

Fleet 3 Articles
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Article I. Association Name

The name of the association (the "Association") is the J/105 Class Association, Fleet Three, Northern Chesapeake Bay ("Fleet"). The Fleet is one of a number of fleets that exists under the national organization, the J/105 Class Association (the "National Association").

Article II. Articles; Purpose of the Association

The Association is intended to promote racing and social activities among the J/105 owners and crews of J/105s who sail and race on the Northern Chesapeake Bay.

Article III. Eligibility For Membership

- 3.1 A voting member of the Association shall be a legal owner of a J/105 who complies with the class rules and whose annual dues have been paid ("Active Member"). A proposal for the annual dues shall be prepared by the Fleet Captain and Treasurer based on the projected Fleet expenses for the ensuing year and adopted based on a vote of the Fleet members at the Annual Meeting.
- 3.2 A non-voting member is a family member, crew or other individual supporting the class who has registered with the Fleet and who has paid annual dues as proposed by the Treasurer and approved by a vote of the Fleet members at the Annual Meeting ("Associate Member").
- 3.3 In the case of two or more legal owners, the annual dues for the first owner shall be as provided in Article 3.1, and for each subsequent owner the annual dues shall be an amount proposed by the Treasurer and approved by a vote of the Fleet members at the Annual Meeting.

Article IV. Officers of the Association

- 4.1 The officers of the association shall be:
 - Fleet Captain
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Measurer and Chair of Technical Committee
- 4.2 Each officer shall be elected for a term of approximately one year at the Annual Meeting and shall immediately take and hold office until a successor is elected at a subsequent Annual Meeting or appointed as provided in Article 4.8. The Fleet Captain shall be an Active Member in good standing. The other officers may be either Active Members or Associate Members in good standing.
- 4.3 The Fleet Captain is the chief executive officer of the Association and presides at meetings, rules on procedures, appoints special committees, and represents the Fleet at J/105 related meetings and activities.
- 4.4 The Secretary is responsible for the sending of notices of annual and special meetings, for preparing minutes of each meeting and distributing copies to Fleet members, and for maintaining the minute book.
- 4.5 The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining a bank account and the financial records of the Association, and for ensuring that all Fleet members' dues payments are current, and for maintaining a current and accurate roster of Active and Associate members with their mailing addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and other relevant data.

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- 4.6 The Measurer and Chair of the Technical Committee determines whether the boat of each owner conforms with the J/105 Class Association Rules promulgated by the National Association and the provisions of these Articles and makes such certification to that effect as may be required. The Fleet Captain and the Measurer shall appoint members of the Technical Committee, which shall be chaired by the Measurer. With the prior approval of the Fleet Captain, the Measurer may engage a professional on a fee basis to perform the required measurements or may accept the measurements of a US Sailing Association-approved measurer. The Measurer shall maintain a log for recording the date of purchase or other date and measurement of each sail. No member of the Technical Committee shall measure his or her own boat or sails without confirmation by an officer or Committee member.
- 4.7 An officer may delegate his or her duties and/or responsibilities as prescribed in Articles 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6 in whole or in part to another officer or Executive Committee member on an interim basis.
- 4.8 In the event a vacancy occurs in the Fleet Captain position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a new Fleet Captain for the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in any other position, the Fleet Captain shall appoint a replacement to the vacated office for the remaining unexpired term.

Article V. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of all the officers (Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and Measurer and Chair of the Technical Committee) and the immediate past Fleet Captain (or Co-Captains) who continues to be an Active Member of the Fleet. The Executive Committee shall assist the Fleet Captain in interpreting the letter, spirit and intent of these Articles and shall meet at the call of the Fleet Captain (either in person, by conference call or by e-mail communication) or any member of the Executive Committee.

Article VI. Meetings

The Fleet shall meet at least twice annually with one such meeting to be held at a convenient time following the end of the calendar year (the "Annual Meeting") and the other meeting to be held during the summer, generally in conjunction with a scheduled race (the "Semi-Annual Meeting"). The Fleet Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Any person wishing to serve or nominate another member to serve as an officer of the Fleet may make such nomination by advising the Secretary prior to the mailing or e-mailing of Notice of Annual Meeting or by notifying the Secretary at any time prior to the election vote in the event such Notice has already been mailed. Notice of any meeting shall be given at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, which shall set forth the agenda of matters to be considered at the meeting. The Notice shall also provide the names of Fleet members placed in nomination for election as officers.

A special meeting may be called by either the Fleet Captain or by 40% or more of Active Members, upon at least 15 days' prior written notice.

Article VII. Quorum

Thirty percent (30%) of the Active Members, represented in person, shall constitute a quorum for conducting the Fleet's business. In the case of joint ownership, only one Active Member, in the case of two or more, shall count in determining a Quorum.

Article VIII. Voting

Each Active Member in good standing is entitled to one vote, which shall be cast in person. In the case of joint ownership, only one vote is permitted per boat. The vote of the majority of Active Members present at a meeting shall prevail, unless otherwise provided in these Articles.

Article IX. Qualification of Boats; Addressing Technical Issues

- 9.1 All J/105's shall comply with the rules, requirements and duties imposed under the J/105 Class Association Rules promulgated and in effect, from time to time, by the National Association, except as modified by these Articles, which shall control in the event of any inconsistencies. These Articles are not in effect for a regatta designated a National Class Event by the J/105 Class Association.
- 9.1.2 The following crew eligibility levels shall apply to the races indicated:
1. Level A. All races included in calculating the Fleet's High Point Award (as administered by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association ("CBYRA")). The crew aboard (excluding a 100% Owner) shall be comprised of Group 1 competitors.
 2. Level B. All races sanctioned by CBYRA but not included in calculating the Fleet's High Point Award. The crew aboard (including a 100% Owner) shall be comprised of Group 1 competitors, except that the crew may include one Group 3 competitor.
 3. Level C. All club and other races not included in the preceding clauses (1) or (2). The crew aboard (excluding Owner) may consist of any combination of Group 1 and 3 competitors. A Group 1 competitor may be a Driver, even if not registered with the Class or Fleet as an additional helmsman.
- 9.1.3 Long Term Shipmate (LTSM) Drivers: No later than 2 days prior to the Fleet 3 Level 1 event in which the non-owner intends to drive, Owner(s) shall provide to the Fleet 3 Measurer documentation demonstrating that the non-owner meets the criteria of a LTSM as defined in 'CR 3.4 Level 1'. A LTSM's status shall be valid through the remaining calendar year.
- 9.1.4 Maximum Crew Limits: In races designated Level A or Level B, a boat may alternately choose one of two methods for maximum crew limits as defined below in Maximum Crew Weight or Maximum Crew Size. This requirement is waived for Level C races. Any event declared a Class National Event by the Class Regatta Committee must adhere to the J/105 Class Rule only. In addition, the Fleet Captain reserves the right to declare an event J/105 Class Rule only.
1. Maximum crew weight. The maximum crew weight (in swimming apparel) for Level A or Level B events is (1,102 lbs.) with no limit on numbers of crew. An Owner who is the sole Driver for a regatta may elect a weight of 220 lbs. for that regatta, in which case he or she shall not be subject to weigh-in or other weight check.
Owners will be responsible for properly recording crew weights and race participation when racing under this Fleet 3 Maximum Crew Weight rule, by adhering to the following conditions:
 - (a) crews are weighed on a Fleet 3 approved scale after March 31 of the racing year. Weights are valid through December 31 of that year.
 - (b) weights are documented by digital photographs (a picture of crew member followed by picture of scale weight) and recorded/certified by the Owner on the boat's "J/105 Fleet 3 Crew Weight Record" (available for download on the Fleet 3 website) or the [Online Crew-weight Record Spreadsheet](#), along with each crew's participation for each race under this rule.
 - (c) the digital images of crews and weights, along with the boat name and names of crews included, are emailed to the Fleet 3 measurer at j105.fleet3.measurer@gmail.com.
 - (d) within 3 days of each regatta, the crew compliment is reported to the fleet measurer at j105.fleet3.measurer@gmail.com or updated on the online crew-weight spreadsheet. Sending a digital image of the race's section on the "J/105 Fleet 3 Crew Weight Record" satisfies this requirement.
 2. Maximum crew size. A boat may race without prior declaration with:
 - (a) a total of five crew members, or
 - (b) a total of six crew members, no more than four of whom can be of the same sex.
 - (c) a total of any six (6) crew members when the crew and boat qualify as an "Academy Boat" under CR 3.11.

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3. Crew members under the age of 14 are excluded from any crew limitations in all events not declared a Class National Event or J/105 Class Rule only event.

- 9.1.5 Safety Officer. When a boat qualifies under J/105 CR 3.11 as an "Academy Boat, the Academy Coaching Staff, at their discretion, may add a Safety Officer ("SO") to the boat when they determine a Safety Officer is prudent to ensure the safety of the vessel, its crew and that of the other boats racing. The SO shall not count as crew of the boat and therefore does not factor in a boat's crew-limit calculations under F3 9.1.4.

Unless responding to a dangerous or urgent situation, the SO shall not:

1. participate in the operation of the boat while racing, including: driving, tactics, adjusting/operating equipment, instruments, lines, backstay or rigging; or
2. position themselves such that their torso is outside of the cockpit, cabin or cabin top.

- 9.1.6 When in the interest of Fleet expansion, education, or good will, the Fleet Captain may approve special dispensation for a boat and/or crew to participate in a specific event(s) or for a specific period of time. The Fleet Captain shall:

1. Prior to approval, solicit feedback and input from the Fleet (via the Fleet's email list-service, fleet meetings, etc.), by providing the following information:
 - (a) Boat name and other pertinent information regarding the boat, skipper, or crew,
 - (b) Specify the event(s) or dates the allowance will be valid,
 - (c) Specify the rules which are being waived, and,
 - (d) The reason / interest / benefit that the allowance serves.
2. If/when approved, notify the Fleet, Fleet Measurer and Organizing Authorities of the races involved.

- 9.1.7 Sails

1. Sails declared for an event. Sails used during an event shall be limited to two mainsails, two jibs, and two spinnakers, except when a sail has been lost or damaged beyond repair in which case it may be replaced with the written permission of the race committee. The second mainsail must have previously been both tagged/buttoned for and used as the primary mainsail for the boat it will be used on for a minimum of 2 full racing seasons. This class rule may be amended in the sailing instructions.
2. Sails allowed aboard. During an event a maximum of one mainsail, two jibs, and two spinnakers are allowed aboard from when the boat leaves its dock or mooring until the completion of all racing started that same day.
3. An event is defined as a single-day or multi-day regatta.

- 9.2 Proposals to the Fleet involving technical issues shall be considered at the Annual Meeting or at the Semi-Annual Meeting. In order for a proposal to be adopted at these meetings, two-thirds of those at the meeting must vote in favor of it. If the Executive Committee concludes that an issue is too time critical to await the Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting, it can call for a vote by e-mail, telecopy or regular mail. In that event, in order for a proposal to be adopted (a) the period between the announcement of the vote and the close of voting must be at least 30 days, (b) at least fifty percent of the Active Members must participate in the vote, (c) at least two-thirds of those participating in the vote must vote in favor of it, and (d) the vote that will be counted is the first vote from a boat that bears the legend stating that it is the "Record Vote" for that boat.

Article X. Amendment of Articles

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An Active Member may propose an amendment to these Articles by submitting a written draft to the Fleet Captain. The Secretary shall notify each Fleet member by mailing a copy to each Fleet member not less than ten days prior to the Meeting at which the proposed amendment will be considered. Amendments may only be considered at the Annual Meeting, the Semi-Annual Meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. To be adopted, a proposed amendment must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present or represented by a written and signed proxy for the specific issue involved at the meeting.

Article XI. Enforcement of Articles

The Executive Committee shall determine if there has been any violation of these Articles in a J/105 regatta and the appropriate penalty to be imposed upon the offending boat. The vote of a majority of the Committee present at the meeting and entitled to vote shall prevail. No member of the Executive Committee shall participate in any proceeding in which his or her boat or the boat on which he or she crews is being protested. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be conducted by telephone conference.

Notwithstanding the above, enforcement of these Articles in respect of any specific one-design race or regatta may be sought by any competitor filing a protest with the protest committee for such race or regatta.

These Articles of Association are effective as of 22 March 2021.