

NATIONAL CLASS A SCOW ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

(Last Revised January 26, 2003)

ARTICLE 1

Name

The name on the organization shall be the NATIONAL CLASS A SCOW ASSOCIATION, INC., abbreviated to NCASA, Inc.

ARTICLE 2

Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be to encourage and promote amateur yacht racing in national class A scows; to establish and enforce scantling rules and specifications of class A scows; to advance the continued evolutionary development of the class A scow through the development and enforcement of the scantling rules; to avoid the rapid obsolescence of yachts through radical changes in the scantling rules or specifications; and to carry on such other activities as may be proper in the furtherance of these objectives and purposes.

ARTICLE 3

Organization

- A. The association shall consist of Regular and Non-Owner Helmsman members. Regular members shall be owners of National Class A scows. Only Regular members in good standing or, by proxy of the boat's regular member, the boat's Non-Owner Helmsman in good standing shall be allowed to vote on association matters. The intent is to allow one vote per boat.
- B. The association shall be governed by a board of directors elected by the regular members for two-year terms; three of whom shall be officers: Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Secretary-Treasurer. There shall be four directors at large elected by the membership for two year staggered terms. Any vacancies shall be filled by the board for the balance of the term.
- C. The powers of the association shall be vested in and administered by the board of directors.
- D. The board of directors shall appoint such other officers and committees as may be necessary to effect and carry out the purposes of the association.

ARTICLE 4
Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the association shall run coterminous with the calendar year.

ARTICLE 5
Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the membership which shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board may schedule such other membership meetings as they deem necessary.

The agenda of the annual meeting shall be developed by the Commodore. The agenda will be distributed to regular members at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The time and place of the meeting shall be included in that notice, if possible. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the procedural rules.

ARTICLE 6
Scantling Rules

The Board shall adopt initial scantling rules. Subsequent changes shall be submitted to the regular membership. Such proposed changes shall require advance notice and then discussion at a scheduled meeting; subsequent to such meeting, they shall be submitted to the regular membership by mail vote. A majority of the regular members is required for adoption; in the event of an emergency, as determined by the Board, the procedure may be truncated but then shall require a two-thirds vote of the regular membership.

ARTICLE 7
Experimental Projects

In the spirit of evolutionary development of the class, experimental projects are encouraged. Experimental projects must be submitted to the board of directors in writing. The proposer shall clearly and in detail indicate the nature of the experiment; the scantling rule affected; the method of evaluation, and; the proposed duration of the project. No project may take more than three years.

The board of directors shall review the proposed project and submit it to the regular membership for a majority vote approval with the board's recommendation. The board may add its prescriptions and requirements to the project.

Such projects, when approved, shall be allowed to sail in all class A events on an "exhibition" basis for the duration of the project. Exhibition participants shall not be scored but shall rank as competitors.

Every project shall be required to submit an annual evaluation in writing consistent with the purposes of the project. Failure to do so will terminate the experiment.

ARTICLE 8 Amendments

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be made pursuant to the laws of the state of incorporation. Proposals to change the by-laws may be made either upon recommendation of the board of directors or a petition signed by one-third of the regular members. Such proposed changes, to be effective, require approval by a vote of two-thirds of the regular members by mail ballot.

ARTICLE 9 Voting

The board of directors shall prescribe a method of mail balloting which may include an e-mail option. In any event, any matters for submittal shall include a return date or “last day” for voting.

On this 26th day of January 2003.

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