred to as "Crew" do hereby agree with _____, hereafter referred to as "Skipper" to the following ARTICLES OF INDENTURE (and Statement of Ethics), TO WIT:

DUTIES OF CREW AT ALL TIMES

ARTICLE I: To be handy and available for all duties and at all times as "Skipper" may direct. The word "handy" shall be interpreted as meaning keeping all parts of the body inboard when rounding buoys, hauling on various lines, sheets, winches and gadgets, and above all, not falling overboard. The word "available" shall be interpreted as meaning that if time is available, "Crew" shall rig, scrub decks, polish brass, and otherwise be useful (at the Skippers option and in the Skipper's opinion).

DEFINITION OF TIME

ARTICLE II: Time is a modern concept, conceivable only to the higher mammals, including Race Committees. Crew shall be "on time". Skipper shall have the exclusive privilege of designating what "on time" means.

LANGUAGE

ARTICLE III: Crew shall watch "language" while aboard ship at all times, especially while young people of any age are aboard. However, this Article shall not prevent any Crew from cussing out any boat, Skipper or Crew who presumes to foul up any maneuver of Crew's Skipper.

OPINION

ARTICLE IV: Crew is entitled to an opinion. Under Standard Operating Procedure, verbal expression of Crew's opinion is not desired. However, when Crew is on look-out duty and crash seems imminent, Crew may say to Skipper "oh, Oh, OHHHH!!!"

PERIOD OF INDENTURE

ARTICLE V: Crew agrees to serve with Skipper from _____
to _____.

SECRETS

ARTICLES VI: Crew hereby agrees NEVER to divulge Skipper's racing tactics, particularly when Skipper tacks or jibes accidentally, lays course for wrong buoy, or takes buoy to wrong hand. Crew agrees to keep secret all fouls committed by Skipper.

ETHICS

ARTICLE VII: It shall be most highly unethical for any Crew to be enticed away from any Skipper to which he or she is indentured (or vice versa). It shall be positively unheard of for any Crew to jump ship from a slower ship with less attractive (or more stupid) Skipper to a faster ship with a more attractive (or less stupid) Skipper. (Vice versa might not be so despicable in this case.)

CONSIDERATION

ARTICLE VIII: Any indenture, agreement or contract, to be legal and binding, must have a "consideration". As the sport of sailboat racing is one in which amateurs only may compete, it is obviously impossible for any monetary consideration or remuneration to flow from Skipper to Crew. However, the Skipper shall give the Crew a lot of consideration and the Crew shall give the Skipper a lot of consideration too. This mutual consideration shall not in any case, however, be taxable or in any other way damaging to the amateur standing of either party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 195 .

Crew _____

Skipper _____

In the presence of:
