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# AUSTRALIAN SHARPIE SAILING ASSOCIATION Incorporated

## BY-LAWS

### PART A

Management and National Championships

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## BY -LAWS PART A

### INTRODUCTION

The Association may make By-Laws for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Constitution and to enable uniform and consistent rulings to be given.

### 1 OFFICE BEARERS DUTIES

- (1) The Australian President  
The Australian President performs the following duties:
  - (a) Chair all conferences and meetings of the Association Secretariat.
  - (b) Represent the Association at official functions and if unable to attend himself to make sure that a suitable delegate is appointed.
  - (c) To oversee that the various office bearers are performing their duties to a satisfactory level.
- (2) The Australian Secretary  
The Australian Secretary shall perform the following duties:
  - (a) To keep all of the records of the Association (including the Australian Log Book).
  - (b) To administer the finances of the Association and to report of those financial positions at every annual conference.
  - (c) Perform any duties as directed to do so by either the annual conference or the president of the Association.
- (3) The Australian Measurer  
The Australian Measurer shall perform the following duties:
  - (a) Chair the Measuring Committee
  - (b) Keep all the records pertaining to class specifications up to date.
  - (c) Keep a register of measured boats and their current ownership.
  - (d) Issue measuring certificates as and when required
- (4) The Australian Commodore  
The Australian Commodore shall form a Committee for the purpose of organising the forth coming annual National Championships and shall oversee the running of those championships.
- (5) The Australian Publicity Officer  
The Australian Publicity Officer shall have responsibility for publicising the Class and National Championships as broadly as is possible and practical, both with the membership of the Australian Sharpie Association and to the general public.
- (6) The Australian Regatta Technical Adviser  
The duties of the Australian Regatta Technical Adviser are to advise the host state committee on all matter to do with the National Championships management including the following:
  1. Notice of Race
  2. Scoring Systems
  3. Handicapping Systems
  4. Course Setting
  5. Social Events
  6. Sailing Instructions
  7. Trophy Presentation and Maintenance

The principal role of The Australian Technical Adviser is to provide continuity from one regatta to the next without inhibiting each individual divisions flair.

The Regatta Technical Adviser shall be an ex-officio member of the host state regatta management committee. The Regatta Technical Officer shall develop and maintain a handbook of recommendations for management of a regatta.

- (7) The Regatta Secretary  
The Regatta Secretary assists the Australian Commodore with the organisation of the National Championship Regatta. Duties include ensuring that minutes of the National and Measurers Conferences are recorded and disseminated as required.

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## 2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

- (1) All events conducted by the Association and its Member Affiliates shall be sailed under current yacht racing rules of the ISAF, the prescriptions of Yachting Australia, except as amended by the Class Rules, and the respective sailing instructions.
- (2) The Australian Championship shall be decided over a series of a minimum of seven (7) heats using the low point scoring system (unless altered by the Sailing Instructions). Two (2) invitation races shall be sailed before the Australian Championship heats.
- (3) Where practicable the rotational order between the divisions shall be as follows :-  
New South Wales  
Tasmania  
Victoria  
Queensland  
South Australia  
Western Australia
- (4) Application for the holding of an Australian Championship series shall be submitted by the prospective host member affiliate and ratified by the Annual Conference two (2) years in advance. The venue for the Australian series shall be submitted to the Annual Conference one (1) year in advance, with a draft copy of the program and social events, entry fee and sponsorship arrangements.
- (5) The regatta incorporating the Australian Championship should be sailed over a maximum of twelve (12) days and be conducted between the 28<sup>th</sup> of December of one calendar year and the 31<sup>st</sup> of January of the following calendar year. The final arrangements shall be at the discretion of the host member affiliate.
- (6) Wherever possible the divisions shall attempt to hold alternating National Championships at country locations.
- (7)
  - (a) Each Member Affiliate shall be permitted six (6) representatives (hereinafter referred to as a "team representative").
  - (b) Each Member Affiliate, in addition to team representatives, may include such other representatives (hereafter referred to as an "open representative") as may be nominated by each member Affiliate, such open representative being subject to the further terms and conditions as hereinafter appear:
    - (i) That such open representative be a member of the member affiliate making the nomination.
    - (ii) That such open representative sail in such elimination or other races as may be deemed satisfactory by the Member Affiliate making the nomination
  - (c) Each overseas association shall be permitted such entries as are acceptable to the host member affiliate of the championship being held.
- (8) A Junior boat is deemed to be one whose helmsman is under twenty-one (21) years of age on 30th June in the year of the Championships completion. Adequate proof of age shall be produced.
- (9) A Golden Oldies boat is deemed to be one whose helmsperson is over forty (40) years of age on 30th of June in the year before the championships completion. Adequate proof of age shall be produced.
- (10) A country boat shall be sailed by a helmsman and crew who shall be "bona fide" residents of a country area. The owner shall be a member of a country club.
- (11) The helmsman of each boat competing in an Australian Championship is responsible for ensuring that a valid registration certificate is produced at the measurer's conference at that Championship.
- (12) The closing date for nominations for an Australian Championship shall be the 10th of December preceding the Australian championship. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the hosting member affiliate.
- (13) The helmsman and the two (2) crew members for each boat competing in the Championship shall be declared at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the first heat and shall not be changed except in case of an emergency when discretion may be exercised by the race committee. All shall be a financial member of a Division of the Association.
- (14) The following trophies shall be presented at the Australian Championships and unless stated otherwise shall be scored as for the Australian Championship:

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- (a) The Bank of New South Wales Trophy for consistency on handicap over the seven (7) heats of the Australian Championships.
  - (b) The Ray Callard Trophy to the winner on handicap in the first invitation race.
  - (c) The Bretts Plywood Trophy to the winner on handicap in the second invitation race.
  - (d) The Addison Bros Trophy to the winner of the Australian Championships.
  - (e) The Alcorso Trophy to the second place getter in the Australian Championships.
  - (f) The Fred Meyer Trophy to the third place getter in the Australian Championships.
  - (g) The Phil Durham Trophy to the Fourth place getter in the Australian Championships
  - (h) The O'Grady Cup to the helmsman of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over the nine (9) races of the regatta. The results of the invitation races shall, for this purpose, be computed as for the Australian Championship heats.
  - (i) The Red Hand Trophy to the country representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
  - (j) The Tomlinson Trophy to the junior representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
  - (k) The Bishops Team Trophy, for the best team effort over the seven (7) Australian Championship heats. The first five (5) boats to finish from each State team to score points towards the trophy. The points score system to be as for the Australian Championships.
  - (l) The Golden Oldies Trophy to the competitor over 40 years of age with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
  - (m) The Geoff Augustine Trophy to be for the crew of the boat winning the Australian Championship.
  - (n) The Don Shields Perpetual Trophy to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
  - (o) The George Laurens Trophy to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats on handicap.
  - (p) The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy to the helmsman who achieves the most wins over the nine (9) races of the carnival, with a tie being decided by a count-back of other finishing positions.
  - (q) The Erky Mitton Trophy to be awarded to the first sharpie skipper, over 50 years of age, that is not eligible for any other prize category.
- (15) (Rule Deleted 1998 National Conference – Royal Brighton Yacht Club)
- (16) A record book shall be kept showing the place getters and trophy winners of all Australian Championships. The record book shall be known as the "Log Book". The Log Book shall be incorporated in the program for each Australian Championship.
- (17) An entry fee may be charged for each boat entered for the Australian Championships. The entry fee figure to be set at the Annual Conference preceding the next Championship.

### **3 PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

The Division which holds the trophy is responsible for the insurance and maintenance of that trophy. Any cost of repairs to be borne by that division. The trophy must be returned to the Host Division by the 12th of November prior to commencement of the national championships.

### **4 CONDUCT OF AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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- (1) Courses shall consist of combinations of windward and return legs (loops) and/ or triangles. Their length and composition may be determined by the number of races to be sailed on race day. Courses are to be set to provide and promote both fair, exciting and spectator friendly sailing. The final arrangements shall be at the discretion of the host member affiliate.
  - (2) The system of starting shall conform to a recognised international starting system.
  - (3) The time limit for all Australian Championship heats and associated races shall be determined by the host affiliate, reflecting the style of race to be sailed (e.g. short course or long course).
  - (4) The Class flag shall be flown at all Australian Championships, this flag shall be handed to the incoming host Member Affiliate at the prize-giving night.

## **5 MEASURING ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- (1) The host Member Affiliate shall perform the measuring at each Australian Championship under the supervision of the Australian Measurer. The measurer of the host Member Affiliate shall submit a report to the Measurers Committee.
- (2) At the Australian Championship the following method of measuring shall be performed:
  - (a) Any competing boat may be subjected to a complete measuring as per measuring forms A & B before the first heat at the measurer's discretion.
  - (b) The first six (6) placed boats at completion of the Australian Championships may be subjected to a measuring of any or all items contained within measuring forms A & B. No trophy shall be awarded to a boat or its crew unless the boat conforms to the class rules.
  - (c) The Measurers Committee has the authority to perform any measuring it deems fit.
  - (d) All sails shall be measured prior to the first heat either at the Australian Championship, or by a Member Affiliate Measurer prior to attending the Australian Championship.
- (3) A maximum of two sets of sails shall be declared for racing at the Australian Championships heats and associated races and only one complete set may be on board while racing.
- (4) All sails shall be measured, declared and marked at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the first heat.

## **6 MEASURERS COMMITTEE**

- (1) There shall be a Measurers Committee of the Association, which shall consist of:
  - (a) The Australian Measurer, as Chairman
  - (b) The elected Measurer of each Member Affiliate, or a proxy appointed by the Member Affiliate.
- (2) The Measurers Committee shall have authority, inferior only to a Conference of the Association, to interpret:
  - (a) The specifications and technical restrictions of the Class.
  - (b) The plans of the Class.
- (3) The Measurers Committee shall have the authority, inferior only to a Conference of the Association, to instruct the Australian Secretariat to revoke or to issue a Measurement Certificate.
- (4) A decision of the Measurers Committee shall be by simple majority, the Australian Measurer exercising a casting vote.
- (5) Any member of the Measurers Committee shall seek an interpretation from the Measurers Committee on all questions brought to him potentially altering the shape, performance or construction of the boat.
- (6) The Australian Measurer may seek a decision of the Measurers Committee.
  - (a) By contacting each member of the measurers committee by telephone or in writing. Each member of the measurers Committee shall reply in writing within twenty-one (21) days.
  - (b) Any decision of the Measurers Committee shall be confirmed in writing to each member within a further seven (7) days, or by convening a meeting of the Measurers Committee.
- (7) There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the Measurers Committee annually, to be held in conjunction with the Australian Championship series.

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- (8) A decision of the Measurers Committee shall be reached by no fewer than four (4) Measurers, or their proxies, of Member Affiliates.
  - (9) The Australian Measurer shall report the activities of the Measurers Committee to each Annual Conference.
  - (10) Where any rules of the Class refer to "Measurer's Conference", this shall be interpreted to mean the Measurers Committee.
  - (11) Any decision of the Measurers Committee that could potentially allow the alteration of the shape, performance or construction of the boat shall have no authority until referred to a conference of the association for approval.

## **7 CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION**

All certificates of registration to be taken to the national measurers conference and that boat registration to be with the Australian Measurer by 1st of November.

## **8 AYF AFFILIATION**

The Association shall be affiliated with the AYF.

## **9 MEMBER AFFILIATE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription of member divisions shall be Twenty (20) dollars per boat on each divisions register of boats.

## **10 MEMBERS MAY BE PAID FOR SERVICES**

Notwithstanding Rule 23, the Australian Secretariat may make a payment to a member for a service rendered by or property acquired from that person in a special or private capacity.

## **11 ADVERTISING**

Advertising shall be permitted at all association events in accordance with category B of Appendix G of ISAF Rules (1997-2000) unless the controlling body of yacht racing in the host state has conflicting rules, such local rulings are to prevail.

## **12 LIFE MEMBERS**

At any Annual Conference of the Association any person who is a member of one of the Divisions may be nominated in accordance with Clause 11 (6)(f) of the Constitution for the Honorary title of Life Member. The Divisions are not to nominate a member unless that person has performed outstanding service to the class over a number of years.