



Detroit Fleet XVIII
Articles of Association & Fleet Rules
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Article I. Association Name

The name of the association is the J/105 Class Association, Fleet XVIII Detroit (“Fleet”) headquartered in Detroit, Michigan

Article II. Purpose of the Association

These articles are to preserve J/105 recreational features, including ease of handling, low cost of ownership, safety, comfort, and equality of performance while maximizing participation at J/105 events. The association is intended to provide a forum for racing and social activities among the owners.

Article III. Eligibility for Membership

- 3.1 A voting member for the J/105 Class Association, Fleet XVIII, shall be a legal owner of a J/105 who complies with the J/105 National Class Rules and whose annual dues to the National Class and Fleet XVIII have been paid (i.e. “Active Member”).
- 3.2 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 majority vote of the Fleet members.
- 3.3 In the case of two or more legal owners, only one owner needs to pay Fleet XVIII annual dues as provided in Article 3.1

Article IV. Officers of the Association

- 4.1 The officers of the association shall be:
 - Fleet Captain
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Measurer
- 4.2 Term of Office: 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 or appointed as provided in Article 4.7. All Officers shall be an Active Member in good standing.

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- 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 meeting and activities. He also establishes communications with all Area DRYA Officials and other race organizing authorities on the intent of the J/105 Fleet XVIII racing schedule for the purpose of establishing a “One-Design” Section for the ensuing year.
- 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, and other relevant data.
- 4.6 The Measurer determines whether the yacht of each owner conforms to these Articles of Association and makes such certification to that effect as may be required. 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 and measurement of each sail. A Measurer shall not measure his own boat or sails without confirmation by another party.
- 4.7 Delegation: An officer may delegate his 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 Vacancy: 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.
- 4.9 Limitation of Liability: No member, officer, committee member or Executive Committee member shall be liable to any other member or the Fleet for personal injury, property damage, loss or harm caused as a result of their negligence, while acting on behalf of or in connection with Fleet business.

Article V. Executive Committee

- 5.1 An Executive Committee consisting of all the officers (Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and Measurer and the immediate past Fleet Captain (or Co-Captains), shall assist the Fleet Captain in interpreting the letter, spirit or intent of these Articles and shall meet at the call of the Fleet Captain or any member of the Executive Committee.

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- 5.2 The Executive committee shall also serve as a Nominating Committee, and in such capacity shall nominate the Fleet officers for election. No member of the Nominating Committee shall take part in any vote in which he or she is being considered for office. In addition to the nominees selected by the Nominating Committee, other persons may be nominated as prescribed in Article VI.

Article VI. Meetings

The Fleet shall meet at least twice annually with one such meeting to be held at a convenient time following the conclusion of the last race counting for the Fleet season championship ("Annual Meeting"). The Fleet Officers of the ensuing year, and any additional Active Members needed to serve on the Executive Committee as prescribed in Article 5.1, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. A second Fleet meeting shall be held at a convenient time in the spring before the racing season begins for the purpose of reviewing new rules, up-coming racing schedule, and other pertinent fleet business.

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 emailing of Notice of Annual Meeting. 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 and provide proxy forms for Active Members unable to attend 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

Fifty percent of the Active Members, represented in person or by written proxy 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 may be cast in person or by written proxy. In the case of joint ownership, only one vote is permitted per boat. The vote of the majority of active members, which constitutes a quorum (Article VII), shall prevail.

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Article IX. Qualifications of Yachts

- 9.1 Unless the event Sailing Instructions state otherwise, the J/105 Detroit Fleet XVIII shall race under the current J/105 National Class Rules except as modified below. The “National Class Rules” and “Rulings of the National Class Technical Committee” are available on the class website, www.j105.org.
- 9.1.1 For races under 25 miles:
- the crew size shall be a maximum of 6 people with no weight limit.
- 9.1.2 For races greater than 25 miles:
- the crew size shall be a maximum of 8 people with no weight limit.
 - anyone on the crew can helm.
 - either spinnaker allowed on board may be used at any time.
- 9.1.3 For races that are not counted towards the Fleet XVIII Class Championship Series:
- anyone on the crew can helm.
- 9.1.4 For local weeknight series races:
- classified as a “Level C” Event per J/105 National Class Rules.
 - anyone can helm.
 - no limit on crew size.
 - either spinnaker allowed on board may be used at any time.
- 9.1.5 Adjustments to standing rigging, except the forestay, are permitted at any time.

Article X. Amendment of Articles of Association

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 or emailing 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 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 proxy 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 majority of the committee present at the meeting and entitled to vote shall prevail. No member of the Executive Committee shall participate

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in any proceeding in which his boat or the boat on which he 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 a specific one-design race or regatta may be sought by filing a protest with the protest committee for such race or regatta.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: This Article of Association will become effective as of the 27th day of May 2009

Fleet Captain: C.J. Ruffing _____

Fleet Secretary: Michael Morin _____