

Proposed Changes to S20 Constitution

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Articles of Association

Article V – Fleet Charters (pg27)

1. Original – “which must include a Fleet Secretary.”
Change to – “which must include **at a minimum a Fleet Captain**”
Reasoning – updates wording in keeping with the organization of most YC or Sailing Clubs

3. Original – “Failure to file an Annual Report to Fleet Members by February 15 of each calendar year.”
Change to – **Delete entire entry and reorder**
Reasoning – Not enforced or is necessary in the Internet Age

Article VII – Executive Board (pg28)

- 1(a) Original – “. . . and authorize payments of bills not exceeding \$50.00, payment of those in excess of \$50.00 being approved by a three-fourths majority vote.”
Change to – **“and shall disperse funds in the absence of the Treasurer and with the approval of a three-fourths majority vote of the Governing Board.”**
Reasoning – Dollar amount is outdated and should be deleted. Leave distribution of funds in the hands of the Treasurer. Allow for distribution of funds in the Treasurer’s absence. easy to gain a ¾ vote via the Internet

- 1(d) Original – “and disperse funds only on the order of the President with the approval of the Governing Board when in excess of \$50.00.”
Change to - delete **“when in excess of \$50.00.”**
Reasoning – same as 1(a)

- 1(e) Original – “Rulings of the Chief Measurer approved by the Board shall be included in the Annual Report of the Chief Measurer.”
Change to – “Rulings of the Chief Measurer approved by the Board shall be **posted on the National Class website**”.
Reasoning – Can’t remember when there was ever a CM Annual Report. Makes more sense to have it on the website, which has been done for some time.

- 1(f) Original – “Other Directors”
Change to - **“Regional Directors – There shall be other Directors, defined by geographical region, that shall have Board voting privileges and shall also act as District Secretaries if none have been appointed. They shall be charged with the care, membership growth, and regatta coordination of the Fleets within their**

Region. They shall also evaluate and make recommendations to the Governing Board regarding:"

Reasoning – We currently have 2 Regional Directors that are voting members of the Board, but are not defined as such in our Bylaws. This provides for their job description and fills the gap that currently exists in the absence of District Secretaries.

Bylaws

Article II - Renewal of Fleet Charters (pg36)

Article III – Annual Reports

Change to – **Delete Articles in their entirety**

Reasoning – Annual Reports are not done and are not necessary in the Internet Age.

Article IX – Sanctioned Events (pg42)

7. Eligibility requirements for the Class Championship Regatta shall be:

(a) Original – “Membership, either Regular or Associate, in the Fleet and National Association prior to the first racing day of the Class Championship Regatta.

Change to – **Delete in its entirety**

Reasoning – see below

(b) Original – “Participation as helmsman of a Santana 20 in at least three series, local or regional regattas during the (12) months prior to the Class Championship Regatta.”

Change to – **Delete in its entirety.**

Reasoning – see below

7(c) Original – “Members who have maintained membership in good standing for at least 12 months prior to the class championship regatta are exempt for the three race requirement.”

Change to – **Delete in its entirety.**

Reasoning – see below

What the Class Association Board is **strongly recommending** is that Article IX.7 shall simply state:

7. "Eligibility requirements to participate as helmsman for the Class Championship Regatta shall be that they be a member, either Regular or Associate, in good standing with the Santana 20 Class Association prior to the first official race of the regatta."

Reasoning - The crux of the matter is do we want to eligibility requirement for Nationals or not? Upon some self-education on where our sport is, as well as some self-reflection

on who we really are as a Class, the Board has come to this conclusion: Nationals should be as simple to participate in as possible. We are not Etchells, Melges 24s, or some other class in which eligibility requirements are need to manage the number of boats that would participate in Nationals. A long time ago, in a galaxy far far away, rule 9(b) was created in the late 70's and early 80's to keep the warring sailmakers from turning our Nationals into a battleground full of animosity. As the Class matured and was eclipsed by other classes, Article IX.7(c) was instituted to prop up the number of people participating in Nationals. What is clear is that rule (c) does dilute rule (b).

Initially, our first effort at re-writing the language of this Bylaw was that we were trying to just determine if we wanted to keep (c) in effect. What was clear from the National Meeting was that if a vote had been taken then, the motion to delete rule (c) would NOT have passed by a wide margin, but we still would've been left with the same contradictory language. Also, a newcomer to the Class, wanting to participate in Nationals, still would be unable to participate because, by the letter of the law, they wouldn't have been able to do 3 series or they wouldn't have been a paid member for the preceding 12 months. We wouldn't have really fixed anything!

This rewording eliminates both (a), (b) and (c) and simply states that somebody could show up the day of the regatta and race legally (getting rid of the requirement to be a member the day before). When it comes down to it, all we are trying to do is get the maximum number of boats on the line for Nationals. We are the Santana 20 Class - we welcome all and appreciate all. Let's institute a rule that solidly states and supports that.

“Guidelines for Conducting Class Championship Regattas”

Section I – Intent; 2nd Paragraph (pg57)

Original – “. . . with strict adherence to the International Yacht Racing Rules . . .”

Change to – “. . . with strict adherence to the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing . . .”

Reasoning – Update obvious