

The 'X' One Design Class Association

Founded by: ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

Boat Designer: A. WESTMACOTT, M.I.N.A., 1867 - 1936

CONSTITUTION

This Constitution together with the accompanying Class Rules form the rules of the 'X' One Design Class Association and the 'X' One Design Class of boat.

This Constitution became effective on 1st January, 1998

1. TITLE

The full title of the Association shall be the "X' One Design Class Association".

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are:

- a. To preserve 'X' boats as a One Design Class.
- b. To promote the racing of X.O.D. Class boats.
- c. To administer the affairs of the Association.
- d. To incorporate provisions in the Constitution and Class Rules so that the boats may be raced with reasonable economy.
- e. To preserve the spirit embodied in these objects and the traditions of the Association.

3. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

3.1 TERMS

Throughout these rules the following defined terms will be used:

- a. **XODCA**: shall mean the "X' One Design Class Association" formed to control the affairs of the X.O.D Class.
- b. **X.O.D. boat**: shall mean a boat built in accordance with the class rules as defined in these documents.
- c. **committee**: shall mean the committee of the XODCA.
- d. **constitution**: shall mean the rules governing the Constitution and conduct of the XODCA.
- e. **class**: shall mean the class of sailing boats designed by A. WESTMACOTT, MINA, and made in accordance with his drawings and specifications, and known under the name "X' One Design".
- f. **class register**: shall mean the register of owners of X.O.D. boats, with their addresses, name and number of boat, to be kept as hereinafter provided.
- g. **class rules**: shall mean the document that specifies the boat in the form in which it shall be used for *racing*, including any other document or procedure invoked by that document.
- h. **class captain**: shall mean the person elected at an Annual General Meeting to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- i. **deputy chairman of the committee**: shall mean the person appointed by the Class Captain to act in his absence.
- j. **class secretary**: shall mean the person appointed by the Committee to act as secretary of the XODCA.
- k. **registered number**: shall mean the sail / hull number allocated to the boat.
- l. **measurement certificate**: shall mean a certificate to be issued, ratified and endorsed as hereinafter provided and recording:
 - (i) The registered number and initial ownership of an "X One Design" and any changes in ownership.
 - (ii) The fact that such "X' One Design" originally complied with the class rules on

- completion of construction, together with such particulars as may be required by the class rules.
- m. **valid measurement certificate:** shall mean a measurement certificate in which:
 - (i) The ownership and the boat's name are up to date and entered on the Class Register.
 - (ii) Any endorsement required by the Class Rules has been duly entered.
 - (iii) The certificate has not been made invalid by Class Rule B.4.5.
 - n. **division:** shall mean a number of X.O.D. boats who are grouped in association with one or more yacht clubs to permit regular racing between them.
 - o. **divisional captain:** shall mean the person elected to be responsible for the management of the division and for the organisation of X.O.D. racing in that Division.
 - p. **vice captain:** shall mean the person elected to deputise for the Divisional Captain.
 - q. **owner:** shall mean any person or persons entered on the class register as owner or joint owner of an X.O.D. boat.
 - r. **technical advisory committee:** shall mean a committee formed to advise the **committee** on technical matters.
 - s. **chairman of the technical advisory committee:** shall mean the person nominated to act as the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee.
 - t. **technical representative:** shall mean the person elected by each division to represent that division on the Technical Advisory Committee.
 - u. **official measurer:** shall mean the person appointed by the Committee. The term shall include deputy measurers and assistants.

3.2 DEFINITIONS

Where a term is used in its defined sense, it is printed in "**bold italic**" type if defined in the constitution, in "**bold**" type if defined in the ISAF 'Equipment Rules of Sailing', and in "*italic*" type if defined in the ISAF 'Racing Rules of Sailing'.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of the **XODCA** shall be divided into:
 - (i) Full members who, solely or jointly, own an **X.O.D boat** or who have applied for and received the consent of the **committee** to build an **X.O.D boat**.
 - (ii) Associate members who, neither solely or jointly, own an **X.O.D boat**.
 - (iii) Honorary Members, who have been nominated by the Committee and confirmed at an A.G.M.
- b. Membership is limited to current members of yacht clubs which are approved for this purpose by the **committee**. See Appendix C.
- c. Prospective members must be proposed and seconded by full members of the **XODCA** and if elected by the **committee**, they become members on payment of the entrance fee and subscription.
- d. All **owners** shall be full members of the **XODCA**.
- e. A full member, on selling his **X.O.D boat** or his share in an **X.O.D boat**, shall thereupon automatically become an associate member, unless he otherwise falls within the provisions of **constitution** rule 4.a.i.

5. MANAGEMENT

5.1 COMMITTEE

- a. The business of the **XODCA** shall be managed by the **committee**.
- b. The **committee** shall be composed of :
 - The **class captain** and the **deputy chairman of the committee**.
 - Two members appointed by the Royal Motor Yacht Club.
 - The **divisional captain** and **vice-captain** of each **division** or their duly appointed alternates.
 - The **chairman of the technical advisory committee** or his duly appointed alternate.

- Any co-opted member (non voting).
- c. All members of the **committee** must be full members of the **XODCA**.
 - d. At committee meetings, five members shall form a quorum and decisions, when taken shall be by majority vote. In the event of an equality of votes the chairman shall have the casting vote.
 - e. The **committee** shall have the power to appoint the **class secretary** and such other employees as it deems necessary and on such terms as it thinks fit. Such appointments shall be reviewed annually by the **committee**.
 - f. The **committee** shall appoint an **official measurer** and may appoint deputy measurers, as required, to work for and be responsible to the **official measurer**.

5.2 CLASS CAPTAIN

- a. The Association shall at each Annual General Meeting elect from its full members a **class captain** the same candidate should not normally be nominated for more than three consecutive years.
- b. The **class captain** shall appoint a **deputy chairman of the committee** to act in his absence during his year of office.
- c. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to ensure that there is at least one Nomination for **class captain** at each Annual General Meeting.
- d. Any member wishing to do so may stand for election as **class captain** at an Annual General Meeting provided they advise the **class secretary** of their intention in writing before 30th September with letters of support from a proposer and a seconder who shall both be full members of the **XODCA**.
- e. Fair rotation around the divisions is desirable, as is previous experience of a term on the **committee**, although selection of the best person for the job is paramount.
- f. Notice of the Annual General Meeting will include nominations for **class captain**.

5.3 DIVISIONS

- a. For the promotion of racing in local ports, **X.O.D boats** shall be grouped into **divisions** in association with one or more yacht clubs.
- b. The **committee** may authorise the formation of a **division** in any port, harbour or locality where it considers that a sufficient number of **X.O.D boats** are permanently based and raced.
- c. The committee may disband any **division** either because the number of boats based and raced there falls below six, or if it considers that there has been a persistent or deliberate disregard of the **constitution** or **class rules**.
- d. Each **division** shall appoint annually from among its full members a **divisional captain**, a **vice captain** and a **technical representative**.
- e. The **divisional captain** shall be responsible for the management of the **division** and for the organisation of **X.O.D boat racing** in the **division**.
- f. The **divisional captain** and **vice-captain** may respectively appoint alternates with power to act in their absence.

6. POWER OF THE COMMITTEE

Subject to the provision of these rules, and in particular to the objects of the **XODCA** as expressed in **constitution** rule 2, the **committee** shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration.

7. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a. An Annual General Meeting of the **XODCA** shall be held annually in the period between 1st November and 31st March inclusive, preferably in November or December.
- b. The **committee** may call a Special General Meeting whenever it considers such course necessary. Upon the requisition in writing of not less than twenty full members, it shall call a Special General Meeting to consider such matters as shall be stated in the requisition.
- c. The period of notice to be given to members of the **XODCA** in respect of a General

Meeting shall not be less than 21 days. This notice shall specify the place, date and hour of the meeting. The agenda shall state the general nature of any business to be transacted and the wording of any proposed alterations or addition to the **constitution** or **class rules**.

- d. The **committee** may place a matter on the agenda of any General Meeting at any time prior to the despatch of the notice of the meeting to the members of the **XODCA** under **constitution** rule 7.c.
- e. Any member, being a full member of the **XODCA**, who wishes to have a matter included in the agenda for the Annual General Meeting, shall give notice to the Secretary on or prior to 30th September.
- f. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when meeting proceeds to the business and for all purposes the quorum shall not be less than 10% of the full members of the Association present in person or by proxy.
- g. Each full member shall be entitled to one vote except that one vote only shall be allowed between joint owners where an **X.O.D boat** is jointly owned.
- h. Voting at an Annual General Meeting shall be by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded.
- i. A poll may be demanded by not less than three full members present at the meeting. In such an event, members may vote in person or by proxy and each voting paper shall bear the number of the **boat** it represents.
- j. Proxies may only be given to full members in accordance with **constitution** rule 7.g. A proxy may be in any suitable form but it must be signed and dated. A proxy shall not be valid unless it is received by the **class secretary** at least 72 hours before the time of the meeting.
- k. A resolution shall not be passed unless:
 - (i) in the case of a resolution which proposes an alteration or addition to the **constitution** or **class rules** - at least 75% of the votes cast in accordance with **constitution** rule 7.g., are in favour of the resolution.
 - (ii) in the case of a resolution upon any other matter - a majority of the votes cast in accordance with **constitution** rule 7.g. are in favour of the resolution.
- l. A motion voted upon and carried may not be introduced again until the next Annual General Meeting.
- m. Associate members may attend and speak at General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

8. FEES

8.1 ENTRANCE AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES

- a. The entrance fee and the annual subscription payable during the ensuing calendar year shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting.
- b. Changes in the entrance fee, the annual subscriptions and the measurement and design fee shall not, for the purpose of **constitution** rule 7 be regarded as changes in the constitution and accordingly shall not be subject to the special provisions as regards notice and voting set out in those Rules.
- c. The Entrance Fee shall be:
 - Husband and wife as joint full boat owners } see Appendix A
 - Full **boat** owing member }
- d. An Associate Member on the first occasion of becoming a Full Member shall be liable to pay the Entrance Fee.
- e. The Annual Subscription shall be:
 - Husband and wife as joint boat owners } see Appendix A
 - Full **boat** owning member }
 - Associate member }
- f. Each joint owner shall pay the entrance fee on joining the **XODCA** and, except as provided in (c) above, the full annual subscription.
- g. The annual subscription of members shall be due and payable on the 1st day of

February in each year. If any subscription is not paid within one calendar month of that date the class secretary shall notify the member in question in writing requiring payment within 28 days.

- h. If the subscription remains unpaid after 28 days notice, the defaulter shall automatically cease to be a member of the **XODCA** but the **committee**, in its absolute discretion, shall have power on tender of the overdue subscription, to re-elect such defaulter without the formalities required by **constitution** rule 4.c.
- i. The **committee** shall have absolute discretion, without assigning any reason, to refuse to accept the subscription of any member on the same becoming due, whether tendered or not, and on such refusal membership of the **XODCA** shall cease forthwith. Whose membership so ceases shall only be re-elected to membership in accordance with the provisions of **constitution** rule 4.c.

8.2 BUILD AND MEASUREMENT FEES

- a. The build fee is payable by the owner to the **XODCA** in advance of the Committee giving its consent to build a new **X.O.D boat**. See Appendix B
- b. The following Measurement fees for measurement by the **official measurer** are payable by the owner to the **official measurer**,

Hull	}	At a rate not exceeding the rate currently
Spars and rigging	}	recommended by the R.Y.A.
Travel	}	see Appendix B
Expenses	}	

9. ACCOUNTS

- a. The Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept giving full particulars of:
 - (i) All monies, assets and liabilities of the **XODCA**.
 - (ii) All monies received and expended by the **XODCA** and reasons for such receipts and expenditure.
 - (iii) All sales and purchases by the **XODCA**.
- b. The Committee shall cause the annual financial statement to be prepared and presented at every Annual General Meeting of the **XODCA**.
- c. A copy of the annual financial statement, duly audited, prepared for presentation at a General Meeting shall, not less than fourteen days prior to such General Meeting, be sent to every full member of whose address the **committee** is aware.

10. PROTECTION OF THE "ONE DESIGN OF THE CLASS"

10.1 GENERAL PROTECTION

- a. A **boat** shall not be entered on the **class register** as an **X.O.D boat** unless a **certificate** has been issued in respect of such boat, in accordance with the **class rules**.
- b. If a particular item is not referred to in **class rules**, and is not in the spirit of **constitution** rule 2, the Objects of the **XODCA**, then it must be referred to the **committee**.
- c. The **divisional captain** and/or the **technical representative**, after having notified the owners of his intentions, is authorised to inspect and check that all **boats** racing in his division conform to the **class rules**. He shall report any deliberate or persistent breach of the class rules to the committee.

10.2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- a. A **technical advisory committee** shall be formed and shall comprise of:
 - The **technical representative** of each division.
 - The following ex-officio members:
 - The **class captain / deputy class captain**.
 - The **official measurer**.
- b. Each division shall elect, from its full members, a **technical representative** who

- c. shall normally have specialist or relevant knowledge.
The **committee** shall nominate a member of the **technical advisory committee** to carry out the duties of **chairman of the technical advisory committee**. This position shall be ratified annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The **committee** has, at its discretion, the power to co-opt others to serve on the **technical advisory committee** from time to time.

10.3 ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The role of the Technical Advisory Committee is to:

- a. Provide technical advice to the **committee**.
- b. Carry out specific investigations and projects as directed by the **committee**.
- c. Research technical matters and keep the **committee** informed of developments relevant to the X.O.D. Class.
- d. Review the drawings annually and keep a record of any amendments noting the reason and the resolution authorising the change.
- e. In conjunction with the **class secretary** and **official measurer**, be responsible for maintaining both the **measurement certificates** and a technical history of each **X.O.D. boat**.

The history to be inclusive of:

- Hull** and sail number.
- Boats name.
- Builder.
- Date of build.
- Dates and names of owners.
- Measurement forms.
- Weight certificates.
- Measurement certificate**.
- Committee** decisions of a technical nature relating to that **boat**.

11. CLASS RACING

11.1 AUTHORITY

The **committee** shall have full authority to arrange all matters connected with X.O.D. class racing in consultation with the sponsoring club or clubs.

11.2 RACES

The **committee** shall make arrangements for *races* to be held annually for the under mentioned trophies:

- a. The Captain's Cup (presented by the late Harry Brickwood Esq.)
- b. The Phillipson Shield (presented by the late E.A. Phillipson Esq.)
- c. The Team Race Shield
- d. The Hiscock Cup (presented by C.F. Hiscock Esq.)
- e. The Eustace Grenfell Trophy (presented by Mrs. M. Grenfell and Mrs. J. Stevens)
- f. The Harold Hayles Bowl (presented by the Royal Solent Yacht Club)
- g. The Steele Pilcher Salver (presented by Capt. F. Steele Pilcher)
- h. R.M.Y.C. 1977 Jubilee Cup (presented by the Royal Motor Yacht Club)
- i. R.M.Y.C. 75th Anniversary Cup (presented by the Royal Motor Yacht Club)
- j. The Sam Southern Cup (presented by Mrs. S. Barnes)
- k. The Veteran 'X' Boat Cup I (presented by A. Jones Esq.)
- l. The Veteran 'X' Boat Cup II (presented by A. Jones Esq.)
- m. The Veteran 'X' Boat Cup III (presented by A. Jones Esq.)
- n. The Veteran 'X' Boat Cup IV (presented by A. Jones Esq.)
- o. The R.M.Y.C. Challenge Cup (Jubilee Cup)
- p. The Coronation Cup (presented by C.R.M. Stewart Esq.)
- q. The Cowes Week Ladies Bowl (presented anonymously)
- r. The Ark and Dove Challenge Cup (presented by the State of Maryland, U.S.A.)

- s. 75th Anniversary Jubilee Cup (presented by H. A. Mellery-Pratt Esq.)
- t. Old Master's Trophy (presented by S.J.D. Corsan Esq.)
- u. Captain's Crystal (presented by D. Paton Esq.)
- v. Dennis Ellis Bowl (presented by the XOD Class Association)
- w. The Ron Rogers Bowl (presented by Mrs. B. Rogers and family)
- x. XOD Under 25 Cup (presented by the XOD Class Association)
- y. The Ladies Vase (presented by Major A Jardine and Miss N Wise)

11.3 TEAM RACE SHIELD

- a. Team helmsmen shall be full or associate members of the **division** they represent.
- b. Team racing distinguishing shall be the International Code Flag of the first letter of the division's name, or any other flag at the discretion of the **class captain**.
- c. Chartered or loaned **boats** shall not participate in the Team Race Shield.
- d. In team races the R. R. of S. Appendix D Team Racing Rules shall apply, unless the captains of the **divisions** engaged in the race otherwise agree.

11.4 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- a. Chartered or loaned **boats** may participate in the class racing at Cowes (other than the Team Race Shield) but any Class Trophies won must remain in the custody of the owner of the **boat**.
- b. For the purpose of this ruling, chartered or loaned **boats** at Cowes race for the **division** to which the boat is attached.

APPENDICES

A. ENTRANCE AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES

The Entrance Fee for 2011 shall be:

Husband and Wife as joint full boat owning members	£24
Full boat owning member, and additional full members	£16

The Annual subscription for 2011 shall be:

Husband and Wife as joint full boat owning members	£50
Full boat owning member	£50
Each additional full boat owning member	£50
Existing full boat owning members paying after 1 st March	£75
Each Associate member	£20

B. BUILD AND MEASUREMENT FEES [see **constitution** rule 8.2]

The Build fee for 2011 shall be:

Build Fee	£100
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Measurement fee:

The rate currently recommended by the R.Y.A. is as follows:

Hull	£15/Hour
Spars and rigging	£15/Hour
Travel.....	{ As agreed between
Expenses	{ owner and measurer

C. LIST OF APPROVED CLUBS [see *constitution* rule 4.b]

Hamble River Sailing Club The Ferryhard, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire. SO31 4JB	(Hamble Division)
Royal Southern Yacht Club Rope Walk, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire. SO31 5HB	(Hamble Division)
Itchenor Sailing Club Itchenor, Chichester, West Sussex. PO20 7AG	(Itchenor Division)
Royal Lymington Yacht Club Bath Road, Lymington, Hampshire. SO41 3SE	(Lymington Division)
Parkstone Yacht Club, Pearce Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. BH14 8EH	(Parkstone Division)
Royal Solent Yacht Club Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. PO41 0NS	(Yarmouth Division)
Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7LF.	
Royal Motor Yacht Club, RMYCS "Enchantress", Sandbanks, Poole, Dorset. BH13 7RE	
Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7RE	
Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath Road, Lymington, Hampshire. SO41 3SE	
Royal Air Force Yacht Club, Riverside House, Rope Walk, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire. SO31 4HD	
Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, 39 Birmingham Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7BH	
Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, The Parade, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7QU	