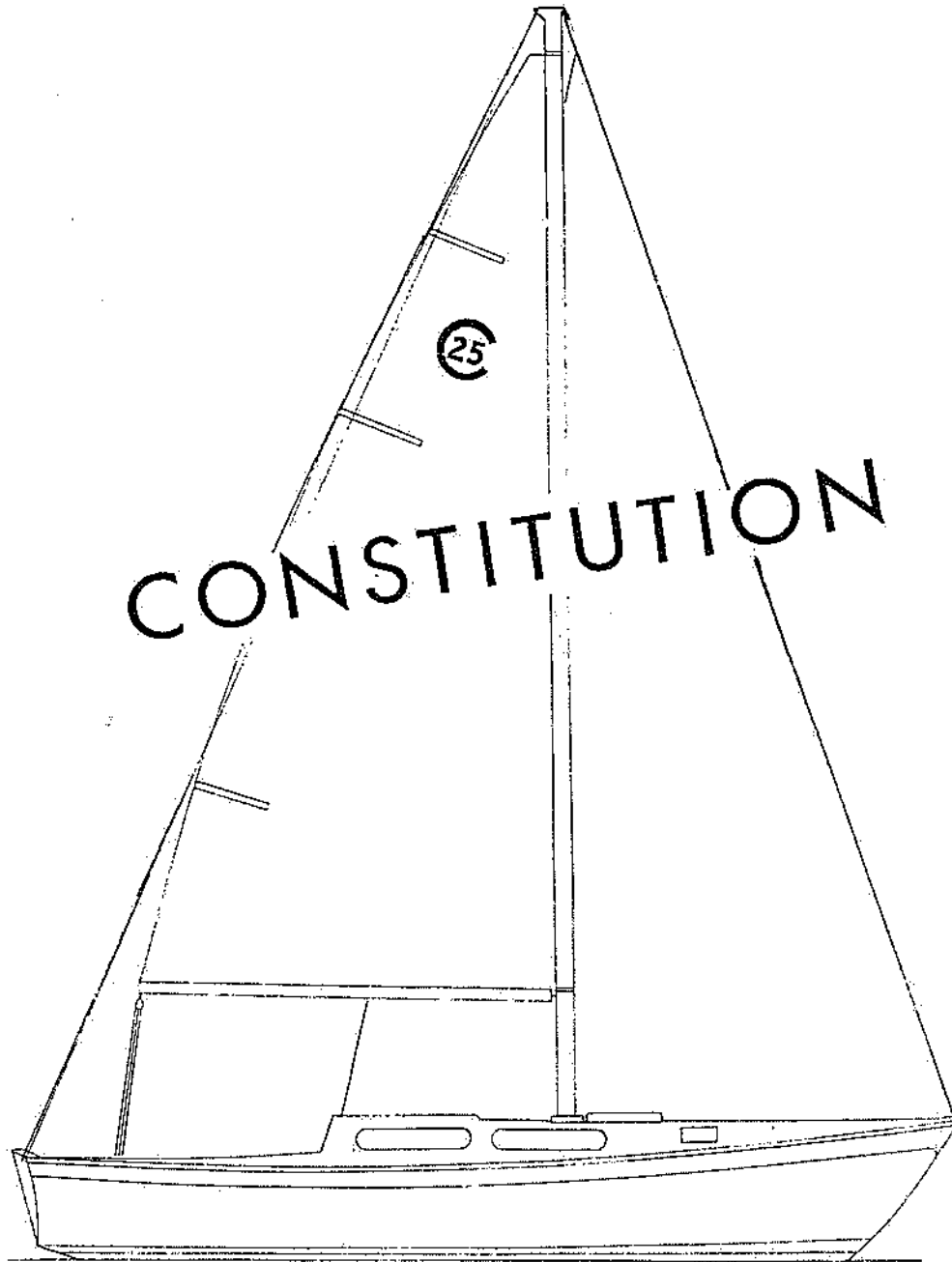




**CAL - 25
NATIONAL FLEET**



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I. OBJECTIVE

The Objective of the Cal-25 National Association (hereafter called the Association) shall be to serve the interests of Cal-25 owners on a national and local level. Specifically, the Association shall:

- A. Establish and maintain one-design specifications.
- B. Promote Cal-25 one-design racing and cruising throughout the country.
- C. Provide a mechanism, with guidance, whereby local fleets can function on a National level.

II. GEOGRAPHIC SUBDIVISIONS

A. Regions - The North American Continent shall be divided into four (4) regions:

- 1. Western Region - shall include the West Coast and Hawaii.
- 2. Eastern Region - shall include the East Coast.
- 3. Lakes Region - shall include all the Great Lakes.
- 4. Gulf Region - shall include the Gulf Coast. Inland lake fleets shall belong to the region of nearest proximity.

A region must contain at least fifteen (15) yachts which are registered to members in one or more active fleet to be a functional region with a Regional Representative.

B. Districts - Regions shall be divided into districts which contain one or more fleets. Districts shall be limited in geographic size so that the distance between its farthest separated fleets can be traversed by a Cal-25 in two (2) days. This distance shall be eighty (80) nautical miles. Fleets more than 80 miles from any other shall be a district. District boundaries may be established by the majority of regional membership within which the district exists. The following districts are recommended:

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| I - San Francisco | VI - St. Petersburg (non-active) |
| II - Marina Del Rey
Long Beach | VII - Lake Norman (proposed) |
| III - Newport
Dana Point
San Diego | VIII - Chesapeake Bay |
| IV - Hawaii | IX - Long Island |
| V - Galveston Bay (non-active) | X - Chicago |
| | XI - Detroit |

C. Fleets - The maximum geographical extent of a fleet shall be determined by its ability to practically serve the physical needs of its membership.

III. GOVERNING BOARD

A. The Governing Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, and Regional Representative from each active region. The President and Vice President shall not be from the same region. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Regional Representative from the President's region. Each member of this Board may cast one (1) vote on Board decisions and, in the event of a tie, the President's vote shall count twice. Annual expenditures must be approved by the Governing Board. The Board shall serve from 1 February to 31 January.

V. MEETINGS

- A. An annual meeting shall be held at a time and place fixed by the Governing Board which shall, whenever possible, be during the period of and in the vicinity of the National Championship.
- B. Each fleet shall be responsible for the expression of its members views via a delegate or proxies at the Association's annual meeting.
- C. For voting purposes, the membership roster closes five (5) days prior to the meeting or as ordered by the Governing Board.

VI. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

- A. The business year shall begin 1 February.
- B. "SEABREEZE" will be published four (4) times each year, as close as practical to 1 March, 15 May, 15 August, and 15 November.
- C. Fleets shall submit new officers' names and addresses to the National Association by 1 March to be in good standing.
- D. Nominations of officers shall be submitted by one or more fleets by 1 December.
- E. Ballots will be mailed by 25 December and shall be returned by 10 January.
- F. All dates above shall be postmark dates.
- G. Annual dues are payable by 1 May.

VII. FLEET RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Each fleet shall hold an annual meeting.
- B. Results of elections shall be filed promptly with the Association.
- C. The fleet shall be responsible for collection of National dues which shall be forwarded to the Association each month.
- D. Each fleet shall maintain a minimum of three (3) regular members in good standing, who are each individual owners of an eligible Cal-25.
- E. A fleet charter will be suspended on 1 May for failure to meet VII.A, B, C, or D.
- F. Fleets shall be responsible for measurement of yachts and maintaining records of such measurement.
- G. A fleet charter may be granted to any requesting group of five (5) or more individual Cal-25 owners not within the locality of an organized fleet. Application shall be filed with the President. New charters are conditional until ratified at the annual meeting.
- H. Loaner Boats - A fleet which has requested hosting of a National or Regional Championship shall be responsible for providing adequate quantities of loaner boats, reasonably equipped for racing, less sails. Upon submitting to the Governing Board a written request of hosting, the requesting fleet shall provide a preliminary list, by hull number, of loaner boats.
- I. The responsibility and cost for providing proper facilities, prizes and entertainment shall rest with the fleet holding a sanctioned event (National, Regional or District). A reasonable entry fee may be imposed to defray expenses which shall not exceed two times the normal National dues.
- J. Fleet secretary shall prepare a report of the fleet roster and activities for possible use in the Association Yearbook by March of each year.

VIII. REGATTAS

A. North American Championship/National

1. Shall be sailed once each year and consist of five races, if possible. The Race Committee may declare less than five races will be sailed if weather conditions do not allow completion of five.
2. The location and selection of host fleet of the Championship Regatta shall be determined by the Governing Board, keeping in mind the goals of development, promotion, equitable distribution, and suitable facilities and race conditions. However, the regatta shall not be held in the same region two years in succession.

For planning purposes, an annual rotational schedule for the National Regatta is to be implemented: Annapolis, Great Lakes (Detroit), Long Beach, and New Orleans. The next scheduled fleet is to confirm interest and capability by December of the preceding year or it may be passed over at it's request. The Governing Board may add new fleets interested and able to hold a National Regatta and their inclusion may be inserted into the rotation schedule.

3. The date of the regatta shall be determined by the host fleet and published in the November "SEABREEZE" in the year prior to the event.

B. Regional Championship - Regional Championships shall not be held in the same district more than two consecutive years. The Regional Representative of the Governing Board shall determine the host fleet and location for the following year, keeping in mind the purposes specified in VIII.A2. His decision may be appealed to the Governing Board.

C. District Championship - The location and time for the following year shall be determined by the fleet with the highest total point score in the current year's district championship, except it cannot be held by the same fleet for more than two consecutive years.

D. Fleet Championship - When held, they shall fall completely within the jurisdiction of the sponsoring fleet.

E. Any fleet may request, in writing to the Governing Board, that they host any level event in VIII.A, B, and C above. If the conditions for selection of a location of any event cannot be met, the Governing Board may select a location based on submitted requests.

F. Eligibility

1. The helmsman must be a bona fide-Cal-25 owner.
2. Association dues and entry fees must be paid prior to a sanctioned regatta for an owner to be eligible.

G. Rules - The rules of USYRU shall govern right-of-way in all Cal-25 races. Other USYRU racing rules and procedures will apply unless otherwise stated in the race circular. If such rules conflict with those of the Cal-25 National Association, the latter shall apply.

H. A Standing Committee is to be set up, with representatives from each region to address:

- Specifics of the conduct of the National Regatta
- Specifics of the National Rules which are not explicitly addressed, and with the intent of establishing a national standard for equipment despite local rule variations.

IX. CRUISES

In keeping with the National Association's Objective, Paragraph I.B, to promote cruising throughout the country, the following recommendations are made:

- A. That a host fleet, in addition to providing loaner boats for National or Regional racing, also provide loaner boats for cruise purposes with or without the owner, at times immediately following National or Regional events, and at other times.
- B. To provide a system of reciprocity, it is suggested that a host fleet be given one credit for each loaner cruiser (for racing or cruising) utilized by a National Association regular member in good standing from other than the host fleet's district. The National Secretary shall maintain a list of credit standing among fleets. During the sailing season, a regular member may request through his fleet and the National Association, the use of a loaner cruiser from a fleet outside his own district provided:
 1. The requesting fleet has credits with the National Association.
 2. The requesting individual has been a regular member individual Cal-25 owner of his fleet and the Association for at least two full years.
 3. The requestee fleet can provide the loaner cruiser, for which it will receive credit with the National Association.
 4. The requesting Fleet Captain shall provide to the Association his written certification as to the seamanship ability of the requesting individual.
- C. Insurance deductibles and coverage shall be agreed upon between requesting individual and loaner cruiser owner, without any liability on behalf of the Association.

X. VOTING

- A. Voting shall be on a "one-boat one-vote" basis. Ballots, proxies, and floor votes shall be honored from the first named co-owner of any yacht having more than one owner as published in the Association roster.
- B. Only regular and isolated members shall vote.
- C. Results of all voting by region, with the numbers for and against, shall appear in the "SEABREEZE" following the vote.
- D. Amendments - This Constitution and Class Rules shall only be changed by a 2/3 vote by mail (ballots to be returned within 30 days) or of the sum of proxies received and votes cast from the floor at the annual meeting, provided any proposed amendment be mailed to the membership at least four (4) weeks prior to the meeting. Proxies must be received by the Secretary by the last business day prior to the meeting, or presented at the meeting when votes are cast.
- E. Proposed amendments shall include effective dates and no approved amendment shall take effect until at least 90 days after its approval.
- F. Election of Officers
 1. President and Vice President shall be the nominees receiving the greatest number of votes cast. Regional representatives will be nominated from within their respective regions and be determined by the greatest number of votes cast by that region's membership.
 2. Dates of nominations and voting shall be per Section VI of this Constitution.
 3. Officers shall assume duties 1 February (or as soon as feasible after this date) and shall serve two (2) year terms.

XI. FINANCE

- A. Annual Association dues shall be determined by the Governing Board each year, but shall not exceed \$10.00.
- B. The Association shall not be liable for any debts contracted by its fleets, officers or members, other than those authorized by the Governing Board.
- C. A Treasurer's report of expenditures and income shall be published in the November "SEABREEZE".
- D. Dues shall be the same for regular, associated, and isolated members.
- E. The National Treasury shall contribute \$200.00 to defray the travel expenses of the National Champion if he chooses to defend his title, provided that the next National Regatta is not in his region, and provided that at least a \$500.00 balance remains in the Treasury after this contribution.

XII. PUBLICATIONS

- A. The official Association newsletter shall be called the "SEABREEZE" and shall be published per Paragraph VI.B. Members or groups, including the Governing Board, for or against a proposal, may express their views in "SEABREEZE", being limited to one-half page, or may at their own expense supply one sheet of printed matter to be enclosed with a mailing.
- B. Cal-25 National Yearbook - May be published each year as early in the year as possible. It should contain a roster by hull number, of all known Cal-25s, regardless of membership status. It should also contain fleet rosters and racing/cruising descriptions obtained from each fleet secretary. All major regattas should be described.