



## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS FLEET 13 BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Association shall be the UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS CLASS ASSOCIATION – FLEET 13 (Fleet 13).

### ARTICLE II

The Charters and by-laws of the United States International Etchells Class Association and the International Etchells Class Association are hereby made a part of this Charter, together with all of their subsequent modifications.

### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The object of the Fleet 13 by-laws is to set forth the organizational structure and the regulations by which the Fleet shall be governed. In deciding any question of meaning, the intended meaning shall govern rather than any inconsistent technical construction, which might be derived from the wording.

The International Etchells is a One-Design Class. The rules, official plans and specification are intended to insure that yachts of this Class are as nearly as possible the same as regards the shape and weight of the hull, including the keel, rudder, spars and sails and that the equipment is simple, functional and dependable. It is the sense of Fleet 13 that it shall be faithful to this intent. The Fleet shall consist of yachts, which conform, in all ways to the specifications set forth in the International Etchells Class Rules.

### ARTICLE IV REGULAR FLEET MEMBERSHIP

Voting membership in Fleet 13 shall be limited to yacht owners. Each yacht shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Co-owners may not divide their vote. Owners must be members in good standing of fleet 13, the United States international Etchells Class Association and the International Etchells Class Association, possess valid measurement certificates for their yachts and sails, and have paid all dues and assessments in order to vote on Fleet and Class matters, to be recognized on the starting line, scored in any and all races and receive awards.

### ARTICLE V DUES

Dues shall be collected annually by the Treasurer. All skippers and co-skippers shall be liable for full Fleet 13 dues. A non-voting category of membership, Fleet Associated, is available for crewmembers and other interested parties who would like to receive Fleet mailings and invitations to social gatherings. Dues for voting and non-voting categories will be collected in amounts as established by majority vote at the fall business meeting.



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### ARTICLE VI FLEET MEETINGS

There shall be a minimum of two (2) Fleet business meeting each year. A fall meeting shall be held between October 1 and December 31. Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected at this meeting. A spring meeting shall be held in April or may. The Executive Committee may call additional meetings, as the situation requires. Any matter pertaining to the conduct of the Fleet, the US International Etchells Class or the International Etchells Class may be discussed and, if required, voted on at a duty called business meeting.

### ARTICLE VII VOTING

Forty percent (40%) of the registered owners shall constitute a quorum at any business meeting. Owners may vote by appointed proxy if the owner prior to the meeting has notified the secretary in writing. The election of Fleet officers shall be by a simple majority of those present at the meeting or represented by proxy who are entitled to vote. Any changes to the Fleet-by-laws must be presented to the membership in writing, seven (7) days prior to formal discussion. Passage of the change requires the approval of two-thirds of those present at the meeting or represented by proxy who are entitled to vote. On all other matters, on which the Fleet Captain seeks a vote, a simple majority shall prevail.

### ARTICLE VIII FLEET OFFICERS

The following elected officers shall manage the affairs of the Fleet: Fleet Captain, Treasurer, and Secretary. Together they shall constitute the Executive Committee. The general responsibility of the officers shall be the enforcement of Class and Fleet 13 regulations and one-design plans, cooperation with other International Etchells Fleets and recognized yachting bodies and dedication to the continuing improvement of skippers, crew and the International Etchells Class.

The Fleet Captain and Treasurer are the only members of the Fleet with the authority to obligate the Fleet financially and to pay such bills as may be rendered. The fleet shall be managed on a non-profit basis and no member of the Fleet, excepting the Fleet Captain and Treasurer for such obligations as they specifically authorize, shall be responsible for the financial obligations of the Fleet.



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The following duties are assigned to the Officers:

- Fleet Captain:** Responsible for the conduct of all Fleet matters including, but not limited to, chairing all business Meetings, interpreting and enforcing Fleet regulations, relations with SDYC and its Race Committee, the US International Etchells Class Association and the International Etchells Class Associations, and preparing an annual fleet events schedule for approval and providing the Fleet membership with information concerning Fleet Activities.
- Treasurer:** Responsible for collecting Fleet, US International Etchells Class Association and International Etchells Class Associations dues, paying all properly Incurred Fleet bills, publishing annually the financial Status of the Fleet and preparing the annual budget in conjunction with the Fleet Captain.
- Secretary:** Responsible for maintaining the membership rolls of the Fleet, providing Fleet data required by SDYC, US International Etchells Class Association and the International Etchells Class Association, giving notice of all business meetings, keeping proper minutes thereupon, providing news articles on Fleet races, and notifying the Fleet membership in writing of officially pertinent matters.

Committees may be formed as required, but the following provides a basis nucleus.

- Sail Measurement:** Responsible for measurement of all new or substantially altered sails, for keeping a record of each yacht's sail purchases and for updating each yacht's individual sail measurement form as required.
- Yacht Measurer:** Appointed by the US International Etchells Class Association. Responsible for maintaining the Fleet keel and rudder templates.



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Measurement: Consists of the members of the Executive Committee. Responsible for the initial evaluations of questions arising over the legality of new equipment and gadgets, as well as ensuring that all-Fleet members have up-to-date Measurement Certificates.

Event Chairmen: Responsible to the Executive Committee for the organization of the assigned event.

Scoring: Responsible for the scoring of all Fleet events and coordinating with the Secretary of Fleet Captain on dissemination of scores to the Fleet.

Entertainment: Responsible for the organization and management of Fleet Social Functions.

Publicity: Responsible for ensuring proper media coverage for Fleet events.

Awards: In consultation with the Treasurer, responsible for ensuring that proper awards are given for Fleet events.

### Nominating Committee:

Appointed by the Fleet Captain 30 days prior to the Fall business meeting, consisting of three Fleet members, on (1) of whom shall have served the previous year. Responsible for the promulgating a slate of officers for the following year and securing their willingness to serve if elected.

## ARTICLE IX MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

Each yacht shall possess a valid measurement certificate issued by the US International Etchells Class Association. Such certificates shall be valid until accident, challenge, or change in ownership. The Executive Committee shall maintain a copy of the certificate of each yacht in the Fleet. The Yacht Measurer is available to verify that yachts comply with measurement rules as promulgated in the International Etchells Class Association Rules. Fleet members are urged to consider the intent of Class and Fleet rules and consult with the Technical Measurement Committee prior to making any significant alterations to their yachts.



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### ARTICLE X SAIL MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

The Fleet Sail Measurer prior to use must measure all new and substantially altered sails. He/she will mark the sail with the Fleet stamp, date and his/her initials. He will update each yacht's Sail Measurement Certificate, noting each new sail. A record of each yacht's measured sail inventory will be maintained in a master file by the measurer.

### ARTICLE XI RACING RULES

The Racing Rules of Sailing including US SAILING prescription as modified by the Notices of Races and Instructions of SDYC shall govern the races of Fleet 13. In all series of races allowing a throwout, unless otherwise specified, a disqualification may be used as a throwout. Fleet 13 Season Championship, spring summer, fall and World's Qualifier series should allow 25 percent (%) of the races sailed (.5 and above rounding up) to be discarded as throwouts. The Low-Point Scoring System shall be used for these series, as modified by Fleet 13 to score points for DNF, DSQ and PMS equal to the number of starters plus one (1), and for DNS and DNC equal to the number of starters plus two (2). From time to time, the Fleet may adopt a limited penalty rule for a specific series in order to evaluate its use. Such special rules will be voted at scheduled business meeting and all Fleet members will be notified in writing.

### ARTICLE XII GUEST SKIPPERS

Person's not regular members of Fleet 13 shall be permitted to skipper a registered E-22 in no more than ten (10) during the Fleet Championship season. The scores from such races will not be included in the scoring of that yacht for any series. Any person wishing to skipper more than ten (10) races shall be required to join the Fleet as a owner and shall comply with the Article XIII below.

### ARTICLE XIII CHARTERS

Persons who race as the skipper or record of any yacht, and who are not owners, may do so by chartering a yacht for one (1) or more series, provided that such charter conforms to the Rules of the Fleet. The executive Committee must be notified prior to the commencement of a charter. A bona fide charterer shall be liable for the same Fleet dues as any owner.



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### ARTICLE XIV PERMANENT TROPHIES

A number of permanent trophies have been donated to the Fleet for specific events or championships. They shall remain the possession of Fleet 13, but may be kept by the recipient until a new winner has been determined. The Trophies include, but are not limited to, the Falconer Trophy for best combined score for all races of year, the Season Championship trophy for the best combined score of the year after adjustments for allotted throwouts, and the Most Improved Sailor Trophy.

### ARTICLE XV SPECIAL FLEET MEMBERSHIP

A special category of membership shall be available for boats, which are not privately owned (e.g. owned by colleges, foundations, etc.). The provisions of Article IV and Article X!! shall not apply to this Special Membership. Dues shall be collected in amounts as established by majority vote at the spring business meeting. Special membership shall carry no voting privileges.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY FLEET 13: \_\_\_\_\_ 12/10/96 \_\_\_\_\_.