

# NORTHWESTERN ICE YACHTING ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I -- GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The government of this association shall be vested in the seven (7) members, subject to the will of the membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the property and management of the association, subject to the will of the membership. Funds of the association shall be withdrawn from the bank or banks with which they are on deposit by the joint signature of the Commodore and Treasurer.

Section 3. Vacancies in the Board of Directors or in any office shall be filled by vote of the Board of Directors; such as appointees to serve for the duration of the term of the individual being replaced or until the next regular election.

## ARTICLE II -- DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for the member clubs of this association shall be determined by the Board of Directors, as shall be the manner of payment.

Section 2. Dues shall be \$20.00 for each member club, and shall be payable upon receipt of bill from Secretary-Treasurer.

## ARTICLE III -- ELECTIONS

Section 1. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual election the Commodore shall appoint with the approval of the Board of Directors, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) members.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall, at its meeting prior to the annual election, select and recommend nominees for each office. The slate shall be posted on the official bulletin board at the start of the regatta.

Section 3. Any member of any affiliated club may be nominated from the floor for any office.

Section 4. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election to any office. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the members shall vote, in subsequent ballots, on the two (or more in case of tie) candidates who had received the highest number of votes.

Section 5. At the annual election there shall be elected a Commodore, a Vice-Commodore, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall also be Directors.

The retiring Commodore shall remain as a Director for the ensuing year.

Additional Directors shall be elected so as to bring the total number of Directors to seven.

Section 6. Each member club shall be entitled to two voting representatives, and one of these may be one of the association officers, but only in the case that two of the members of his club are not present. The officers shall not vote except as herein before provided, and also in case of a tie vote, in which case each officer shall cast his vote individually.

Section 7. Officers and Directors shall take office on April 1st of each year.

## **ARTICLE IV -- MEETINGS**

Section 1. The annual election meeting of the association shall be held during the Annual Regatta each year, and notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each member club at its last know address at least ten (10) days prior thereto. Failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such annual meeting or any proceedings at such meeting.

Section 2. The association shall hold other meetings for the membership at time and dates to be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. At meetings of the association, representatives of three member clubs shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at pre-arranged dates or at the call of the Commodore. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Special meetings of the membership or of the Board of Directors shall be called by the Commodore or by the Secretary at the request of at least five (5) member clubs.

Section 6. All meetings of the association shall be at the office of the association at South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, or at such other places as the Directors may determine.

Section 7. Only subject matter that is on the agenda may be voted upon at the annual meeting. The secretary will prepare the agenda from requests by the member clubs. Copies of the agenda will be furnished to the member clubs thirty days before the annual meeting. This is to allow the member clubs to instruct their delegates.

Section 8. Items voted down at the annual meeting, can not be placed on the agenda again for at least a two year interval.

## **ARTICLE V -- COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine the committees deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the object and purpose of the association.

Section 2. All Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members shall be appointed by the Commodore subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The N.I.Y.A. shall establish a safety committee that will be charged with developing regatta safety standards and procedures.

## **ARTICLE VI -- RULES OF ORDERS**

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings of the association and its constituent parts except as provided in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VII -- CHANGES IN RACING RULES**

Section 1. Racing rules may be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the voting representatives present at the annual meeting of the association.

Section 2. Any rule passed at a meeting before the races start will be enforced for that regatta.

## ARTICLE VIII -- PENNANT

Section 1. The official association pennant shall be a triangular burgee of navy blue with white letters N.I.Y.A. with a hoist of 16 inches and a length of 24 inches.

## ARTICLE IX -- ANNUAL REGATTA

Section 1. The association shall hold an annual regatta at site selected by the N.I.Y.A. Regatta Committee. It is recommended that the Sunday prior to the Regatta be used for determining the possible regatta site. This information shall be available by 6:00 PM CST. The decision to call or postpone or cancel a regatta must be made by 12:00 noon CST on Wednesday for the second day prior to the regatta. Every attempt will be made prior to the first Friday in February to put one weekend between a complete N.I.Y.A. regatta and a rescheduled I.S.A. regatta (or vice versa). If neither the N.I.Y.A. regatta or the I.S.A. regatta (or both) is not completed on the first Sunday in February, they will be rescheduled weekly until completed.

Section 2. Each yacht entered in the annual regatta shall pay a registration fee of \$15.00. Such entry fee is to be turned over to the association treasurer.

Section 3. The annual regatta shall be held on the third weekend in January for three consecutive days, i.e. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. At least three races must be completed in any class at the Annual Regatta before a championship or place can be awarded for that class. When the four classes A, B, C, and D race together, three races sailed by at least two of the four classes constitute a complete regatta for all four classes. In the event of an incomplete regatta for any class, all completed races for that class are canceled and the regatta for that class starts from scratch on the later date. Any class completing 3 races will be considered complete and not rescheduled.

Section 4. Yachts shall be classified according to sail area as follows:

Class A **	251 to unlimited
Class B **	176 to 250 sq. ft.
Class C **	126 to 175 sq. ft.
Class D **	76 to 125 sq. ft.
Class E *	shall be regulated by the I.S.A. specifications
ISA B and C Skeeter*	shall be regulated by the I.S.A. specifications
Renegade *	One-design
DN Sr. *	One-design (18 years and older)
DN Jr. *	One-design (Under 18 years of age)

\* All boats in One-design classes & Skeeter Class Yachts shall be regulated by their individual class specifications and regulations.

\*\*Front Steering Yachts not allowed in Class A, B, C, & D.

Section 5. Sails shall be measured by the member clubs and stamped with a rubber stamp indicating the class and the date measured. At the annual regatta, sails shall be measured only upon request when the sail area of a yacht has been questioned.

Section 6. After the regatta has been called "on" and entrants have made the trip to the regatta and after two such weekends if it has still not been completed, the regatta shall be canceled for the season.

Section 7. A yacht may race only in its class, except for the Championship race.

Classes A, B, C and D may race at the same time at the option of the Race Committee. When classes A, B, C and D race together each class shall compete for its own prize and for the overall Stern-Steerer Trophy provided by the WSSA.

ISA B and C Skeeter sail together and shall have a separate start if 4 or more yachts are registered. When less than four are registered, they shall race in class E.

The DN Senior and DN Junior fleets will race together and line up on the starting line as one fleet. After the first race, they shall line up according to their finish in the previous race. The DN Junior skipper will be eligible to win the DN Senior trophies. The DN Junior trophies will be awarded to the DN Juniors according to their standings in the combined DN Junior and Senior results.

DN Juniors shall register at the registration desk if they intend to race as juniors. Later notification will not be permitted.

Class A will compete for the N.I.Y.A. Class A Championship at a place and time to be set by the "A" boat skippers if the designated regatta site conflicts with the "A" boat entries. All races to be held under the auspices of the N.I.Y.A. The "A" boat fleet is to elect a fleet captain to coordinate scheduling, trophies and awards with the N.I.Y.A. and the I.S.A. whenever possible.

Class A boats in the N.I.Y.A. Regatta held in Wisconsin or Upper Michigan may be held at the same date and location as other classes.

Class A races may be held separately in Wisconsin or Upper Michigan if the N.I.Y.A. Regatta is held outside that area.

Section 8. Nine races in each class and one championship race shall be sailed, though a lesser number of races (but not less than three in each class) may be sailed if the Board of Directors so decides.

Section 9. On the last day of the regatta, a race shall be sailed to determine the Regatta Champion. The entries shall be limited to the skippers of the first and second place yachts in each race for classes A, B, C, D, E, Renegade and DN. The defending champion is also eligible. For this race, qualified skippers may sail a yacht from any of the above mentioned classes, except DN. The N.I.Y.A. is under no obligation to secure yachts for qualifying skippers.

Section 10. The length of the races for Classes A, B, C, D, E, and Renegade shall be eight (8) miles.

The length of the DN races shall be approximately two-thirds of the above distance.

The Championship Race shall be not less than fifteen (15) miles, or more than twenty (20) miles in length.

Section 11. All competing yachts shall display a racing number on both sides of her mainsail. The number shall be a contrasting color, and shall conform to all class rules. Numbers in all A, B, C, and D classes shall not be less than twelve (12) inches in height.

All competing yachts in Classes A, B, C and D shall bear a name on both sides of the hull. All other classes shall conform to their class rules regarding names on their hulls. No yacht shall be disqualified for not having a name on her hull, except after being officially warned and given until the first race of the next day's racing to comply.

Section 12. Starting positions of the yacht for the first race in each class shall be drawn in the starting area after registration has closed. Late entrants are to contact scoring for starting positions.

Starting positions thereafter shall be by the finishing position in previous race. The finish position of a yacht being disqualified will not be filled by moving the other yachts up.

Section 13. No yacht shall be entered from any club unless it is the bona fide property of a member, or members of such club or shall have been chartered in good faith for a period of not less than thirty days. The person or persons chartering a yacht shall be deemed the owner, or owners.

An owner shall not enter more than one yacht in any class.

Persons whose name is on entry shall be deemed the owner of yacht and any substitution of skippers for each race must be declared at time of registration.

Section 14. Electronics, Hydraulics, or mechanical sheeting devices other than the main sheeting device are prohibited for any Northwest class other than Stern Steerers.

## **Article X -- Races**

Section 1. All races will be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority. In case of a question as to meanings or interpretations, the ruling of the NIA shall apply.

Section 2. The N.I.Y.A. Regatta Committee shall be responsible for proper management of the Regatta in accordance with Article IX of the By-Laws -- Annual Regatta and shall appoint a race committee of three members, a scorer, sail measurer, a protest committee of five members and any other necessary officials.

The Commodore shall provide any assistance requested by the N.I.Y.A. Regatta Committee. The host club shall provide adequate first aid equipment at the course and other equipment requested by the Regatta Committee.

The prospective and actual Host Club for the Annual Regatta will be allowed to submit a list of actual expenses incurred for reimbursement by N.I.Y.A. up to a maximum of \$150.00. The money must be used for actual running of the regatta and not social events.

Section 3. Whenever possible the Race Committee shall set up two courses so that satisfactory sailing conditions may be fully utilized.

Section 4. Steady wind of 25 MPH or more or temperature below 10°F may be used as guidelines for postponement of a race.

The Race Committee may consider starting races with winds over 25 MPH or temperature under 10°F if the combination of wind, temperature and ice conditions permit.

Section 5. The time limit will be 7 1/2 minutes per mile. Any yacht finishing more than 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).

Section 6. Intention to protest must be reported to the race committee and scoring immediately after the race. A written protest must be filed with the Northwestern Regatta Committee at Regatta Headquarters within two hours of the last race of the day. An official form must be used.

Section 7. Schedule of Races (all times are local times). No race starts after 30 minutes prior to sunset as posted on Regatta Notice Board. At the discretion of the Race Committee, the starting order and time for Saturday and Sunday may be altered to allow make-up races to be moved to the front of the rotation. Such alterations in schedule shall be posted on Friday and Saturday evening on the Regatta Notice Board.

<b>Friday</b>	8:30 A.M. -- 9:30 A.M.	Registration		
	10:00 A.M.	DN	*DN	*DN
		Renegade	Renegade	Renegade
		E	E	E
		A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D
		ISA B&C Skeeter	ISA B&C Skeeter	ISA B&C Skeeter

<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 A.M.	DN	*DN	*DN
		Renegade	Renegade	Renegade
		E	E	E
		A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D
		ISA B & C Skeeter	ISA B & C Skeeter	ISA B & C Skeeter

\*2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> round of races Friday, Saturday and Sunday will start at a time announced by the Race Committee

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 A.M.	DN	DN	DN
		Renegade	Renegade	Renegade
		E	E	E
		*A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D
		ISA B&C Skeeter	ISA B&C Skeeter	ISA B&C Skeeter
				Free-for-All

\*If all classes have at least 3 races complete at the end of the day Saturday, Stern Steerers (A, B, C, D) will start first on Sunday.

Section 8. In order to achieve a nine race regatta, any class failing to sail all races scheduled for a given day may make up those races on subsequent days. The make-up schedule will announced and posted by the race committee each day, with the goal to have every fleet complete all of their scheduled races.

Section 9. When any class is complete with 3 or more races by 1:00 P.M. on the last day, the regatta for that class will be complete and the standings will be final.

If one class of the series starts before 3:00 P.M., the other classes needing a race to complete their regatta can start after 3:00 P.M. to complete the series.

No race will be started after 3:00 P.M. except for those classes needing a race to complete their regatta.

The Free for All will start 30 minutes after the last scheduled race.

Section 10. The marks will be Christmas trees or a mechanical device with a minimum 3' high orange material. There may be different colored marks for the DN class. Check on the Bulletin Board. There MAY be a FLASHING LIGHT near the marks. THE LIGHT IS NOT PART OF THE MARK.

Section 11. The starting signal will be the lowering of the starters' arm or flag approximately 10 seconds after he raises his arms or of flag to signify the preparatory signal. The finish of the first boat will be indicated by the dropping of a flag by the race committee.

Section 12. An area to leeward of the finish line (the Finishing Zone) will be designated with "zone markers." No yacht, sailing gear, helmsperson, crew or spectator is allowed to be parked in the Finishing Zone. The starting blocks positioned in the Finishing Zone must be left vacant until all yachts have finished the race in progress. Failure to comply with this regulation may be cause for disqualification from the day's races.

Section 13. Host club shall prepare before the regatta begins and post at the Regatta Headquarters site a detailed safety plan detailing emergency procedure. The safety plan shall include, but not be limited to, arrangements for motorized transportation on the ice, communications and first aid.

## **ARTICLE XI -- TROPHIES**

Section 1. The N.I.Y.A. possesses trophies for Classes A,B,C,D,E, Renegade, DN Sr., DN Jr., and the Regatta Free-for-All Championship. There is also a second place trophy in the Championship Race. These trophies shall be awarded to the respective winners, and may be retained for one year, or until the following regatta. The association has provided also, a perpetual trophy in Class E and DN which is to be awarded to the woman skipper who has the highest standing for the regatta in the men's races.

The N.I.Y.A. shall award Championship trophies that are to be retained permanently by the winners to the highest ranking skippers in Class E who are racing boats that qualify as Class B Skeeters under International Skeeter Association specifications.

Section 2. The association Commodore shall appoint a trophy chairman who shall be responsible for the purchase of the Championship trophies that are to be retained permanently by the winners.

Trophy Schedule -- If only one boat competes in any class, the perpetual trophy will be awarded but not engraved.

The number of trophies shall be as follows:

2 -- 5 boats	1 trophy
6 -- 10 boats	2 trophies
11 -- 20 boats	3 trophies
21 -- 30 boats	4 trophies
31 and over	5 trophies

### DN Junior Class

2 -- 3 boats	1 trophy
4 -- 6 boats	2 trophies
7 and over	3 trophies

Section 3. No prize or trophy is to be furnished for any class unless two or more yachts are entered, and actually compete.

Section 4. The Trophy Chairman shall provide and maintain a bound receipt book containing the names and signatures of the holders of the N.I.Y.A. trophies.

## **ARTICLE XII -- SCORING**

Section 1. Prizes shall be awarded on the basis of the total number of points earned. The yacht having the lowest accumulated total number of points shall be proclaimed the winner, with each position thereafter determined accordingly downward in number.

For purposes of starting positions for next race, the finish position of a yacht being disqualified will not be filled by moving the other yachts up.

If the windward mark has shifted or becomes missing during the last lap of a race, the Race Committee may opt to score the race by one of the following methods:

- A. The race may be canceled or abandoned by the Race Committee in accordance with Part II, H, 2 of the Constitution and Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority.
- B. The Race Committee may score the race based on the finishing positions of every yacht if the absence of the mark or confusion caused by its being shifted has not caused any change in the position of any yacht in the race.
- C. The Race Committee may score the race based on every yacht's recorded position at the previous leeward mark if the absence of the mark or confusion caused by its being shifted causes any changes in the position of any yacht in the race.
- D. When in doubt as to whether or not the absence of the mark or confusion caused by its being shifted has caused any change in the position of any yacht in the race, the Race Committee is recommended to proceed according to Part A of this section.

If a yacht has rendered assistance to another yacht or person in peril, and the Race Committee has not discounted the race, ordered the race re-sailed, canceled the race, or abandoned the race in accordance with Part II, J, Accidents, of the Constitution and Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, then the yacht which rendered assistance may petition for compensatory points by filing a written request for the same with the Race Committee. If the Race Committee determines that the yacht is eligible for compensatory points, the points awarded shall be those points corresponding to that yacht's series average.

When there is a tie on points between two or more yachts, the tie shall be broken in favor of the yacht or yachts with the greater number of first places, then second places and so on, if necessary, for such races as count for total points. When the tie still remains it shall stand as part of the final standings. Similar championship prizes shall be awarded to the yachts remaining involved in the tie, and perpetual challenge trophies shall be awarded on a divided time of retention basis.

In cases of a change in ownership of a yacht, all points previously accumulated shall be canceled, and shall not remain with the yacht to the benefit of a new owner, nor remain with the owner to the benefit of a new yacht.

At least three races must be completed at the Annual Regatta before a championship or place can be awarded. If more races shall have been sailed, the championship or place is to be awarded on the basis of all the races completed.

## **COMPUTATION OF POINTS**

### Section 1

Low point scoring system shall award points to each yacht finishing a race and not thereafter being disqualified equal to the yachts finishing position. Lowest total points wins.

If two yachts finish in a dead heat, each yacht shall receive one half of the sum of the points for that place and the next lower place. The next yacht after the dead heat yachts shall receive the number of points for the second position below that of the dead heat yachts. When the dead heat is for first place, each yacht shall be considered the winner as far as prizes are concerned, and the trophy so engraved.



All other yachts (DNS, DNF, DSQ, and RAF) shall score points equal to one more than the number of yachts registered in fleet.

For scoring purposes only, the finish position of yacht being disqualified will be filled by moving the other yachts up.

Added yachts will adjust the previous day's fleet size for scoring purposes.

The finishing positions may be scored as the forward part of the mast crosses the finish line.

- A. All yachts that do not stop at their starting block on the starting line at the start of the race will be reported to scoring and will be scored DNS.
- B. The race will be considered completed when the scheduled distance is completed by any boat within the scheduled time limit.
- C. The checkered flag will be displayed and dropped for the lead yacht and then displayed for all remaining yachts crossing the finish line.
- D. Any Yacht finishing more than 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored DNF (did not finish).

Section 2. The Race Committee of the host club shall furnish a copy of the final positions in each class to the Secretary of the Association for its files.

### **ARTICLE XIII -- SAIL MEASUREMENTS**

Section 1. In Classes A, B and C, the sail headboards shall not exceed 12 inches overall, measured perpendicular to the hoist. In Class D, the sail headboards shall not exceed 8 inches overall, measured perpendicular to the hoist. In Class E, Renegade and DN, measurements shall be as per class rule.

Section 2. The sail shall be measured on the yacht when rigged for normal sailing conditions. The method used for measuring sails in Classes E, Renegade and DN shall be as per class rule. The method for A, B, C and D sail measuring is as follows:

- (a) The hoist eye in the headboard to which a hoist may be fastened shall be the top measuring point.
- (b) With the tape fastened to this top measuring point, shortest distance to the boom will be the perpendicular.
- (c) The length of the sail along the boom shall be measured from the aft edge of the mast or its extension where intersected by the boom to the aft edge of the sail (clew).
- (d) Multiply the perpendicular by the boom length and divide by two. The result is the sail area.
- (e) To determine the allowable amount of roach, fasten the tape to the top measuring point as described under (a) and lead to the aft edge of the sail at the boom. In Classes A, B, C, and D, the distance at any point from the leech of the sail to the line AEC in the diagram shall not exceed 4 1/2 per cent of the length of the line AEC.
- (f) Jib area may be calculated by using either the foot or the luff as the base of the triangle. The point of measurement at the head of the sail shall be the upper edge of the sail, and need not include the cable that may extend above the actual sail.

### **ARTICLE XIV -- AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting representatives present at any general or special meeting, provided written notice of the proposed action has been given each member club at its last known address at least ten (10) days prior thereto.

## **ARTICLE XV --**

Section 1. Each skipper (and crew) must wear an approved crash helmet during the entire race and each race of the entire event.

\*NOTE: There was much discussion as to when an approved helmet is -- and the final conclusion was -- that this rule means "Some sort of hard helmet."