



## **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Requirements**

The purpose of the World Championship is to determine the annual champion for the International 5.5m Class through competition including all 5.5m classes as defined in Class Rule 33.

This document contains the requirements set by the International 5.5 Metre Class Association (“Class Association”) for a host club to organise a World Championship of the International 5.5 Metre Class.

### **1 World Champion**

The International 5.5m Class World Champion shall be the highest placed boat overall, regardless of the class of the boats (as defined in Class Rule 33).

### **2 Class Representative**

The class will have a representative available who is not competing. This representative’s approval is required for all changes to the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. The International 5.5 Metre Class Association President and two class officers will choose the Class Representative.

### **3 Prizes**

3.1 In addition to any other prizes awarded, the Notice of Race will contain the following details regarding trophies:

(a) The International 5.5m Class World Champion shall be awarded the Perpetual Trophy. The Perpetual Trophy was designed at the instigation of Mr. Owen Aisher, the first President of the International 5.5 Metre Class Association. It was paid for by contributions from yachtsmen of the various countries represented in the 5.5 Metre Class in 1961.

In accepting this trophy, the winner agrees that they are responsible to see that it reaches the venue for the next World Championship two months before the first race. The name of the winner and the yacht shall be engraved on the Trophy.

(b) The “H.R.Symonette Trophy” is a perpetual Trophy given by the Symonette family in remembrance of Bobby Symonette, the “motor” of the Class for many years. The Symonette family will decide each year the race of the World Championship for which this trophy shall be sailed.

(c) The “DEB Cup” is a perpetual trophy presented in 1998 by Camper and Nichol森, Gosport, builder of the first 5.5 Metre “the Deb” in 1948, for the winner of the first race in the World Championship.



- (d) The “Peter Fazer Memorial Trophy” is a perpetual trophy presented by the Fazer Family in 2002 for the winner of the second race in the World Championship.
- (e) The “Quail Cup” is a perpetual trophy and was presented by Judith Shanks in 1998 in memory of her grandfather who owned Quail and her mother who sailed her. Exact rules to be decided by Judith Shanks and Classic boat representatives from Finland, Holand and Italy.
- (f) The “Frank Tolhurst Perpetual Trophy” presented in 2005 in Australia as a perpetual trophy for the first Evolution boat in the World Championship
- (g) The “Trofeo Italia” presented in 2014 by the Italian 5.5m Class Association, shall be given to the fastest Classic boat with attached rudder.
- (h) A Trophy each shall be awarded annually to the winners of each class (as per Class Rule 33). These Trophies are provided by the organization holding the World Championship.
- (i) The first, second and third placed yachts shall receive gilded, silver and bronze medals for the helm and the crew in the same manner as these are presented in the Olympic Games.

3.2 The organization holding the World Championship shall provide each helm and member of the crew a participation present.

#### **4 Insurance of World Championship Trophy**

The World Champion’s perpetual trophy shall be insured by the International 5.5 Metre Class Association.

#### **5 Venue**

The International 5.5 Metre Class Association will determine the venue for the World Championship at a meeting held no later than at the time of the preceding World Championship.

#### **6 Eligibility**

6.1 The Notice of Race will contain the following details regarding eligibility:

- (a) Any yacht which holds a valid certificate of rating shall be entitled to enter. Entries shall be submitted to the organising authority not less than 30 days before the first race and entries shall be accompanied by a copy of the valid certificate of rating.
- (b) The helm must be a National of the country that they represent.



- (c) To be eligible for the Corinthian Prize, the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply. Skipper and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3. Details of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website.

A completed crew list with details of skipper and all crew sailor classification, including World Sailing ID number and classification expiry date shall be submitted by [date].

Crew lists shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

Should a boat request a change of crew in accordance with the NoR, the name of the proposed substitute crew member with their classification, World Sailing ID number and classification expiry date must be submitted to the Race Committee as part of the request.

## **7 Entry Fee**

- 7.1 An entry fee may be charged by the organization holding the Championship but in the event the entry fee shall not exceed Euro 800 or its equivalent in the currency of the country holding the event.
- 7.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **8 Measurement**

The host club should have a measurer available for measuring at the start of a Series and, if required, during the Series.

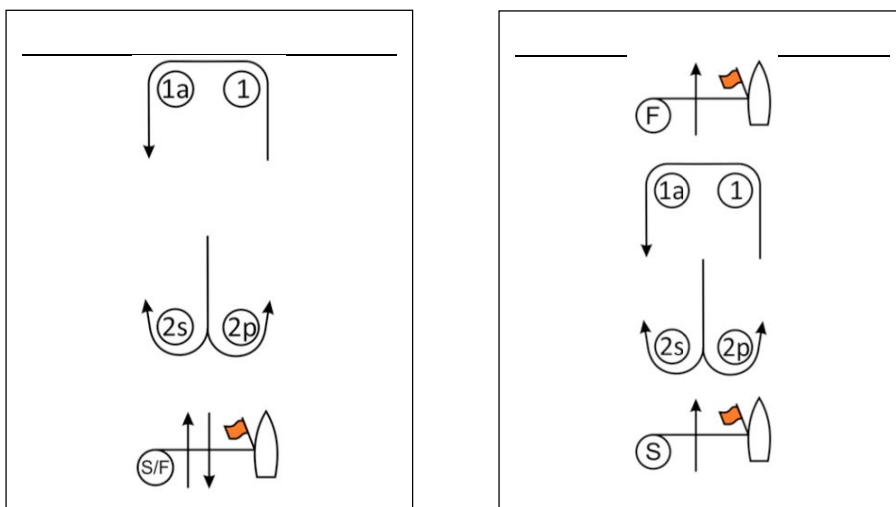
## **9 Regatta Format**

- 9.1 An optimum of six days and not less than five days shall be scheduled for the racing plus an additional day for measuring. No reserve day shall be scheduled.
- 9.2 The World Championship shall consist of no more than 10 races.
- 9.3 A minimum of four races is necessary to constitute a championship.
- 9.4 After 6 races have been completed, the worst result shall be a discard.
- 9.5 The World Championship can be sailed in conjunction with one other class, provided boats of the other class will not be in the way and fair racing for both classes is guaranteed.

## **10 Races**



- 10.1 In addition to the standard duty of care of the race officer to only conduct racing in acceptable conditions, the races shall not be started when the Race Committee Signal Vessel records wind speeds of less than 5 knots or more than 25 knots in the preceding 5 minutes.
- 10.2 There shall be no more than 2 races per day. A third race may be scheduled if it is approved the day before by the Class Representative.
- 10.3 Courses shall be Windward / Leeward Courses. An offset mark shall be used at all windward marks. A gate may be used instead of a leeward mark. The last leg to the finish may be either be to leeward or to windward. The first leg will always be to windward. Following are diagrams of the intended course layouts.



- 10.4 The length of the first leg shall not be less than 1.5nm.
- 10.5 All classes of boats (as defined in Class Rule 33) shall start in a single sequence, and sail the same course.
- 10.6 No race shall be shortened. The Race Committee may change the length of a leg as allowed by the RRS.
- 10.7 The Race Committee is to construct courses so the target time of the first finisher is between 70 and 90 minutes.
- 10.8 There is to be three time limits in a race:
- (a) 45 minutes for the first boat to be round the windward mark. If this is not achieved, then the race shall be abandoned;
  - (b) 2 hours for the first boat to sail the course and finish. If this is not achieved, then the race shall be abandoned; and



- (c) 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course as required by RRS28 and finishes. If a boat does not finish within this time, they are to be scored points for the place of the last boat to finish plus 1.

## **11 Other Rule requirements**

- 11.1 RRS 44 is to be changed so all penalties at the time of an incident are a One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions shall include the following:

“The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Jury and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.”
- 11.3 The organisation holding the Championship will arrange a properly constituted International Jury so that decisions of the Jury are not subject to appeal.
- 11.4 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be approved prior to publication by the International 5.5 Metre Class Association President and two class officers or their chosen Class Representative.
- 11.5 When interpreting the rules of the event, the English text is decisive.

## **12 Media**

- 12.1 A good photographer / videographer is welcomed at the regatta to visually document the event. Other media output, including social media output is also welcomed.

## **13 Reports**

The organizing authority or the President of the National Class Association in which the World Championship has been sailed is responsible for a brief report on the event, including the ranking list. This report should be submitted to the Class President / Secretary not later than 4 weeks after the event has taken place.