

# **INTERNATIONAL YNGLING ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

*As approved by IYA 2005 Annual General Meeting*

*As amended by the IYA 2006 Annual General Meeting (7.2, 7.2.7)*

*As amended by the IYA 2013 Annual General Meeting (removal of Olympic sailing references)*

*As amended by the IYA 2015 Annual General Meeting (5.6 voting rights)*

*As amended by the IYA 2018 Annual General Meeting (7.2.5 Social Media Officer, 7.5 Past President)*

## **1. Title**

The full title of the Association shall be the International Yngling Association (IYA).

## **2. Objects**

The objects of the IYA are to promote and further the interests of the International Yngling Class throughout the World, i.e.:

- 2.1** To maintain the one-design character of the International Yngling Yacht in co-operation with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).
- 2.2** To co-ordinate and manage the affairs and rules of the Class.
- 2.3** To encourage and co-ordinate national and international competition in the Class.

## **3. Terms and Definitions**

Throughout these rules the following defined terms will be used:

- 3.1** The IYA shall mean the International Yngling Association.
- 3.2** Committee Abbreviations.
  - 3.2.1** The GC shall mean the Governing Committee of the IYA.
  - 3.2.2** The EC shall mean the Executive Committee of the IYA.
  - 3.2.3** The TC shall mean the Technical Committee of the IYA.
- 3.3** The NA shall mean the National Authority, an organisation recognised by the ISAF to control and organise yachting on a national basis in any country.
- 3.4** The NYA shall mean the National Yngling Association organised inside individual countries and officially recognised by the IYA and the corresponding NA.
- 3.5** The Class shall mean the class of sailing yachts designed by Jan Herman Linge and made in accordance with his drawings and specifications as amended from time to time by the ISAF and known under the name the International Yngling or Yngling.
- 3.6** The Class Rules means Class and Measurement Rules, Lines and Sail Plan and Construction and General Arrangements Drawings which prescribe the one design control of the Yngling Class Keelboat, and the materials to be used in the construction of Yngling Class boats.
- 3.7** The Measurement Form shall mean the official Measurement Form as published by the ISAF and entitled "International Yngling Class Measurement Form".
- 3.8** The Certificate is the document that authenticates that the measurement forms are valid.
- 3.9** The Plaque Number shall mean the serial number on the ISAF plaque.
- 3.10** The Hull Number shall mean the serial number engraved in the hull by the builder.
- 3.11** The Sail Number shall mean the national sail number (National Letters and Distinguishing Numbers) allocated to the yacht by the NA or the NYA.
- 3.12** The IYA Class Register shall mean the Register of International Ynglings (with their Hull Number, ISAF Plaque Number and Sail Number) and their Owners.
- 3.13** Copyright Holder of the drawings and specifications of the International Yngling shall mean the ISAF Holdings Ltd.
- 3.14** Licensed Builder or Builder shall mean the person, persons, or corporation for the time being holding a license to build the International Yngling.

**3.15** The Secretary shall mean the duly elected Honorary Secretary or the duly appointed Secretary, as the case may be, of the IYA.

**3.16** The Designer shall mean Mr. Jan H. Linge

#### **4. Protection of One-Design and Issue of Certificates**

**4.1** The One-Design character of the International Yngling throughout the world and the quality of the yachts shall be controlled by limiting building rights to selected builders. All applications for a licence to build shall be sent directly to the ISAF.

**4.1.1** The IYA shall investigate said proposed builder's premises and production facility. If these inspections are satisfactory and if evidence of adequate financial capability is furnished, the IYA may recommend to the Copyright Holder that a licence be issued.

**4.2** No yacht shall be entered in the IYA Class Register as an International Yngling or be eligible for a Certificate as an International Yngling unless the hull and other components are produced by a Licensed Builder and built in accordance with the Class Rules.

**4.3** Certificates shall be obtainable from the NYA/NA.

**4.3.1** The NYAs shall in co-operation with the NAs be responsible for the appointment of official class measurers and for the distribution of Measurement Forms obtainable from the ISAF, provided that no responsibility shall rest with the NYAs or the NAs in respect of errors made by the measurers. The names and addresses of such official measurers shall be reported to the IYA Chief Measurer, who shall maintain a Register of Appointed Class official measurers.

**4.3.2** The Measurement Form, properly completed by an Appointed Measurer, showing that the Yngling is within the requirements of the Class Rules and that the building fee has been paid, shall become a Measurement Certificate when it has been duly endorsed by the NYA/NA whether a separate Certificate is issued or not. Such a Certificate must state boat and mast weight including correction weights, if any.

**4.4** A Certificate shall remain valid only as long as the boat concerned continues to comply with the Class Rules.

**4.5** Responsibility for ensuring the conformity of the boat with the class rule shall rest with the Owner. However, the Builder shall be responsible for delivering boats within the specifications. The Builder must correct any boat not approved by an official measurer at the Builder's expense. Failure to do so shall be valid cause for cancellation of his license.

**4.6.** Change of ownership shall invalidate the Certificate. It shall be the responsibility of the old owner to return to NYA/NA the Certificate. It shall be the responsibility of the new owner to obtain a new Certificate.

**4.7** Acceptance of a Certificate by an owner or joint owner shall ipso facto render him subject to the jurisdiction of the IYA or the Committee in any matter pertaining to the IYA Constitution or the Class Rules.

#### **5. Membership and Voting Rights**

**5.1** The following types of individual membership shall be recognised:

**5.1.1** Full Membership.

**5.1.2** Associate Membership.

**5.1.3** Honorary Membership.

**5.2** Full Membership shall upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription to the IYA via a NYA, be open to any Full Member of an NYA who is the Owner of an International Yngling, or, in the case of joint owners, to any of them, or, in the case of

an International Yngling owned by a corporation or an organisation, to a nominated representative. Lacking an NYA, payment must be made directly to the IYA.

**5.3** Associate Membership shall upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription to an NYA, be open to all individuals interested in the International Yngling Class and is desirable for all crews taking part in national open and/or international events.

**5.4** Honorary Membership can be awarded by the GC.

**5.5** Each Full Member and each Associate Member shall be entitled to one vote at Meetings of the NYA.

**5.6** At General Meetings of the IYA each NYA shall have the number of votes corresponding to the square root of number of paid boat stickers from the previous year (basic quota).

**1-3 Boat Stickers = 1 Vote**

4-8 Boat Stickers = 2 Votes

9-15 Boat Stickers = 3 Votes

16-24 Boat Stickers = 4 Votes

25-35 Boats Stickers = 5 Votes

36-48 Boat Stickers = 6 Votes

49-63 Boat Stickers = 7 Votes

64-80 Boats Stickers = 8 Votes

81-99 Boat Stickers = 9 Votes

100-120 Boat Stickers = 10 Votes

121-143 Boat Stickers = 11 Votes

144-168 Boat Stickers = 12 Votes

169-195 Boat Stickers = 13 Votes

196-224 Boat Stickers = 14 Votes

225- Boat Stickers = 15 Votes is maximum vote number.

**5.6.1** Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting of the IYA, but not vote.

**5.6.2** An NYA not represented at a General Meeting of the IYA shall be entitled to appoint a proxy to any other NYA, which is represented, so that it can vote on its behalf. The proxy shall be in writing to the Secretary.

## **6. Annual Contributions from NYAs**

**6.1** The IYA shall be financed partly by the membership fees and partly by a due per new sail. Other income shall be dues collected from Builders via the ISAF, dues related to championships or any activity of the IYA.

**6.1.1** The annual subscription, Full Membership fee and the due per new sail shall annually be determined by the GC.

**6.1.2** The Championship "Application for Entries" Fee shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.

**6.2** The annual subscription for the current year shall be received by the IYA not later than the 1st of April. An IYA Boat Sticker will be distributed as a receipt for payment, through the NYAs to each Full Member who shall affix it to his Yngling in accordance with the Class Rules.

**6.3** Upon payment sail-labels can be obtained from the IYA or NYA

## **7. Management of the IYA**

**7.1** The Governing Committee shall consist of representatives elected by each NYA at a General Meeting, one from each NYA.

**7.1.1** The affairs of the IYA shall be managed by the Governing Committee (GC) assisted by an Executive Committee (EC) and a Technical Committee (TC). The EC and the TC shall be responsible for making decisions and carry out the management functions between GC meetings.

**7.2** GC shall at each Annual General Meeting (AGM) elect the IYA Executive Committee (EC) comprising the President, the Vice President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer, the Social Media Officer and appoint an Auditor. Furthermore, the Committee shall appoint an IYA Web Master, an IYA Chief Measurer and Assistant Chief Measurer including a Technical Committee (TC).

The Governing Committee shall:

**7.2.1** Elect one President for one year. Re election is permitted.

**7.2.2** Elect one Vice President for one year. Re election is permitted.

**7.2.2.1** The Vice President shall be responsible for coordination of the Calendar of Yngling Events and advertising income for the Yngling Magazine.

**7.2.3** Elect an Honorary Secretary for one or two years or appoint a Secretary.

**7.2.3.1** The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all Committee Meetings and records of all World, Continental or Regional Champions and be responsible for the IYA Class Register including all printed matter, such as the Yngling Magazine and other.

**7.2.4** Elect an Honorary Treasurer for one or two years or appoint a Treasurer. The Vice President, the Honorary Secretary or the Secretary may fulfil the function of the Treasurer.

**7.2.4.1** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the IYA and make such disbursements as the Committee shall direct.

**7.2.4.2** The Treasurer shall issue Sail Labels and Boat Stickers and be responsible for the receipt of Entries for World and Continental Championships.

**7.2.4.3** The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the financial affairs of the IYA and present an audited financial statement at each Annual General Meeting.

**7.2.5** Elect one Social Media Officer

**7.2.5.1** The Social Media Officer shall be responsible for internal and external social media communications. This involves cooperation with the webmaster. The website will continue to be official source of information. The SMO shall develop, administrate and maintain our Facebook account and introduce Instagram and other social media platforms.

**7.2.6** Appoint a Certified Auditor

**7.2.6.1** The Auditor shall certify the financial statement.

**7.2.7** Appoint an IYA Web Master for one or two years.

**7.2.7.1** The Web Master shall edit the Yngling Website ([www.yngling.org](http://www.yngling.org)) in cooperation with the ISAF. The content of the Yngling Website shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee, who shall direct the Web Master in his duties.

**7.2.8** Appoint an IYA Chief Measurer, assistant Chief Measurer and members of the IYA Technical Committee, which shall be composed of 8 persons, i.e. the Chief Measurer, assistant, the Designer and 4 representatives from Middle and Northern Europe, North America, Australasia and a representative from the WSC. Both the Chief Measurer and the Assistant Chief Measurer shall be International Measurers.

**7.2.8.1** The Chief Measurer shall be the Chairman of the TC and shall keep close contact with the technical officers of the ISAF. The members of the TC shall assist the Chief Measurer in his duties.

**7.2.8.2** The Chief Measurer shall investigate and solve problems regarding class measurement and is responsible for control and measurement requirements for all World, Continental and Regional Regattas.

**7.2.7.3** The Chief Measurer shall hold and update a list of Certified National Measurers and Appointed Measurers.

**7.3** The Committee should, if at all possible, arrange the Yngling World Championship (YWC) annually. If the YWC is held outside Europe, the Committee should try to arrange a European Yngling Championship.

**7.4** Business will mainly be conducted by correspondence, which shall always be circulated to the NYAs by the Members of the EC or the Chief Measurer.

**7.5** The Past President is a member of the EC for two years after retirement to act as advisor.

## **8. Powers of the Governing Committee**

**8.1** Subject to the provision of these rules and in particular to the object of the IYA as expressed in rule 2, the Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration.

**8.2** The ISAF is the only body with power to make changes in the Class Rules, upon proposals adopted by the GC. Changes may be proposed to the GC by the GC or TC.

**8.3** The GC is empowered without recourse to any other authority to whatever changes it may consider advisable from time to time in the Constitution and Championship Rules.

## **9. Conduct of Meeting of the IYA**

**9.1** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the IYA shall be held each year in connection with the World Championship arrangement or at any other arrangement judged by the GC to be the most convenient, the precise date, time, and place being at the GC:s discretion.

**9.1.1** A Notice of Meeting with an Agenda including copies of relevant enclosures and correspondence shall be issued by the EC to all NYAs and persons holding posts in the EC, WSC or the TC no later than four weeks before the meeting.

**9.1.2** Any major subjects for the agenda shall be in writing by letter to the President and/or the Secretary of the IYA no later than 6 weeks before the meeting.

**9.1.3** Suggestions for alterations or additions to the Rules (the Constitution, the Class Rules, the Championship Rules, or the IYA Procedures) shall be in writing by letter to the President and/or the Secretary, and with a copy to the Chief Measurer as regards Class Rules, at least six weeks before a general meeting.

**9.2** A General Meeting may be held between two AGMs. Notice shall be given in writing.

**9.2.1** The date, place, and agenda for such a meeting must be notified in writing to each NYA.

**9.3** At any General Meeting, decisions shall be carried by a majority vote in accordance with the voting rights. In the event of a postal ballot, the return shall be made to the Secretary within four weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.

## **10. Accounts**

**10.1** The GC shall cause true accounts to be kept giving full particulars of:

**10.1.1** All moneys, assets, and liabilities of the IYA.

**10.1.2** All moneys received and expended by the IYA and of the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures arise.

**10.1.3** All sales and purchases of goods by the IYA.

**10.2** A financial statement shall be presented at every Annual General Meeting.

**10.3** A copy of the annual financial statement, duly audited, and a budget for the current financial year, which is to be laid before the members at General Meetings, shall not later than four weeks previous to such General Meeting be sent to every NYA.

**10.3.1** The financial year shall be from the 1st of May through the 30th of April the following year.

**10.4** The making of payment and receipt of money shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of the Treasurer or his deputy as appointed by the Committee and the payments or receipts of money exceeding the sum of CHF 1000 shall require the signature of the President.

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