



INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE ASSOCIATION

A. Name

1. The name of the association shall be the International Six Metre Association (ISMA).

B. Objects

1. The objects of ISMA shall be:
 - a. to represent the International Six Metre Class before World Sailing as the international organization for the Class;
 - b. to organize and supervise the international activities of the Class;
 - c. to enact and enforce the International Six Metre Class rules;
 - d. to promote, develop and govern international regattas for the International Six Metre Class throughout the world; and
 - e. to circulate information among the National Associations, International Six Metre sailors and the sailing community in general.

C. Membership

1. The members of ISMA are the National Associations of owners of International Six Metre yachts.
2. A National Association of International Six Metre owners may join ISMA by certifying that it will adhere to its By-Laws.
3. All National Associations shall accept membership applications made by International Six Metre owners who are either residing or keeping their yachts in the country of their jurisdiction. National Associations may also admit members who are not owners of an International Six Metre yacht.

4. Owners of International Six Metre yachts are affiliated with ISMA as individual members through their respective National Association. However, those owners residing or keeping their yachts in countries where no National Association in good standing exists may join ISMA directly or through another National Association.

D. Membership Dues

1. National Associations shall pay annually to ISMA membership dues according to the number of owners of International Six Metre yachts they represent.
2. Membership dues must be paid before May 1st of each year. National Associations will submit to ISMA a list giving details of the yachts and owners that they represent.
3. If a National Association fails to pay such dues, it will no longer be a member of ISMA of good standing.
4. Each National Association will cast votes at General Assemblies or when a mail vote is organized equal to the number of yachts for which it has paid membership dues during the preceding year.

E. General Meetings

1. The General Meeting is the governing body of ISMA. As a general rule, General Meetings are held at the same time and place as the World Championship and, in years where no World Championship is taking place, at the same time and place as some other major International Six Metre event. General Meetings are called by the President with one month's notice.
2. All National Associations in good standing are entitled to attend General Meetings and to cast one vote for each International Six Metre yacht for which the owner has paid dues in the preceding year. Individual members may attend General Meetings, but they are not entitled to vote.
3. Each National Association shall designate in writing one person who will act as its representative at General Meetings.
4. The purpose of the General Meeting shall be to:
 - a. adopt the Rating Rules and Measurement Instructions, subject to approval by World Sailing where applicable;
 - b. establish the membership dues;
 - c. approve the accounts;

- d. elect the President and the other officers of ISMA and the members of the Executive Committee;
 - e. attend to all matters submitted to it by the President; and
 - f. amend these By-Laws.
5. One half of the National Associations in good standing shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote shall decide all matters.
6. A decision regarding an issue which should normally be submitted to the General Meeting may also be made by a mail vote. A mail vote is valid when a majority of the National Associations in good standing concur.

F. Officers

1. The President is the official representative of ISMA and the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
2. Five Vice-Presidents shall assist the President and assume his duties in his absence, appointed by the agreement of the Vice-Presidents. One Vice-President shall be nominated as Vice-President (Technical). The officers of ISMA may additionally nominate Vice-Presidents to undertake specific responsibilities, for example: Classics, Marketing, Open Division, and Racing.
3. The Secretary keeps the minutes and books of ISMA. The Board upon a proposal by its President has the option of hiring a permanent "Executive Secretary" who would assume the secretarial duties and also act as Secretary for technical issues under the direction of the Vice-President (Technical). The Executive Secretary will also manage the administration of the Association's finances under the supervision of the elected Treasurer.
4. The Treasurer keeps the financial records of ISMA and shall prepare bi-annual reports on the financial status of ISMA for presentation at the General Meeting and at the year end.
5. All offices are held for two years. In case of vacancies, the President shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the next General Meeting.
6. Each officer shall be elected at the start of the term in which they serve, except that the President shall be elected at the General Meeting in the year before his term is due to begin and serve as President-elect until the following General Meeting.

G. Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall include the President, the Vice-President(s), the Secretary, and the Treasurer. To ensure the inclusion of the fleets which are not represented by an officer

of the Association as defined in Section F above, those fleets shall be invited to nominate one representative to serve on the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

- a. handling all current business;
- b. collecting dues and hull royalties;
- c. publishing a class magazine; and
- d. maintaining contacts with World Sailing, National Associations and yacht clubs organizing major racing events for the Class.

H. Technical Committee

1. The Technical Committee of ISMA shall be chaired by the Vice-President (Technical). The President, the Executive Secretary and the Vice Presidents (Open Division and Classics) shall be members ex officio. The Technical Committee shall have the power to co-opt technical experts at its discretion. In the absence of the Vice-President (Technical), the President or one of the other Vice-Presidents shall take the chair.

2. Proposals to amend the Rating Rule or Measurement Instructions shall be considered by the Technical Committee which shall prepare a report and recommend approval, amendment or rejection of the proposal by a General Meeting.

3. The Technical Committee is charged with the administration of requests for certification from those countries where the National Authority is unable or unwilling to undertake the task, and organising the analysis and approval of ISMA building forms as required by Class Rule 26.

4. The Technical Committee will be responsible for the appointment of a class measurer, who should normally be an International Measurer accredited to the International Six Metre Class. Such class measurer shall, ex officio, be a member of the Technical Committee.

I. Election of Officers

1. The Executive Committee shall, not less than three months in advance of the AGM, propose candidates for election for the upcoming term. The names of the proposed candidates shall be announced on the ISMA website.

2. National Six Metre Authorities can propose opposing slates of officials to be elected, by submitting their list of candidates to the Secretary not later than two months prior to the Annual General Meeting. Opposing slates shall be announced on the ISMA website.

K. Pennant

1. ISMA has adopted a red/blue triangular pennant (or burgee) for the class.
2. The use of the pennant shall be governed by a “Pennant Rule”, which can be changed by a decision of the General Meeting.

This edition of the Constitution has been amended to reflect the resolutions made at the AGM in Sanxenxo on 14 September 2021 (Minute 9.3).