

EPIC Agreement: *Established procedures of iceboat competition*

MANAGEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS OF THE DN ICE YACHT, AND REGATTA MANAGEMENT

Article I - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The DN Class is made up of two continental organizations: the IDNIYRA (North America) and IDNIYRA Europe. Changes to the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS OF THE DN ICE YACHT and changes to the REGATTA MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (RMA) will be made as outlined in this document. Other affairs will be managed at the continental level. The governance structure and composition of the Continental Governing Groups (CGG) for IDNIYRA and IDNIYRA Europe shall be determined by their respective Governing Documents.

Article II - OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Requirements for the yacht, sail, and attached equipment shall be set forth in the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE DN ICE YACHT. The DN is an affordable, home buildable, one-design ice yacht. It is intended that changes in the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS be limited to the following purposes: To make the yacht safer to sail, to minimize differences in sailing performance associated with the design and construction of the yacht, to make it easier or less expensive to build, to make the yacht more durable, and/or to clarify existing specifications.

Article III - OFFICIAL PLANS

THE OFFICIAL PLANS OF THE DN ICE YACHT are the one example of how a DN Ice Yacht can be built. Their purpose is to demonstrate the function of the parts and to provide perspective for the specifications. In all cases where there is a conflict between the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS and the OFFICIAL PLANS, the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS shall prevail. Changes in the OFFICIAL PLANS will be managed in the same way as the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS.

Article IV REGATTA MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (RMA)

Regattas will be managed in accordance with the RMA. In all cases where there is a conflict between the RMA and the Continental Organizations' Governing Documents, the RMA shall prevail. Changes in the RMA will be managed in the same way as the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS.

Article V – MEMBERSHIP

Each Continental Organization will establish criteria for membership in the Governing Documents of their respective organizations. A member of either Continental Organization will be a member of the DN Class. Membership in the DN Class will entitle the members to sail in the DN World Championship (Gold Cup) and other Continental Championship Regattas and to vote on all proposed changes in the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS, OFFICIAL PLANS, EPIC Agreement and RMA.

Article VI - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The DN Class Technical Committee (TC) shall consist of six members, three elected from North America and three elected from Europe. TC members shall be elected according to the respective Continental Governing Documents (CGD). One member will be elected every year, alternating between continents. North American members will be elected in even years and European members in odd years. The term of office is six years. Term of office will begin July 1, and expire June 30 of the appropriate year. Each year the TC shall elect from its membership a chairperson to serve until June 30 of the following year. All decisions of the TC require 2/3 majority vote of all members. Upon resignation prior to six years, a replacement member will be elected by the respective CGG to complete the unexpired term.

The Chairperson shall report to the CGGs on all recommendations of the TC. The TC may initiate changes in the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS or OFFICIAL PLANS by proposing a change to both CGGs.

Article VIII - PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals to change the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS or OFFICIAL PLANS may be made by either CGG or the TC. All proposal submissions should be written in specification language as it would appear in the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS. The governing documents of the respective continent shall describe how proposals shall be submitted to the CGG.

Article IX PROPOSAL APPROVAL WORDING

Wording of proposals to change the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS or OFFICIAL PLANS will be reviewed by the TC. The TC may suggest revised wording, if appropriate, to make the proposal more clear or reasonable to interpret. The TC may work directly with the author of the proposal on suggested revisions. All proposals will be submitted to the TC and the CGGs by May 31. Final wording on proposals will be submitted to the CGGs by the TC by September 1. The Secretary of the continent that submitted the proposal is responsible for publishing the final proposal wording. All proposals will be in English, but may be translated into other languages for the purposes of voting.

Article X VOTING

The DN Class will submit a ballot to the membership, no later than Oct 1. All members having valid membership at Sept. 1 and a valid e-mail address on file will have the right to vote. The method of voting will be an electronic ballot or any other safe and reliable method. The voting will be closed 21 days after the submission. The chosen electronic voting system should be able to certify and to verify the voting results. DN Class members that are members of both the North American and European organizations may only cast one ballot.

Passage: To pass a proposal must get at least 2/3 yes votes. Any proposal which does not pass may not be resubmitted for one year.

Effective Date: Changes in the Official Specifications or Official Plans shall become effective May 31 unless both Governing Groups agree an earlier effective date, and that the effective date is on the ballot proposal.

Article XI - INTERPRETATIONS OF THE OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS OR PLANS

The intended meaning and the basic principles of maintaining the DN as a one-design class shall be considered in interpreting any point not covered. Specifications, however complete, cannot anticipate every possible situation that may arise. If a point is not covered, a ruling can be obtained from the any of the CGGs through the TC. The TC shall, upon the request of any member, or at the direction of either CGG, provide interpretation of the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS. In interpreting any point not covered, or wording of obscure meaning, the TC shall consider the intended meaning of the specifications which is to maintain the DN within reasonable limitations as a standard one-design class. The findings shall be published by both CGGs. Such interpretations shall prevail as Supplements to the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS unless and until voided by a simple majority of the membership. Proposals for such a vote will be initiated in the same way a Specification Change Proposal is made.

If an interpretation changes the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS the TC shall initiate a proposal to both CGGs.

Article XII - ENFORCEMENT OF THE SPECIFICATIONS

The OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS shall be enforced in two ways;

1. Through a protest filed by any contestant, Judge or Race Committee member at the Gold Cup, European Championship or North American Championship Regattas against any competing yacht; or,
2. By the Race Committee measuring yachts during a regatta described in the CGDs, NIA rules, or the regatta Sailing Instructions.

Article XIII - ADMINISTRATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document will be administered jointly by IDNIYRA (North America) and IDNIYRA Europe. Administration will consist of publishing this document online and conducting any DN Class Specification Proposal and race management vote, including sending ballots, counting the completed ballots, communicating the results, and associated duties to their respective members. The costs of administering this document will be shared equally by the two continental organizations.

English will be the language for all official communications between North America and Europe.

Article XIV - CHANGES IN THIS DOCUMENT

Any changes in this document will be made by the method described for Specification Changes with the exception that the Technical Committee does not need to review wording of proposals to change this document.

Article XV – JURISDICTION

On matters relating to the OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS, OFFICIAL PLANS and Regatta Management, this document as well as the Regatta Management Agreement will override the governing documents of the Continental Organizations if there is a conflict.