

Massachusetts Bay Hustler Class Association Bylaws

Accepted by the MBHCA on May 12, 2014

Article 1: (Name)

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the Massachusetts Bay Hustler Class Association. ("MBHCA", "Association", or "Ass'n")

Article 2: (Objectives)

- 2.1 To encourage the building, preservation, sailing, and racing of boats of the Massachusetts Bay Hustler Class of one-design sailboats
- 2.2 To establish such uniform design and specifications as will insure a one-design class insofar as possible
- 2.3 To formulate such rules as will preserve the high quality and the one-design nature of Hustler Class sailboats and to insure fair and uniform conditions in all racing of these boats wherever held
- 2.4 To issue proper plans and building specifications to any qualified applicant for a fee or fees to be determined by the Executive Board ("EBoard") on an annual basis
- 2.5 To allow and encourage the use of any MBHCA building molds, jigs, etc. by any qualified applicant for a fee, fees, or other consideration to be determined by the EBoard on an annual basis

Article 3: (Officers)

- 3.1 The officers of the MBHCA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Measurer.
- 3.2 All officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are chosen.
- 3.3 The President shall preside at all general meetings and executive board (EBoard) meetings in accordance with parliamentary rules. He/she shall also appoint all committees and committee chairmen/women.
- 3.4 The Vice President shall act as presiding officer in the absence of the President. He/she may be given additional duties by the President.
- 3.5 The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings, and keep other records, documents, and correspondence relating to the running of the Ass'n, and enter them in a permanent log to be maintained continuously by each succeeding secretary. He/she shall notify the membership of all meetings according to the Bylaws. He/she shall carry out such correspondence as required by the Ass'n.
- 3.6 The Treasurer shall be the custodian(s) of all Ass'n funds. He/she shall collect all dues, fees, and other Ass'n income, and shall pay all disbursements as authorized by the Ass'n. He/she shall prepare financial reports for all general meetings and EBoard meetings.

- 3.7 The Measurer shall be custodian of all records and materials relating to the design, construction, and one-design nature of the Massachusetts Bay Hustler sailboat. He/she shall inspect all boats, sails, and equipment, as required by the Ass'n, for conformity to the letter and spirit of Ass'n plans and specifications, and keep records of such inspections. He/she shall provide reports as required by the Ass'n.

Article 4: (Membership)

- 4.1 Any person who has the advancement of yachting at heart, and is the owner, in whole or in part, of an officially accepted Hustler Class sailboat, may become a Full Member of the MBHCA, and shall then become entitled to all the rights and benefits of the Ass'n. He/she shall have full voice and vote in the affairs of the Ass'n, except as provided in 5.4. He/she shall pay dues as provided in 6.1. Termination of boat ownership shall automatically change Full Membership to Associate Membership, as described in 4.2. However, if such Full Member shall, by reason of new ownership, become eligible for Full Membership during the same calendar year, he/she shall, upon notification to the Secretary, including name and sail number of the new boat, be restored to Full Membership without payment of additional dues for that year.
- 4.2 Any person who has the advancement of yachting at heart, and who wishes to affiliate with the MBHCA, may become an Associate Member. He/she shall pay dues as provided in 6.2. If an Associate Member should, by reason of ownership through purchase, become eligible to Full Membership, he/she shall, upon notification to the Secretary, including name and number of the new boat, be made a Full Member by payment of the difference in dues between 6.1 and 6.2.
- 4.3 Any person eligible for membership in the MBHCA, as provided under 4.1 or 4.1, may apply for the appropriate class of membership by request to the Secretary. Applicants who desire to construct, or have constructed, a Hustler Class boat, shall apply for a building application from the Secretary.
- 4.4 The Secretary, upon receipt of a proper application accompanied by the proper application fee or dues, shall notify the applicant of his acceptance, and forward plans and specifications, if required.
- 4.5 No boat shall participate in racing competition sanctioned by the MBHCA unless such boat has been officially accepted as a Hustler Class boat by the Ass'n., and unless her owner, if solely owned, or at least one owner, if jointly owned, is a Full Member in good standing. All boats competing in the National Championship must be skippered by either a Full Member or an Associate Member of the Ass'n.

Article 5: (Meetings)

- 5.1 The Annual Meeting of the MBHCA shall be held in the fall of each year.
- 5.2 Special meetings may be held at the call of the President, or the call of the Secretary when requested to do so by 25% of the Full Membership.
- 5.3 Voting by proxy or by electronic communication is not allowed.
- 5.4 Each Ass'n boat shall be allowed one vote only.
- 5.5 A quorum for a general meeting shall consist of at least 25% of the Full Membership.

Article 6: (Membership dues)

- 6.1 The annual dues of a Full Membership shall be established at the annual fall meeting. Dues shall be used to defray the current expenses of the MBHCA and shall be due and payable to the Financial Secretary as of the first day of each calendar year, but no later than June 1.

- 6.2 The annual dues of an Associate Membership shall be established and payable in accordance with 6.1.
- 6.3 Applicants for plans and specifications, as in 11.4, shall be exempt from dues for the balance of the calendar year. Such members shall thereafter be required to pay dues as Associate members until they have the qualifications for Full Membership.
- 6.4 Payment of fees for plans and specifications, as in 11.4, shall entitle any Associate Member who becomes qualified for Full Membership by reason of official acceptance of the boat for which such plans were issued to transfer to full Membership without payment of additional dues at that time.
- 6.5 All members who are delinquent in payment of dues subsequent to June 1 shall be penalized by not being included in the scoring of races raced in MBHCA-run events. Scoring will commence from the time of receipt of payment in full.

Article 7: (Measurer)

- 7.1 The duty of the MBHCA Measurer shall be to measure and inspect all new Hustler Class boats, spars, and sails, during and after construction, for conformity to the Ass'n Plans and Specifications.
- 7.2 The duty of the Measurer shall also be to measure and inspect any Hustler Class boat, upon request by the Secretary, to see that it remains in conformity to the Plans and Specifications, and has the full equipment required by the Ass'n on board, and that there is no equipment on board that is prohibited by the Ass'n.
- 7.3 The Measurer shall make a report to the Secretary, who, upon receiving a favorable inspection report, shall record that such a boat, sail, or spar complies with the Ass'n Plans and Specifications.
- 7.4 An owner dissatisfied with the report of the Measurer may appeal to the President. The President, at his/her discretion, may appoint others to make recommendations regarding the report and possible remedy. The President's decision on matters of conformity to the Ass'n Plans and Specifications shall be final.
- 7.5 Any Full Member may protest the eligibility or measurements of any boat, sail, spar, or equipment provided such protest be made in writing to an officer of the Ass'n, and accompanied by a fee of \$20.00. This protest shall be held in strict confidence by the officer receiving same, and immediate action shall be taken to check the boat in question. If a boat then be found at fault, a fine of \$20.00 shall be imposed and said boat will not be allowed to compete in Ass'n-sanctioned races until the condition is corrected and the fine paid.

Article 8: (Racing numbers)

- 8.1 No boat shall be eligible to race in MBHCA-sanctioned events unless officially recorded with the Secretary and is in compliance with all requirements of the Ass'n.
- 8.2 Hull/sail numbers shall be allotted by the Secretary in rising sequence as plans are issued to prospective builders.
- 8.3 All Ass'n boats shall display, while racing, the correct hull/sail numbers plainly visible on each side of the mainsail.

Article 9: (Changes or amendments)

- 9.1 These bylaws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the MBHCA by a two-thirds vote of the Full Members present, providing that the general membership has been given at least three days advance notice of such meeting and further provided that such changes were proposed in writing and voted favorably at a prior meeting of the Ass'n or EBoard. Notification can be made by regular mail or email.
- 9.2 Only one change in specifications, plans, or building data of the Ass'n shall be made in any calendar year. However, a two-thirds vote of an existing quorum may amend the aforementioned restriction and increase the number of allowed changes.

Article 10: (Fleets)

- 10.1 Fleets within the MBHCA may be organized for the purpose of giving closer supervision to, and assisting in, the activities of the Ass'n. They must be recognized by the Ass'n before electing captains and assistant captains.
- 10.2 Each fleet of up to 10 boats may elect one captain, with an additional assistant fleet captain allowed for a fleet of 11-20 boats, etc.
- 10.3 Fleet captains and assistant captains shall be elected annually by their respective fleets. Where no election is held, these officers may be appointed by the President to serve until an election is held.
- 10.4 The duty of a fleet captain shall be to lead his/her fleet (see 10.1), and to provide representation for the fleet on the EBoard.
- 10.5 The number of boats in a fleet will be determined by the Ass'n. If the number of boats in a fleet changes during the year, the number of captains the fleet is entitled to may also change.

Note: It is desirable that each fleet elect its fleet captain and any assistant fleet captains at the Annual Meeting, directly after the election of officers. If this is done, then the President will preside over the fleet election.

Article 11: (Special)

- 11.1 Participation in MBHCA-sanctioned racing is limited to those boats adhering to both the letter and the spirit of the plans, specifications, rules, restrictions, additions, or modifications that the Ass'n has made or may make.
- 11.2 The Plans and Specifications of the Ass'n shall be considered to be part of the Bylaws of the Ass'n.
- 11.3 The Ass'n, or judges appointed by the Ass'n, may disqualify, insofar as Ass'n-sanctioned races are concerned, any boat not conforming to either the letter or spirit of the Plans and Specifications.

Article 12 (Executive Board)

- 12.1 There shall be an executive board (EBoard) of the MBHCA. The EBoard shall exercise the powers of the Ass'n between general meetings, except that it shall not have the power to amend the Ass'n bylaws.

12.2 The EBoard shall consist of:

- All elected officers of the Ass'n
- All fleet captains and assistant fleet captains.
- All chairmen/chairwomen of standing committees of the Ass'n.

12.3 Chairmen/chairwomen of standing committees shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the President. Their tenure shall end with the election of the next year's officers, if not before.

12.4 A quorum of the EBoard shall consist of 50%.

Article 13: (Annual Trophies)

13.1 All MBHCA trophies and awards, other than the Gull Award, shall be awarded each year, if possible. They shall be awarded by the EBoard, or by a committee, or committees, appointed for that purpose by the EBoard.

13.2 The Moody Trophy shall be awarded to a recipient that showed a marked improvement in racing achievement, or displaying good sportsmanship, yachting skills, or made a significant contribution to the Ass'n or to the sport of yacht racing.

13.3 The Edward Gallagher, Sr. Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the National Championship.

13.4 The Lauritzen Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the Memorial Day race series.

13.5 The President's Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of Marblehead Race Week.

13.6 The Floyd Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the Labor Day weekend Series.

13.7 The McCabe Trophy shall be awarded according to its deed of gift, or as determined by the EBoard.

13.8 The Ass'n may give other awards and trophies during each sailing season. Criteria for these awards and trophies shall be published as early as possible. The EBoard shall be responsible for determining the recipients.

Article 14: (Great American Gull Award)

14.1 This is a discretionary award for distinguished service to the sport of yacht racing which the Association may occasionally bestow upon a deserving recipient.

14.2 The following rules governing this award are laid down to maintain a high standard, and to dignify the award.

A. No more than one award shall be made each year.

B. Prior to the Annual Meeting each year, a committee of three shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board of the Association

C. It shall be necessary for the committee to have the name of the recipient approved by the President. It shall also be required that all three members be unanimous in their choice.

D. If the committee cannot unanimously agree, the President shall discharge them and appoint a new committee, to be approved by the Executive Board, which shall not contain any members of the original committee.