

# **NORTH AMERICAN CORSAIR 31-1D CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

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## **NAME**

1.1 The name of the association shall be the NORTH AMERICAN CORSAIR 31-1D CLASS ASSOCIATION ("The Association").

## **OBJECTIVES**

2.1 The objectives of the Association are to:

- a) Promote racing of the Corsair 31-1D Class of sailboat as a restricted-design class throughout North America.
- b) Administer the Bylaws and Class Rules as specified in these Bylaws.
- c) Provide a medium for exchange of information between Corsair 31-1D owners.
- d) Maintain liaisons with US SAILING, as well as other sailing organizations that may be brought to the attention of the Class Officers, to promote and stimulate interest in the Corsair 31-1D.
- e) Coordinate and manage the affairs and Rules of the Class in cooperation with Corsair Marine, the copyright holder and builder.
- f) To organize, appoint organizers and/or sanction championships within North America, as appropriate.

2.2 Corsair Marine established the specifications for the Corsair 31-1D in 2004 and will build the Corsair 31-1D to those specifications so long as the Corsair 31-1D is in production..

## **POLICY**

3.1 It shall be the policy of the Association to maintain the Corsair 31-1D as a restricted-design class, where tolerances are specified in the Class Rules. Modifications not addressed in the Class Rules are illegal until written clarification by the Class Measurer, or in his/her absence, another Class Officer.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 All individuals who own or crew aboard a Corsair 31-1D in any race are required to be Members.

4.2 The following types of membership shall be recognized

- a) Full Members shall be registered Corsair 31-1D owners or co-owners that have sent an

application to the Class Secretary/Treasurer or Vice President, along with the prescribed Association dues.

- b) Associate Members shall be individuals who are not Corsair 31-1D owners, but wish to receive all publications of the Class. They may not vote or hold office.
- c) Sponsoring Members shall be those individuals, companies and corporations who provide products and/or services or funding to the Class or its Members. Sponsoring Members may not vote, nor are they eligible to hold office. The Council of Class Officers (The Council) shall have the authority to grant this category of membership.

4.3 Membership in the Corsair Trimaran Owners Association (CTOA) or any other organization or association, is not required to be a Member of the North American Corsair 31-1D Class Association.

4.4 An application for membership implies that the applicant undertakes and agrees to be bound by the Constitution and Bylaws and by the Class Rules of the Association upon being accepted to membership.

4.5 The Council shall have the power to terminate or suspend Class membership for any of the following reasons:

- a) Failure to pay annual dues as required by the Class.
- b) Gross violation of the Class Rules, or after due notice, for willful disregard of a ruling of the Association. However, no individual's membership may be terminated or suspended in this instance until the person has been notified in writing of the charges and had an opportunity for a hearing held before the Council.

## **ANNUAL DUES AND FEES**

5.1 It is the intent of the Association to perform Class business (newsletter/article publishing, Class Rule balloting, Officer election, etc.) under the auspices of the CTOA, and have Class expenses sponsored by Corsair (as a Sponsoring Member).

5.2 In the event that Class Association dues are necessary, dues shall be set at \$25 per person and modified if necessary by a majority vote of the Council. Dues and fees for each calendar year are due and payable prior to March 1.

## **COUNCIL OF CLASS OFFICERS**

6.1 The Association shall have a Council of up to four Class Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Measurer.

6.2 The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

President – Contact point for the Association. Liaison between the licensed builder and dealers of the Corsair 31-1D, sailmakers and the Association. Form and disband special Committees as he/she deems necessary. Appoint Chairs and select members of Committees.

Vice-President – Assist the President as he/she deems necessary. Take over the responsibility of the President in the event the President is unavailable or unable to

complete his/her term of office. In the absence of a Secretary/ Treasurer, maintain membership database and administer financial transactions for the Association.

Secretary/Treasurer – Maintain membership database. Keep correct minutes of all Council meetings, and be responsible for communicating the decisions of the Council to all Members. Have charge of the funds of the Association, make disbursements as the Council may direct, and keep an accurate record of the financial affairs of the Association. Present a financial statement and accounting to the membership at least annually, and as requested by the Council. Note: until dues are collected, this position may remain vacant.

Measurer – Administer the Class Rules, and supervise the measurement procedures of the Class.

### 6.3 Election of Officers:

- a) Nominations for Officers will be solicited from the Members at least one month prior to elections. Solicitations will be conducted through Email, or notification through newsletter or postal mail. Note that any Class Officer seeking another (consecutive) term must be re-elected.
- b) A ballot of nominees for Class Officers shall be prepared not less than two weeks prior to the election. Elections will take place prior to March 31 in the year of the election. Balloting will be conducted through Email, or postal mail for Members that do not have an Email address.
- c) Term shall be two years.
- d) In mid-term vacancies, the Council shall vote on and fill the vacant Officer position(s) from the pool of Member volunteers, or by reallocation of positions, duties and responsibilities among the Officers. Any persons so appointed shall hold office until the next election.
- e) In the event that an Officer no longer owns a boat, he/she may continue to serve with full rights and privileges as Class Officer through the end of his/her term.

6.4 Only Full Members are eligible to introduce motions, serve on Committees (except the Rules Committee may include sail makers and builder/designer as advisors), or to serve as Class Officers. For sole purpose of introducing motions, or serving as Officers or on Committees, membership rights are conveyed in-full to co-owners, significant others (partners), and spouses of Full Members.

6.5 Officers shall maintain an email address and access for conducting Class business.

## MANAGEMENT, VOTING AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1 The Members delegate responsibility for the day-to-day management and administration of the affairs, activities and property of the Association to the Council, in accordance with the objectives of the Association and policy decisions made by vote of the Members.

7.2 The Council may delegate to any one or more of its number such powers and duties as it shall determine.

7.3 At meeting of the Council, three Officers shall form a quorum (unless there are only three Officers on the Council, in which situation two Officers shall form a quorum). For the purpose of counting the quorum, Officers may be present in person or attending electronically, or having previously responded on the issue by e-mail, postal mail or telephone.

7.4 Decisions of the Council shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

## **FUNDS, ACCOUNTS AND EXPENSES**

8.1 The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain Association funds in a manner approved by the Council.

8.2 The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep books showing assets and liabilities of the Association, in addition to receipt and expenditure of funds.

8.3 The reasonable expenses of the Council members in meeting their obligations under this Constitution shall be payable out of the funds of the Association. Approval of the Council in advance is required.

## **CLASS RULES ADMINISTRATION**

9.1 Except in cases of emergency, Class Rule changes shall occur only once per calendar year.

9.2 The Rules Committee shall have at least five (5) qualified members.

9.3 Full Members or Corsair Marine can propose changes to Class Rules. Members are encouraged to mail suggested Class Rule revisions to the Chairman of the Rules Committee.

9.4 Corsair Marine, which has limited veto power on design and safety issues, and the Rules Committee shall review the suggested Rule changes. The Rules Committee will then prepare a list of recommended Class Rule changes to the Full Members for approval. Balloting and notifications may be done through email (preferred) or US postal mail. If at all practical, balloting shall be completed prior to the end of each calendar year.

9.5 Recommended change(s) will be ratified if two-thirds of the votes cast indicated "approval" of the change. Only votes cast in ballots received by the specified deadline will be counted. "Abstain" votes will not be counted as approval or rejection of the change; i.e., they are not considered "votes cast". Only one vote shall be accorded each Member-owned trimaran regardless of the number of Member owners.

9.6 If approved, notification of such changes shall be communicated (email or postal mail) to the Members, builder and sail makers within 10 days.

9.7 Approved changes shall apply to all events occurring on or after March 1 of the year following approval by Members, or earlier if deemed appropriate by the Council.

## **AMENDMENTS**

10.1 This Constitution may be amended only by vote of the Full Members. The suggested change(s) will be ratified if two-thirds of the votes cast indicated "approval" of the change. Only votes cast in ballots received by the specified deadline will be counted. "Abstain" votes will not be counted as approval or rejection of the change; i.e., they are not considered "votes cast".

10.2 Notification of amendments will be mailed (e-mail or postal) to the Members and builder with an implementation date of not less than two months after the date of the notification letter, or earlier if deemed appropriate by the Council.

## **LIMITATIONS**

11.1 Members of the Council shall not be obliged to do any of the things required of them by this Constitution if the Association is unable to pay the reasonable costs and expenses thereof.

11.2 In the execution of their powers and duties under this Constitution, no Officer or other Member of the Council shall be liable for any loss to any of the Members or former Members of the Association, or to the assets of the Association, by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith, or for any other matter other than willful and individual wrongdoing, wrongful omission or fraud on the part of the person who is sought to be made liable.