

# IDNIYRA – Bylaws

## General

1. Membership dues are Twenty Five (\$25.00) dollars for individuals annually, payable before November 1 to the Treasurer.
2. The entry fee for all IDNIYRA regattas shall be set by and paid to the Regatta Chairman (Rear Commodore of the host region), who shall submit a budget for approval to the Governing Committee no later than October 15 preceding the regatta, and a financial report following the regatta. Funds in excess of actual costs shall be deposited with the Treasurer. A Receipt and Disbursement Financial Report shall be presented to the membership through the Class Newsletter.
3. The national affiliation of each DN member is identified by National letter designators:
  - Australia KA
  - Austria OE
  - Belarus B
  - Canada KC
  - Czech Republic CZ
  - Denmark D
  - Estonia C
  - Finland L
  - France F
  - Germany G
  - Hungary M
  - Italy I
  - Latvia O
  - Lithuania T
  - Netherlands H
  - Norway N
  - Poland P
  - Russia R
  - Sweden S
  - Switzerland Z
  - United Kingdom K
  - United States US

Members of countries not appearing on this list may request the appropriate Governing Committee to assign them letters designators.

4. A North American member of the IDNIYRA shall be assigned a number by the Treasurer upon written request and payment of a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee. A member may request multiple numbers. Numbers may be transferred only with the written permission of the person the number is assigned to. A ten dollar (\$10.00) fee is required for transfer of a number. A European IDNIYRA member shall be assigned a number by the National Secretary of the appropriate country. The number on the sail shall conform to [Specification G. 13](#).
5. An annual membership directory shall be published by December 15 and will include all members in good standing.

## **IDNIYRA Regattas**

### **A. World DN Championship (Gold Cup)**

1. The Gold Cup is held annually; the site alternating between continents.
2. It is the responsibility of the relevant continental class officers to select the host region and with the assistance of that regional authority, to manage the regatta in accordance with these By-Laws.
3. The regatta is held during a specific week, beginning on a Sunday and ending on or before the following Saturday. The specific week shall be selected by the relevant continental class officers and the host regional/national authority.
4. If no races have been completed, day 1 may be postponed. If the regatta is moved, the continental officers may restart the regatta. If all fleets have completed four races by sunset of the third day, the regatta is over. If the minimum number of races has not been completed by sunset of the fourth day, racing will continue on the remaining days until the minimum number of races is completed. The regatta is cancelled if the minimum number of races has not been completed by sunset on Saturday, or in view of the weather and/or ice conditions the regatta is abandoned by the Race Committee.
5. On the final day, every effort should be made to complete all the originally scheduled races.

### **B. North American Championship Regatta**

1. ManagementThe regatta shall be under the control of the Governing Committee and managed by the Rear Commodore of the host region in accordance with these By-Laws.

## 2. Dates

- a. When held in conjunction with the Gold Cup, the regatta is held on the day or days remaining after the completion of the Gold Cup. If the minimum number of races has not been completed by sunset of the third day, racing will continue on the remaining days, until the minimum number of races has been completed. If the minimum number of races has not been completed by sunset Saturday, or in view of the weather and/or ice conditions the regatta is abandoned by the Race Committee, the regatta is canceled. On the final day every effort should be made to complete all originally scheduled races.
- b. When not held in conjunction with the Gold Cup, the regatta is held during a specific week, beginning on a Sunday and ending on or before the following Saturday. The specific week shall be selected by the Governing Committee and the host Rear Commodore. If no races have been completed, day 1 may be postponed. If the regatta is moved, the Governing Committee may restart the regatta. If all fleets have completed four races by sunset of the third day, the regatta is over. If the minimum number of races has not been completed by sunset of the fourth day, racing will continue on the remaining days until the minimum number of races is completed. The regatta is cancelled if the minimum number of races has not been completed by sunset on Saturday, or in view of the weather and/or ice conditions the regatta is abandoned by the Race Committee. On the final day, every effort should be made to complete all the originally scheduled races.

3. Site The regatta rotates each year among three regions – Eastern (which includes the Eastern Seaboard, Mountain Lakes, and Canada), Central Lakes, and Western Lakes (see map). In the Eastern Region, the three area Rear Commodores will decide which region will host the regatta. The site is selected by the host Rear Commodore and approved by the Governing Committee. Should the host region not have suitable ice, the regatta will be moved to the nearest site where suitable ice is available. If the regatta moves to a different region, the Governing Committee will coordinate the move with the original Rear Commodore and the Rear Commodore of the new region. Ice reports will be available during the week prior to the regatta so those sailors who are on their way to the regatta may be advised with regards to the final site location..

## 4. Entries

1. The regatta is open to any member of the Association who has paid all current dues and who has mailed an entry form with entry fee prior to January 1. Late registration at two times the normal fee will be accepted up to one day before the regatta. Current members who have not sailed in a continental regatta for three or more years are not required to pay the late registration penalty.
2. *Novice entries:* Novice DN racers may enter one or both regattas if two years association dues are paid. No other event registration fee will apply. A DN racer shall be considered a novice if that person has never belonged to IDNIYRA, or if their membership has lapsed five or more years. A novice must comply with all other entry requirements.

5. DN Race System There shall be seven races scheduled for each fleet and sailed alternately. Cancellation of races in one fleet shall not affect the races in another fleet. The regatta, as a whole, will be considered a complete event if the Gold Fleet finishes a minimum of three races, regardless of the number of races completed by the other fleets. If the regatta is completed, prizes will be awarded to all fleets that have completed one or more races.
- a. The races are scheduled in the following sequence: Mini-qualification races; Gold; Silver; Bronze; Aluminum; Gold; Silver; Bronze; Aluminum, etc. until racing is completed. Each fleet starts no sooner than five minutes after the last yacht of the previous fleet finishes. (See section 7, Mini Qualification Races) Delays caused by weather or ice conditions may necessitate changes in the above schedule. The host region authority in consultation with the continental class officers present at the regatta has the authority to make changes deemed necessary for safety or to complete the regatta in time. This may include postponing to a later day, canceling non-gold fleets to give time for Gold fleet races and other appropriate measures.
  - b. Scoring will be done by assigning points in the following manner: first place, 1 point; second place, 2 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 4 points; fifth place, 5 points; etc. – lowest score to win. DNS, DSQ, and DNF one worse than the number of yachts in the fleet after the mini-qualification races.
  - c. Ties will be broken by the following algorithm: If two or more skippers are tied for a position, the skipper who finished ahead of the other in the most races wins the tie. If the tie is not broken, the skipper who finished ahead of the other in the last race wins the tie. If necessary, the next to last race will be used to break the tie. If the tie is still not broken, the next previous race will be compared, and so on in reverse order. If the tie is not broken after all races are compared, it will be declared a tie. Note: All races will be considered in breaking ties (including any throwouts).
  - d. Throwouts: if 5 races are completed, the points for each yacht's poorest race (including DNS, DNF and DSQ) will be eliminated from the scoring, with the exception that, following a hearing, the protest committee may, at its discretion, award a score of DNE to a disqualified yacht that has been found to have dangerously violated [NIA Rules Part IV, Sailing Rules](#), and this race shall not be eliminated from the scoring. Then next-worse score shall be eliminated.
6. DN Split Fleet Ranking The IDNIYRA Secretary shall maintain a fleet ranking. This ranking shall be updated yearly and shall be effective October 15 using regatta results from the previous two WCs (World Championships), NACs (North American Championships), and ECs (European Championships). This ranking shall be the lesser of the following:
1. Best finish in the Gold fleet in the previous two WCs, NACs, and ECs.
  2. 22 plus your best finish in the Silver fleet in the previous two WCs, NACs, and ECs.
  3. 40 plus your best finish in the Bronze fleet in the previous two WCs, NACs, and ECs.
  4. 58 plus your best finish in the Aluminum fleet in the previous two WCs, NACs, and ECs. In the event of equal ranking for more than one sailor, the ranking which is based on the most recent race result will be considered higher.
7. Mini Qualification Races A race will be held for all non-ranked and Aluminum fleet sailors. This race will be three laps with the first 12 places qualifying for Bronze fleet. The remainder of the finishers will be scored as follows: 13th place will receive the 1st place points, 14th place will receive the 2nd place points, 15th place will receive the 3rd place points, and so on to the end of the finishers. The race will be counted as the first Aluminum fleet race. The race committee must be notified of any protest involving the first 12 finishers within 10 minutes of the last boat finishing. The protested sailor will be notified of the protest. He will be given the choice of a protest hearing at the close of racing for the day, or acknowledgment of guilt and withdrawing. If the protest goes to a hearing at

the end of the day and the protested sailor loses, he will be disqualified from the regatta.

A second race will be held for all Bronze fleet sailors including those who have just qualified for Bronze fleet. This race will start no sooner than 20 minutes after the 12th boat finishes the previous race. This race will be three laps with the first 12 places qualifying for the Silver fleet.

The remainder of the finishers will be scored as follows: 13th place will receive the 1st place points, 14th place will receive the 2nd place points, 15th place will receive the 3rd place points, and so on to the end of the finishers. The race will be counted as the first Bronze Fleet race. Protests involving the first 12 places will be dealt with as above:

A third race will be held for all Silver fleet sailors including those who have just qualified for Silver fleet. This race will start no sooner than 20 minutes after the 12th boat finishes the previous race. This race will be three laps with the first 12 places qualifying for the Gold fleet. The remainder of the finishers will be scored as follows: 13th place will receive the 1st place points, 14th place will receive the 2nd place points, 15th place will receive the 3rd place points, and so on to the end of the finishers. This race will be counted as the first Silver fleet race. Protests involving the first 12 places will be dealt with as above.

The first race of the Gold fleet will start no sooner than 20 minutes after the 12th boat finishes the previous race. The Race Committee, with the approval of the Governing Committee members present at the race, may cancel the Mini-qualification Races if time or conditions warrant.

## **Fleet Splitting**

All registered sailors will be divided into fleets. The Gold Fleet will be 50 sailors. The remaining sailors will be divided into the smallest number of approximately equal fleets possible, not exceeding 50 sailors per fleet. The number of skippers in any fleet may be changed by the race committee with approval of the Governing Committee members present at the regatta because of course size or conditions.

Fleet assignments will be based on the following criteria.

### **Gold Fleet:**

1. Skippers who finished in the first 3 places in the Silver Fleet of the preceding continental or higher regatta.
2. Skippers who finished in the first 12 places of the Silver Fleet mini-qualification race.
3. The balance of this fleet will be comprised of the top ranked skippers who have registered prior to the deadline.

### **Silver Fleet:**

1. Skippers who finished in the first three places in the Bronze Fleet of the preceding continental or higher regatta.
2. Skippers who finished in the first 12 places of the Bronze Fleet mini-qualification race.
3. The balance of this fleet will be comprised of the top ranked skippers who have registered prior to the deadline that are not in a higher fleet.

### **Bronze Fleet:**

1. Skippers who finished in the first three places in the Aluminum Fleet in the preceding continental or higher regatta.
2. Skippers who finished in the first 12 places of the Aluminum Fleet mini-qualification race.
3. The balance of this fleet will be comprised of the top ranked skippers who have registered prior to the deadline that are not in a higher fleet.

### **Aluminum Fleet:**

1. All remaining skippers.

### **8. Racing Procedure**

1. Every skipper must check-in at the registration desk, no later than 15 hours before the first scheduled race. Skippers checking in after that deadline will be assigned arbitrarily to the Silver or Bronze Fleets by the regatta officials, with no regard for the past racing record of the skipper and positioned at the end of the line in the first race. Check-in by phone prior to the deadline may be accepted by the officials, if they so choose.
  2. Following registration, after fleet assignments are determined, drawing for starting positions for the first race will be done by the race committee. In subsequent races, yachts are positioned on the starting line according to their finishing position in the previous race.
9. All skippers are required to show Proof of Liability Insurance to the extent of \$300,000.00. The Regatta Committee may require that Proof of Insurance at the time of registration, if they so choose.
  10. Trophies and PrizesThe Perpetual Trophies are described in the Yearbook. They must be returned to the Association at or before the next regatta. Keeper Trophies will be awarded to the first ten skippers in the final standings in a Single Fleet regatta, and in a Split Fleet regatta to the first ten in each of the Fleets. A Keeper Trophy will also be awarded to the highest scoring senior (over 50) in each fleet, and highest scoring junior (under 18) in each fleet.
  11. No commercial information will appear on any DN parts other than standard sailmaker's or builder's marks. Those marks must comply with the following criterion: One sailmaker's mark may appear on each side of the sail. The entire mark must be within 16" of the tack. One or two builder's marks may be displayed on a part made by that builder. All builder's marks must be smaller than 6" by 6". This requirement will apply from 7:00 AM of the first day of any official activity for a regatta until after the awards ceremony for that regatta. Sailmaker's or builder's marks and commercial decals and stickers that are in place before May 15, 1989 are not covered by this requirement.
  12. The IDNIYRA is an amateur racing association. It is managed by volunteers and is financially self-sufficient. To preserve this character, the IDNIYRA and its members will not participate in commercial promotion at IDNIYRA events. The IDNIYRA recognizes the importance of suppliers of DN sailing products. The relationship between the IDNIYRA and DN suppliers may include: support of raffles, advertising of DN related products and supplier listings in IDNIYRA publications, and other similar activities in keeping with the character of the IDNIYRA.
- C. The European Championship will be the sole responsibility of the European Commodore.
  - D. Regional regattas will be the sole responsibility of the Rear Commodore from that Region, and are exempt from financial accountability to the IDNIYRA.

## **Racing Rules**

1. No yacht shall be expected to start any race (championship, gold, silver or color section) earlier than fifteen minutes after the last boat finishes the race (or section) in which the yacht competed.

**Racing Rules** The Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority shall prevail, available from N.I.A., P.O. Box 40, Williams Bay, WI 53191, \$1.00, supplemented by the following Association rules:

- A. Failure to use the parking brake at any time that the yacht is left unattended with sail up, may result in disqualification for the entire regatta if damage or injury results and the Race Committee deems it appropriate.
- B. While racing, each sailor must wear a helmet that they determine adequately protects them from the hazards of the sport. As a minimum, the helmet will be hard-surfaced, energy-absorbing crushable foam-lined, 3/4 head and cover the ears. This minimum helmet standard has not been shown to provide adequate protection from the hazards of the sport in all circumstances. Interpretations of this rule may be made by the Governing Committee.
- C. All races shall be a minimum of four (4) miles in length. (6 1/2 km)
- D. Lap time limit shall be 6 1/2 minutes per mile (1 mile between marks = 13 minute lap time limit). (see N.I.A. Rules, Part II, par. G.)
- E. No race may be started after 1/2 hour before official sunset. This time may be increased at the discretion of the Regatta Chairman and his advisors.
- F. The same equipment (except runners and sails) must be used throughout the entire regatta, except articles found illegal in one race or heat.
- G. Official sunset time shall be posted at the skippers registration area at the time of registration.
- H. No boat shall be expected to start any race (Championship/Gold fleet or Class B/Silver Fleet) earlier than fifteen (15) minutes after the last boat finished the race in which the boat competed.
- I. No electronic equipment is allowed, except timing device.
- J. The first yacht finishes her race after completing the scheduled number of laps. Any following yacht finishes the race when she crosses the Finish Line after the finish of the first yacht. In each race, a yacht will be scored ahead of all yachts with fewer laps. Any yacht not finishing within 20 minutes of the first yacht will be scored according to her finish in the previous lap (if no laps have been completed she will be scored DNF).

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