



International Nite Ice Yacht Association

By-Laws

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I. GENERAL

- A. Dues for Active and Associate members are \$10.00 annually, payable on December 1 to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- B. An entry fee shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be charged all members entering the Annual Championship Regatta.
- C. Each yacht shall be assigned a number by the Secretary-Treasurer upon application by the builder. The number shall appear on the sail, in 10-inch figures.

II. ANNUAL REGATTA

- A. The Association shall hold an Annual Championship Regatta, which shall be under the direction of a Regatta Chair selected by the Commodore or Board of Directors. A list of sites shall be posted on the official website of the association. An alternate site may be selected at any time.
- B. To enter, one must be an Association member with current years dues paid. The yacht must conform to the Official Specifications. Each skipper must sign INCA Registration and Release form. Exhibit 6.
- C. The Regatta Chair shall be responsible for the proper management of the regatta and shall select starters, scorers, and mark-watchers, a Race Committee and be responsible for First Aid requirements. These officials are not required to be members of the Association but should be familiar with ice yacht racing.
- D. A Notice of Race (NOR) shall be posted on the official website of the association. An example is attached to these by-laws as Exhibit 1. This NOR shall contain, at minimum, the following information
 - 1. Proposed date(s)
 - 2. Proposed locations
 - 3. Proposed Schedule including:
 - a Skippers Meeting,
 - b Starting time for Race # 1
 - 4. Social Schedule
 - 5. Accommodation Information
 - 6. Information about local conditions and fees
 - 7. Regatta update hotline.
- E. The Race Committee shall see that all skippers are properly informed before starting the regatta. There shall be a Skipper's Meeting before the first race. There shall be an Official Regatta Bulletin Board indicating courses and pertinent information. At the skippers meeting, copies of the sailing instructions shall be available for all competitors. A sample of these instructions is included as Exhibit 2.
- F. Racing Rules: The current racing rules of the National Iceboat Authority as amended and interpreted through appeal decisions shall prevail in all regattas. The rules were developed for unique problems in safe iceboating racing and therefore differ slightly from the rules that prevail in yacht racing. Skippers are encouraged to obtain a copy of these rules and become familiar with them. These rules are included as Exhibit 3.

- G. The regatta shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Board of Directors as follows:
1. It shall be held on no more than three consecutive days including at least a Saturday and Sunday.
 2. It shall consist of no more than 8 races in two days or 13 races in three days, subject to the following conditions:
 - a The regatta will be official when three races are completed.
 - b The minimum number of races may be completed in a single day if conditions preclude racing on other scheduled Regatta days.
 - c All races shall be at least five miles in length, and the course shall be windward-and-return.
 - d Lap time limit shall be nine minutes per mile for any yacht to complete each lap; pursuant to NIA Rules Part II, para.. G-1-d.
 - e Any yacht not finishing within twenty minutes of the first yacht shall be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).
 - f Twenty Minutes must elapse from the time of the last boat to finish to start to the next race.
 - g No race may be started within 45 minutes of sunset on any day of the regatta except the final day. On the final day, no race may be started after 1:00 p.m. However, in order to achieve a three-race regatta, no race shall be started after 2:00 p.m. on the final day of the regatta.
 - h No more than five races may be held in one day.
 - i The Race Committee may postpone any race if they consider conditions unsafe.
 - j The Race Committee may elect to send three yachts on a "trial run" on the course if ice, temperature, visibility or wind conditions make racing conditions questionable. The Race Committee will make a decision to race or not to race based on this "trial run"
 - k The Race Committee may elect to postpone or cancel races if an average wind speed of at least 5 M.P.H. over 1 minute is not present in the starting area. (2/28/2009)
- H. Except in emergencies, to be determined by the Race Committee, the same person must sail a yacht throughout a regatta.
- I. Hard surfaced, suitable padded headgear (crash helmet) must be worn while racing.
- J. Appeal from a decision of the Race Committee may be made to the Board of Directors, who may in turn permit an appeal to the NIA for interpretation.
- K. If the minimum number of races has not been completed, races already sailed shall be cancelled and the Commodore or Board of Directors shall reschedule the Regatta. A skipper who did not enter on the original regatta may enter the rescheduled Regatta. Entry fees will not be refunded, nor will a skipper be required to pay more than once.
- L. The Regatta Chair shall furnish the Secretary-Treasurer with a copy of the final results, in detail which will be posted on the official website of the association.

M. The Board of Directors may appoint the Technical Committee to serve on any or all functions above listed as responsibilities of the Race Committee for a specific Annual Championship Regatta or any other event.

N. SCORING

1. The low-point system shall be used as set forth in Exhibit #5.
 - a Each finisher in each race shall be credited with the number of points assigned her finishing place as indicated in the accompanying table. The first place yacht shall be awarded .75 points; 2nd place, 2 points; 3rd place, 3 points, etc.
 - b All other yachts (DNS, DNF, DSQ, RAF) shall score points equal to one more than the number of yachts registered in the regatta.
 - c For scoring purposes only, the finish position of the yacht being disqualified (DSQ) or retiring after finishing (RAF) will be filled by moving the other yachts up.
 - d Added yachts will readjust the previous fleet size for scoring purposes.
 - e The finishing positions will be scored as the forward part of the mast crosses the finish line.
2. Prizes
 - a Prizes shall be awarded on the basis of the total number of points earned. The yacht having the lowest accumulated total number of points shall be proclaimed the winner, with each position thereafter determined accordingly upward in number
 - b Keeper trophies shall be awarded to overall finishers 1 – 10
 - c Perpetual trophies shall be awarded to overall finishers 1 – 3
3. Throwouts:
 - a If more than five races are held, one throw-out race shall be granted to each competitor.
 - b If more than 10 races are held, two throw-out races shall be granted to each competitor
4. Failure to use the parking brake at any time that the yacht is left unattended with the sail up, may result in disqualification for entire Regatta if the Race Committee deems it appropriate.
5. A yacht may be disqualified for violations of any written rule of the Association or any NIA Racing Rule. Protests shall be made and heard according to NIA Procedure (Part V).
6. The Race Committee shall complete a scoring form for each race of the regatta. A sample is attached as Exhibit # 4.
7. Ties shall be broken in favor of the yacht that has beaten the other the greatest number of times. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken in favor of the yacht with the greater number of first places, then second places, etc. If a tie shall exist similar championship prizes shall be awarded to the yachts remaining involved in the tie, and the perpetual challenge trophies shall be awarded on a divided time retention basis

8. If two yachts finish a race in a dead heat, each yacht shall receive one half of the sum of the points for that place and the next lower place. The next yacht after the dead heat yachts shall receive the number of points for the second position below that of the dead heat yachts. When the dead heat is for first place, each yacht shall be considered the winner as far as prizes are concerned, and the trophies so engraved.
9. Any yacht not finishing within twenty minutes of the first yacht shall be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).
10. If a yacht has rendered assistance to another yacht or person in peril, and the Race Committee has not discounted the race, ordered the race re-sailed or cancelled the race or abandoned the race in accordance with the Constitution and Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) Part II, J. Accidents, then the yacht which rendered assistance may petition for compensatory points by filing a written request for the same with the Race Committee. If the Race Committee determines that the yacht is eligible for compensatory points, the points awarded shall be those points corresponding to that yacht's series average.

**Exhibits for
International Nite Ice Yacht Association**

Revised May 1, 2009

- Exhibit 1: Notice of Race
- Exhibit 2: Sailing Instructions
- Exhibit 3: National Iceboat Authority Rules
- Exhibit 4: Scoring Form
- Exhibit 5: Scoring Chart
- Exhibit 6: INCA Regatta Registration and Waiver

EXHIBIT 1



International Nite Ice Yacht Association NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules: The racing will be governed by
 - a. The Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) as published in May 2004,
 - b. International Nite Ice Yacht Association By-Laws as posted on the Association's website.
 - c. Nite Ice Yacht Class Rules as posted on the Association's website and as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
2. Entries
 - a. Competitors must be a current member of the International Nite Ice Yacht Association. (Cost \$10.00 USD). Dues may be paid at the regatta
 - b. Competitors must pay the Nite Nationals Registration fee prior to Race #1. (Cost \$15.00 USD).
 - c. The yacht must conform to the Nite Iceboat Class Rules as revised May 1, 2009.
 - d. Keeper trophies will be awarded for positions 1st to 10th.
3. Race Schedule
 - a. Date: TBD The regatta will be held no sooner than the third weekend in January. Actual date TBD based on ice conditions. This regatta will not conflict with ISA.
 - b. Registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. local time
 - c. Skippers meeting Saturday 9:00 a.m. local time
 - d. Race #1 TBD 10:00 a.m. local time
 - e. All subsequent races TBD by Head Judge
 - f. No more than five (5) races per day
 - i. No race to start within 45 minutes of sunset on any day of the regatta except the final day. On the final day, no race may be started after 1:00 p.m.
 - ii. If three races have been completed during a regatta, then no race shall be started after 1300 on the final day of the regatta. (1/14/06), However, in order to achieve a three race regatta, no race shall be started after 2:00 p.m. on the final day of the regatta

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4. Location: TBD
 - a. Potential sites are: Twin Cities area, Lake Geneva, Pewaukee, Green Lake, Madison area, Lake Winnebago, Green Bay and Michigan
NOTE: *Locations and preference order are listed here for example only. Preference order should be changed each year.*
 - b. Preliminary site location will be announced on INCA website, via e-mail and on the hotline after the Monday prior to the regatta
 - c. Final site selection will be announced by noon on the Thursday before the regatta
 - d. Race committee may postpone regatta or change regatta site anytime before Noon on the Friday before the regatta if site conditions change.
5. Accommodations:
 - a. TBD
6. Directions:
 - a. Launch Site: TBD
7. Social Schedule:
 - a. Friday Night: TBD
 - b. Saturday Night: Annual International Nite Class Association Annual Meeting and Banquet Dinner.
 - c. Location and Time TBD. Check at registration for final location and date.
8. Local Conditions:
 - a. TBD.
9. Regatta Updates:
 - a. Official Regatta updates will be on the PIYC hotline (262) 367-1656.

Exhibit 2



International Nite Ice Yacht Association SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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5. Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to Race #1.

6. Course: Acceptable courses are found in NIA section D. All courses shall be WINDWARD-LEEWARD courses, MARKS to the left to PORT.

7. Marks: Mark shall be pyramid in shape consisting of contrasting color.

8. Starting and Finishing Signals: Starting and finishing procedures are found in NIA sections E & F.

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9. Length of Race: Time Limit
 - a. Time limits are found in NIA section G and International Nite Ice Yacht Association By-Laws.
 - b. All races shall be Five (5) miles minimum.
 - c. Lap time limit is Nine (9) minutes per mile.
 - d. Any yacht not finishing within Twenty (20) minutes of the 1st place yacht shall be scored as DNF.
 - e. Twenty Minutes must elapse from the time of the last boat to finish to start to the next race.

10. Scoring
 - a. Scoring will be low-point with 1st Place receiving $\frac{3}{4}$ pts., 2nd Place receiving 2 pts., 3rd Place receiving 3pts. Etc.
 - b. The regatta will be official when three races (3) are completed.
 - c. Maximum of Ten (10) races with one throw-out for every 5 races completed.

11. General
 - a. The Race Committee may postpone any race if they consider conditions unsafe.
 - b. The same person must sail a yacht throughout a Nite National Championship regatta.
 - c. A hard surfaced, suitable padded headgear (crash helmet) **MUST** be worn while racing in the Nite National Championship regatta.
 - d. Regatta racing equipment rules are as follows: (1) mast; (1) runner plank; (1) springboard; (2) sails and booms; any amount of battens; (2) sets of runners. If any part is broken, replacement is allowed.
 - e. Minimum weight of skipper and lead shall be 180 lbs. Above 180 lbs., lead may be added or removed before and after each race.
 - f. Temperature must be above +5 °F to start a race. Steady winds or (25) mph or wind gusts (30) mph or higher will postpone the start of racing.
 - g. Each skipper is responsible for his/her own personal safety and well being.
 - h. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for after the completion of Saturday's racing time TBD.
 - i. Minimum Wind: The class acknowledges that the Race Committee and Chief Judge are understandably often under pressure to get sufficient races sailed during a regatta. This can lead to sailing a race in less than ideal conditions, particularly in the case of light air. The Race Committee can send three skippers of his or her choosing onto the course for a test lap. The result of this test lap can be used by the Race Committee for determining whether or not a race will be sailed or a postponement or cancellation announced.
 - j. The Race Committee may elect to postpone or cancel races if an average wind speed of 5 m.p.h. over 1 minute is not present in the starting area.

Exhibit 3:

National Iceboat Authority Rules

Not included here. See NIA website

Exhibit 4: Scoring Sheet
INTERNATIONAL NITE ICE YACHT ASSOCIATION
REGATTA SCORE SHEET

DATE		RACE NUMBER		PRO	
STARTING TIME		FIRST BOAT FINISH TIME		COURSE LENGH	
WIND SPEED		WIND DIRECTION		TEMP	TIME LIMIT

POSITION	LAP 1	LAP 2	FINISH	POSITION	LAP 1	LAP 2	FINISH
1				21			
2				22			
3				23			
4				24			
5				25			
6				26			
7				27			
8				28			
9				29			
10				30			
11				31			
12				32			
13				33			
14				34			
15				35			
16				36			
17							
18							
19				9 min / mile X _____Miles =			
20				Time Limit for this race:			
				First boat must finish by:			
Nite Class Rules: Time limits	Nine minutes per mile for any yacht to complete each lap; pursuant to NIA Rules Part II, para. G-1-d						
	Any yacht not finishing within twenty minutes of the first yacht shall be scored DNF						
	Twenty Minutes must elapse from the time of the last boat to finish to start to the next race.						

Exhibit 5: Scoring Chart

Place	Points
1	.75
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12
13	13
14	14
15	15

Exhibit 6

INCA Entry Form and Release		xxxx Nite National Championship Regatta	
Name			
If Pre-registered, just write "on file"			
Street			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	Cell		
e-Mail			Lead
Sail Number	Boat Name		
Entry fee: \$15.00	<input type="text"/>	INCA Dues \$10.00	<input type="text"/>

In consideration of the undersigned’s participation in the iceboat regatta (“the Regatta”) hosted by the International Nite Ice Yacht Association (INCA) (the “Host”) the undersigned participant (“Participant”), and if such Participant is a minor, the Participant’s parent or legal guardian by countersigning below, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives and next of kin (collectively with Participant, “Releasors”), hereby forever waive, release and discharge each of any Sponsors, the Host and their respective family members, subsidiaries, affiliates, owners, members, managers, employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (each a “Released Party”) from any and all claims, demands, damages, judgments, executions, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, which a Releasor may have, or claim to have, against any Released Party resulting from death, personal injury, property damage or other loss Releasor may sustain as a result of participating in the Regatta or other activities related thereto.

THIS RELEASE IS INTENDED TO DISCHARGE EACH RELEASED PARTY FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH RELEASOR’S PARTICIPATION IN THE REGATTA EVEN IF THAT LIABILITY ARISES OUT OF NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF ANY RELEASED PARTY.

Releasors hereby acknowledge that accidents occasionally occur during iceboating activities and acknowledge that mortal or personal injuries and/or property damage or other loss may result from participation in the Regatta. Releasors release all Released Parties mentioned above who might otherwise be liable to Releasors, including further injury sustained as the result of the efforts of third parties who come to the aid of Releasor(s) if injured as a result of participation in the Regatta. Releasors agree to abide by all rules of any Sponsors and the Host in connection with participation in the Regatta.

Signature of Regatta Participant: _____

Print Name: _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIANS FOR MINORS (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

The undersigned parent and/or natural or legal guardian does hereby represent that he/she is, in fact, acting in such capacity and agrees to release each and all of the Released Parties referred to above from all liability, loss, cost, claim or damage whatsoever which may be imposed upon said Party(ies) because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act and release said Party(ies) on behalf of all Releasors as specified herein.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____