

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES GOVERNING THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL 5.5 METRE CLASS

Article 1

- 1.1. Purpose The purpose of the World Championship shall be to determine annually the World Champion of the International 5.5 Metre Class.

Article 2

- 2.1. Categories The 5.5 Metre Class defines 3 categories of boats:
1. Modern Fleet: Boats built to a design after 1.1.1994
 2. Evolution Fleet: Boats built to a design from 1.1.1970 to 31.12.1993
 3. Classic Fleet: Boats built to a design from before 1.1.1970

Article 3

- 3.1. Perpetual Trophy for the Champion The Perpetual Trophy was designed at the instigation of Mr. Owen Aisher, the first President of the International 5.5 Metre Class Association. It was paid for by contributions from yachtsmen of the various countries represented in the 5.5 Metre Class in 1961.
The Trophy shall be awarded annually to the winner of the World Championship, regardless of its category and it shall be his responsibility to see that it reaches the venue for the next World Championship two months before the first race. The name of the winner and the yacht shall be engraved on the Trophy.
- 3.2. Insurance The Trophy shall be insured by the International 5.5 Metre Class Association.
- 3.3. Replica The winner shall also receive a replica of the Trophy which shall be provided by the International 5.5 Metre Class Association.
- 3.4. Other perpetual Trophies
1. The „H.R.Symonette Trophy“ is a perpetual Trophy given by the Symonette family in remembrance of Bobby Symonette, the „motor“ of the Class for many years. The Symonette family will decide each year the race of the World Championship for which this trophy shall be sailed.
 2. The „DEB Cup“ is a perpetual trophy presented in 1998 by Camper and Nicholzen, Gosport, builder of the first 5.5 Metre „The Deb“ in 1948, for the winner of the first race in the World Championship.
 3. The “Peter Fazer Memorial Trophy” is a perpetual trophy presented by the Fazer Family in 2002 for the winner of the second race in the World Championship.
 4. The “Quail Cup” is a perpetual trophy and was presented by Judith Shanks in 1998 in memory of her grandfather who owned Quail and her mother who sailed her, as a price for the first Classic boat in the World Championship.
 5. The “Frank Tolhurst Perpetual Trophy” presented in 2005 in Australia as a perpetual trophy for the first Evolution boat in the World Championship.

6. The "Trofeo Italia" presented in 2014 by the Italian 5.5m Class Association, shall be given to the fastest Classic boat with attached rudder.

3.5. Trophies for Categories 2 and 3
A Trophy each shall be awarded annually to the winners of Category 2 and 3 (see Art. 2.1.) competing in the World Championship. These Trophies shall be provided by the organization holding the World Championship.

3.6. Other prizes
1. In addition to the replica, the first, second and third place yachts shall receive gilded, gold, silver and bronze medals for the helmsman and the crew in the same manner as these are presented in the Olympic Games.
2. The organization holding the World Championship shall be responsible for seeing that each helmsman and member of the crew receives participation present.

Article 4

4.1. Venue
The World Championship shall be held each year at the place agreed by the International 5.5 Metre Class Association at a meeting held no later than at the time of the preceding World Championship.

Article 5

5.1. Eligibility
Any yacht which holds a valid certificate of rating shall be entitled to enter. Entries shall be in the hands of the organization holding the event not less than 30 days before the first race and entries shall be accompanied by a copy of the valid certificate of rating.

5.2. Entries
An entry fee may be charged by the organization holding the Championship but in the event the entry fee shall not exceed Euro 600,-- (including crane usage for boat into the water and out again, one time), or its equivalent in the currency of the country holding the event.

5.3. Late entries
Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organization holding the event.

5.4. Helmsman/Crew
The helmsman must be a National of the country that he represents. Crew requirements as laid down by the International Sailing Federation from time to time shall be followed. There are no limitations as to the number of professionals on board.

Article 6

6.1. Measurement
The requirements as to measurement shall be those laid down by the Class and the International Sailing Federation from time to time. Generally speaking, a valid certificate of measurement shall be accepted. Measurements of sails, black bands etc. may be required at any time. The host club should have a measurer available for measuring at the start of a Series and, if required, during the Series.

Article 7

- 7.1. Racing Rules All races shall be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing of ISAF, the rules of procedure of the 5.5 Metre Class currently in force, and those of the National Authority under whose auspices the races are being conducted.
- 7.2. Category The Championship shall be a Category "C" event according to Appendix G of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that advertising on mainsail and jib, other than the sail maker's logo, are not allowed.
- 7.3. Format An optimum of six days and not less than five days shall be scheduled for the racing plus an additional day for measuring. No reserve day shall be scheduled.
There shall be a close liaison between the organizer of the event and the Class as to determinate the wishes of both parties.
- 7.4. Number of races The World Championship shall consist of a maximum of ten races.
- 7.5. Minimum number A minimum of 4 completed races is necessary to constitute a Championship.
- 7.6. Discards After 6 races have been completed, the worst result shall be a discard.
- 7.7. Postponements Postponed or unfinished races shall be rescheduled and sailed as soon as possible, but in no event after the date and time scheduled for the last race.
- 7.8. Other races The World Championship can be sailed in conjunction with one other class, provided boats of the other class will not be in the way and fair racing for both classes is guaranteed.
- 7.9. Wind strength No race shall be started in winds of 27 knots (6 Bft.) or greater or, at the discretion of the Race Committee, in winds less than 27 knots if the sea conditions are such that racing would not be appropriate.
No race shall be started in less than 5 knots of wind.
- 7.10. Course The course shall be in accordance with ISAF RRS Addendum A to Appendix L- Windward-Leeward Course: Using an offset mark at the windward mark shall be mandatory.
- 7.11. Races per day The length of the windward legs shall be approximately 1.5 nautical miles.
There shall be not more than two races per day.
- 7.12. Categories Regardless of category (see Art. 2.1.), all boats sail together, start at the same time, sail the same course and finish on the same finishing line.
- 7.13. Shortening course No course shall be shortened.
- 7.14. Time limits The time limit shall be based on three knots of speed of the leading yacht:
If no yacht has rounded the first mark in 45 minutes, the race shall be abandoned and restarted, or abandoned for the day.

Yachts still sailing more than 45 minutes after the first yacht finishes shall be awarded the points for the place behind the last yacht, which has finished the race within this time.
- 7.15. Penalty Rule 44.1 and 44.2 ISAF RRS apply, however one turn including one jibe and one tack, are necessary when taking a penalty.

Article 8

- 8.1. Scoring The low-point scoring according to ISAF RRS Appendix A shall apply. The boat with the lowest total score wins the World Championship title and the perpetual Trophy.
- 8.2. Categories 2+3 Lowest total score of the Categories 2 and 3 boats win the relevant trophies as described in Art. 3.5. and 3.6. Both categories may have their own ranking list.
- 8.3 Tie See Racing Rules of Sailing Art. A 2.3
- 8.4. Racing instructions Racing instructions, course signals and other procedural requirements shall conform as closely as practicable to those laid down by the International Sailing Federation. Provision may be made for penalties less than total disqualification.
- 8.5. Protests Protest must be filed in accordance with the RRS. An International Jury in accordance with appendix N of the RRS shall be constituted. The decisions of the International Jury shall not be subject to appeal.

Article 9

- 9.1. Reports The organizing authority or the President of the National Class Association in which the World Championship has been sailed is responsible for a brief report on the event, including the ranking list. This report should be in the hands of the Class-President/Secretary not later than 4 weeks after the event has taken place.
- 9.2. Photos A good photographer is welcomed on the site to visually document the event.
- 9.3. Amendments The President of the International 5.5 Metre Class Association and two officers or their representatives at a Championship may authorize departures from the requirements of Article 6 and 7 if local conditions at the venue make them desirable or if other important circumstances call for exceptions.
- 9.4. Interpretation In interpreting these rules the English text is decisive.