

# **THE BRITISH MARIEHOLM IF ASSOCIATION**

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# Part 1 Administration of the Association

## 1.1 Title

The full title of the Association shall be the THE BRITISH MARIEHOLM IF ASSOCIATION hereinafter referred to as the Association.

## 1.2 Objects

The objects of the Association shall be to govern and to further the interests of the THE BRITISH MARIEHOLM IF ASSOCIATION, the aim of which is to provide a seaworthy, safe, inexpensive One Design Family boat able to race as a class or in Handicap events, particular encouragement being given to racing as a Class.

## 1.3 Membership

- (a) Full membership shall be open only to owners or part owners of Marieholm IF Boats
- (b) Associate membership shall be open to sailors interested in the Class but who are not owners or part owners of Marieholm IF boats.
- (c) All Full and Associate members shall be elected by the Committee.

## 1.4 Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions payable by Full and Associate members to the Association shall be payable on 1st January each year and shall be such sum as the Association in General Meeting may from time to time prescribe.

## 1.5 Management

- (a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee of not less than four persons, all of whom shall be Full Members of the Association. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members as required. Three members including the Captain or Vice Captain of the Association to form a quorum.
- (b) The Committee shall be elected annually at a General Meeting of Members.
- (c) The General Meeting will elect annually a Captain and Vice Captain of the Association. The Captain of the Association shall act as Chairman at General Meetings of the Association and at meetings of the Committee or may appoint the Vice Captain of the Association to act as chairman of such meetings in his stead.
- (d) Only the Annual Meeting or Special General Meeting shall have the power to alter or add to the Association and U.K. Fleet Class Rules.
- (e) The Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Honorary Secretary who will be a member of the Committee. The Secretary shall deal with the day to day administration of the Association.
- (f) The Committee shall have the authority to appoint such person or persons as they consider fit to be Approved Class Measurers.

## 1.6 Meetings

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31 December each year.
- (b) A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Captain or Honorary Secretary upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a request in writing signed by not fewer than one third of the Full Members entitled to vote.
- (c) Voting at any General Meeting by a Full Member may either be in person or by proxy. A proxy, if nominated, shall be the chairman of the Meeting or another Full Member of the Association.
- (d) All decisions at any General Meeting shall be reached by the vote of all Full Members present in person and entitled to vote followed by a count of those so present by proxy.
- (e) In the event of equality the chairman shall have the casting vote.

1.7 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the above Rules, but subject to the number of votes required, all actions and decisions of the Committee and of any officers of the Association shall be subject to any directive which may be given by the Members of the Association in General Meeting.

## Part 2 IF CLASS RULES

- 2.1. The Association will conform to the 1997 Swedish Sailing Federation Edition of the IF Boat Class Rules Issued 18.2.98 and as translated by Marek Janiec issued 7.1.99 except as modified by the Marieholm IF Association Class Rules Part 3.
- 2.2 Any dispute arising from translation from the text of the Swedish Edition of the Class Rules will be resolved by consultation with the Swedish IF Class Technical Committee.

## Part 3      Class Rules U.K. Fleet

- 3.1 The Association will have the authority to modify the IF Class Rules when considered appropriate to the U.K. Fleet.
- 3.2 In recognition of the fact that Class Racing in the U.K. did not exist prior to that introduced by St. Mawes Sailing Club in 1996, boats with certain out of Class features may be accepted. Such out of Class features must not provide a distinct performance advantage over other boats in the U.K. Fleet and must have occurred prior to the current ownership. Any variation from the IF Boat Class Rules must be approved by the Marieholm IF Association before a Measurement Certificate can be issued.
- 3.3 Any modification, repair, change or replacement to any IF Boat must be strictly in accordance with the IF Boat Class Rules.
- 3.4 All owners intending to race in the Falmouth area in events organized by Port of Falmouth Sailing Association Member Clubs are required to be in possession of a valid Measurement Certificate.
- 3.5 Measurement Certificates will be issued to all owners who have completed and submitted an acceptable Owners Declaration to the Class Measurer.
- 3.6 The Owners Declaration will certify that the owner has examined all aspects of his boat and is satisfied it is in compliance with the IF Class Rules. Any discrepancy that is considered out of Class must be declared for approval by the Association Committee.
- 3.7 All boats are to be fitted with stanchions with a minimum height of 18 inches and double lifelines.
- 3.8 Sea Toilets. Operational sea toilet to be fitted. If a chemical toilet is substituted for a standard sea toilet the appropriate seacocks must be retained.
- 3.9 Handicap and Class Racing. All Association IF boats will have the freedom to enter open events as a handicap entry if that event does not provide Class racing for the Marieholm Class.
- 3.10 Those boats fitted with inboard engines will be entitled to the appropriate time allowance as determined by the R.Y.A. under the Portsmouth Yardstick System. This will apply to all Class, Handicap and Pursuit races.
- 3.11 New sails will not be permitted more frequently than one new sail each year, except that:
  - (a) Members participating in more than 40 recognized races in any one year may purchase two new sails in that year.
  - (b) Subject to the approval of the Class Captain a new sail may be purchased to replace a sail damaged beyond repair.

- 3.12 In a One Design Class race only one spinnaker, one mainsail and two headsails shall be used. If two spinnakers are carried onboard they shall be clearly different in colour or pattern.
- 3.13 An electronic depth sounder may be used during racing provided this does not permit other electronic navigation aids to be employed on multifunction displays.
- 3.14 All boats are required to carry onboard an outboard engine when racing in Falmouth Week and National Marieholm Class Championships. It is at the discretion of the skipper to decide if an outboard should be onboard when participating in other events.
- 3.15 All boats will be subject to inspection by the Measurer, or a member of the Association Committee, and ruled "out of Class" if they fail to satisfy the Association Committee that they conform both to the letter and the spirit of the Class Rules. This Rule also applies to any member of the crew bringing the Class into disrepute by unseemly behavior that is contrary to the spirit of both the Class and Racing Rules.
- 3.16 Rule 3.17 of Swedish rules C4.i does not apply. There is no restriction on crew numbers at any time.
- 3.17 It is recommended that boats carry VHF radios with access to M2 channel to facilitate communication with the race office or safety boat of any problems experienced or observed.

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