



## Bylaws of the Canadian 505 Class Association

The International 505 Class Rules are maintained on the International Class Website. The International 505 Class Rules consist of the Class Constitution, Measurement Rules and Diagrams, and Championship Rules. In addition to the International 505 Class Rules, the Canadian 505 Class Association has enacted these bylaws. Together, the International 505 Class Rules and these Bylaws govern all Canadian 505 Class Association Activities.

These bylaws, as revised, were approved unanimously at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian 505 Class Association on February 9, 2021 and became effective thereafter.

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### 1. NAME

The name of the association shall be the "Canadian 505 Class Association".

### 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Canadian 505 Class Association (the "Association") shall be to promote and develop the sport of 505 sailing in Canada and internationally. To achieve this, the Association shall organize and promote the annual Canadian Championships and Regional Championships in various parts of the country; keep members informed of developments in design and techniques, and liaise with other national sections and the International Association. The Association shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

A. There are four types of membership as follows:

- i. A **full membership** is available to owners and part owners of registered boats, or people with a keen and active interest in the 505 class. Privileges are to hold office, to vote and to sail in class championships and any other races sponsored by the Association.
- ii. An **associate membership** is available to part-owners or non-boat owners who are interested in the class and such members may act as skipper or crew in any class race but may not vote or hold office. However, there shall be at least one full member (or family member) for each registered boat. This class of membership is also open to boat owners who are full members of other national class associations.
- iii. A **family membership** is available to two or more active 505 sailors living at

the same address. Privileges are extended for two full members (i.e. to hold office and to vote) and for all other members in the household to sail in class championships and any other races sponsored by the Association.

iv. An **honorary membership** may be bestowed upon an individual by the members of the Association at the AGM to any person who has made a significant contribution to the development and promotion of the 505 class in Canada.

- B. In order to compete in any regional or national championship, either the skipper or the crew must be a member of the Association, or another national association. For international championships, both skipper and crew must be members of a national association.
- C. Any member wishing to resign from the Association shall notify the secretary of the national class association. The executive may at any time cancel the membership of any member for cause, but any such cancellation, other than for failure to pay annual dues, shall be subject to appeal to the International Association.
- D. The Association shall have the power to fix the annual dues payable by all members. The proportion payable to the International Association shall be paid in one annual sum by the Association out of its revenues.

#### 4. FLEETS

- A. Where three or more registered boats are active in a given area, not already within the jurisdiction of an organized fleet, they may apply to the Association for recognition as a Fleet.
- B. The Fleet shall be responsible for promoting and developing the 505 class in that local area and shall be self-governing in local matters not conflicting with National or International Rules. The Fleet shall elect a Fleet Captain and other officers as required.
- C. Fleets shall be numbered in order of their formation and designated by a geographical or yacht club description. Example: Fleet #1, Vancouver, B.C.
- D. Where a fleet consists of five or registered more boats, the fleet shall be entitled to representation on the National Executive. In such case, the fleet captain of the fleet shall notify the national class president of their desire to participate in the work and decisions of the National Executive.

#### 5. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- A. The affairs of the Association are to be managed by a National Executive consisting of:
  - i. a President,

- ii. a Vice- President,
- iii. a Secretary,
- iv. a Treasurer,
- v. a Communications Officer,
- vi. a National Measurer
- vii. any ex-officio member elected at the AGM,
- viii. any Fleet Captains requesting representation.

A single person may fill the role of two of these positions, as required.

- B. Members of the executive shall be elected at the AGM and shall hold office for one year, but may be re-elected without restriction. Every effort shall be made to elect a president and vice-president from different regions.
- C. For meetings of the executive, other than those related to minor administrative matters, decisions shall require the agreement of a majority of the entire executive (i.e. not only those present).

## 6. GENERAL MEETINGS

- A. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association for each year shall be held within 60 days of the end of following the calendar year. A Special General Meeting may be convened at the time of the Canadian Championship or as required.
- B. All votes shall be decided by a simple majority.
- C. Any changes having a major and on-going impact on the activities of the class shall be confirmed by a postal ballot (or other appropriate means, such as an e-mail ballot). In such cases, quorum shall be 50% of the eligible voters, and votes shall be decided by a simple majority.
- D. It is the intention to avoid modification of the International Rules as far as possible. Any resolution proposing modification to such rules and passed by a General Meeting shall be passed on to the International Association for discussion.

## 7. MEASUREMENT

- A. The class shall elect a National Measurer at the AGM. The National Measurer is responsible for providing input and representation to the International Measurements Committee, for examining measurement reports, and for recommending issuance of Measurement Certificates by the International Class Association. The National

Measurer and executive may together appoint regional class measurers.

- B. Measurement forms and templates to support applications to register new boats are obtainable from the National Measurer. Hulls will be officially measured only by the National Measurer or approved regional measurer at a time and place convenient to all parties. A measurement fee shall be payable to the Association to cover the cost of transporting templates and scales, as well as any out of pocket expenses of the National and/or regional measurer.
- C. Measurement Forms, when completed, shall be sent to the National Measurer for approval. The Measurement form must be accompanied by a remittance in respect of designer's royalty and other fees and dues. If approved, the National Measurer shall send the Measurement Form and applicable fees on to the International Measurer who, if satisfied, will issue a full International Measurement Certificate.

## 8. GENERAL RULES

- A. [*Intentionally left blank*]

## 9. COMMITTEES

Committees, as deemed necessary, may be appointed by the president and/or national executive.