



AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

These By-Laws are made under the powers described in Paragraph 4 of the Australian Radio Yachting Association Constitution.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ARYA	Australian Radio Yachting Association (Incorporated)
AGM	ARYA Annual General Meeting
NCC	National Class Co-Ordinator
NOA	National Owners Association
NRC	Nationally Recognised Class

DEFINITIONS

ARYA Class Register:	The list of registered boats of an ARYA NRC
Australian State Association:	A full member of ARYA.
Club:	A radio sailing club affiliated with ARYA through their State Association.
National Championship:	The ARYA approved National Championship for one NRC.
National Championships:	The ARYA approved National Championship Regatta.
State:	A full member of ARYA.
State Championships:	An ARYA approved State Championship.

BY-LAW 1: RECOGNISED CLASSES

The ARYA may choose to recognise the following classes of radio yacht:

1.1 Nationally Recognised Class – to be eligible and remain eligible as a Nationally Recognised Class the class of yacht must:

- i) sail state-sanctioned State Championships in three Australian States each year.
- ii) be represented by at least 25 separate Australian registered boats which have competed in and been recorded as finishing in international, national, state or regional ARYA approved events in each calendar year.
- iii) have class rules and be overseen by an identifiable and contactable national or international class association or body with a formally adopted constitution.
- iv) be approved for recognition at a national level by a general meeting of the ARYA.
- v) have previously been recognised as a State Recognised Class and been/be proposed for recognition by at least one State.
- vi) continue to qualify as a State Recognised Class.
- vii) The ARYA may audit NRCs as it sees fit to ensure continued compliance with the requirements of 1.1. Any non-compliance will be reported to the class association or body described in 1.1iii). Any removal of a class from NRC status can only be done at a General Meeting of the ARYA.

1.2 State Recognised Class – to be eligible and remain eligible for recognition as a State Recognised Class the class of yacht must:

- i) be formally recognised by an Australian State Association, a member of the ARYA.
- ii) have an Australian State Association or international class association approved set of rules, or standards for the class.
- iii) have an Australian State Association or International class association with a constitution by which the class is administered.
- iv) sail a State Sanctioned Class championship in each State in which the class is recognised, in which at least six (6) boats are recorded as having started and sailed in the event.
- v) have six (6) boats from the respective Australian State Association, of the State Recognised Class compete in and be recorded as finishing in international, national, state or regional ARYA approved events being registered in that state in each calendar year of the abovementioned events.
- vi) have previously been and continue to qualify as a State Sanctioned Class.

- 1.3 State Sanctioned Class – to be eligible and remain eligible for recognition as a State Sanctioned Class:
- i) six or more yachts must be raced regularly, in an organised manner by a Club affiliated with the ARYA.
 - ii) the class must have a declared agent or association. This agent or association shall have the roles or responsibilities of a State Class Coordinators.
 - iii) the parameters of the class, whether set by rules, plans, specifications, rating formulae, manufacturer's policy and/or a combination of these shall be adopted and not amended from the parameters set by the originators and/or the owner of the parameters. Revisions introduced by class parameter owners/originators are to be adopted as soon as is practicable after their promulgation.
 - iv) in developing or introducing a new class seeking to be recognised as a State Sanctioned Class, the design and class rules shall not in any way copy, imitate or plagiarise an existing class in any jurisdiction, nor adopt a similar or misleading class name from an existing class.
 - v) these provisions apply to all classes currently sailed in Australia and to any future classes adopted for sailing in Australia.

BY-LAW 2: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTAS

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 National Championships will be scheduled for each Nationally Recognised Class (NRC) annually.
- 2.1.2 National Championships will be hosted by ARYA member States on a rotational basis.
- 2.1.3 The National Championship rotation will be applied to each NRC individually.
- 2.1.4 The rotation of the National Championships shall be delegated to each State in the order:
Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory, South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania, Queensland, Victoria.

2.2 Procedure for allocating National Championships

- 2.2.1 The ARYA must formally approve the dates and location of all National Championship events for NRCs at a General Meeting prior to the event being advertised.
- 2.2.2 Host States will complete an ARYA National Championship Questionnaire containing the proposed details of the National Championships including a budget.
- 2.2.3 The Questionnaire will be submitted to the ARYA at least 30 days prior to the General Meeting at which the ARYA will consider the proposal.
- 2.2.4 If the State determined by the rotation, is unable or unwilling to hold the championship for a NRC, the State will advise the ARYA and the event will default to the next State in the rotation.

- 2.2.5 Once a National Championship event has been awarded to a State by the ARYA, the event will remain with that State until it is either completed, or handed back to the ARYA by the State.
- 2.2.6 In the event that all States in the rotation decline the opportunity to host a National Championship event, the ARYA reserves the right to arrange the event itself.

2.3. Administration of National Championships

- 2.3.1 The host State may delegate all or part of the organisation of the National Championship event to any club or group of clubs affiliated with it.
- 2.3.2 The ARYA shall produce a custom-made trophy which will be awarded to the first three (3) placegetters and Age Category winners at National Championships. This trophy is to be unique to the ARYA and may be kept by the winner.
- 2.3.3 Age Categories shall be as follows:
 - (i) Masters: Competitors aged from 65 years to 74 years on the first date of the National Championship
 - (ii) Grand Masters: Competitors aged 75 years and older on the first date of the National Championship.
- 2.3.4 Recipients of ARYA Age Categories will not have placed in the first three place getters in the event, except if they are the only eligible competitor in their age category.
- 2.3.5 Competitors eligible for ARYA Age Categories must opt-in to the category. Competitors of eligible age are not required to participate in the Age Category competition.

2.4. Scheduling and Attendance

- 2.4.1 If there are less than six (6) entries for a class at any National Championship after the closing date for entries, then the National Championship for that class lapses for that year.
- 2.4.2 The minimum number of days for a National Championship to be scheduled is two (2). This applies when the expected number of entries is likely to be no more than twenty (20) boats.
- 2.4.3 Additional days are added to the schedule at the rate of one day for each expected additional fleet.
- 2.4.4 A maximum of four (4) days shall be scheduled for a National Championship.
- 2.4.5 The ARYA reserves the right to limit the duration and number of entrants that can be accepted into a National Championship event.

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BY-LAW 3: CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 3.1 National Championships may be conducted for Nationally Recognised Classes (see Clause 2.6 of the ARYA Constitution) and the winners can be recognised as 'Australian National Champions'. The events can be referred to as 'ARYA Australian National Championships'.

- 3.2 Other State Recognised or State Sanctioned Classes that do not meet the requirements of Nationally Recognised Classes (see By Law 1.1) shall have the following conditions/restrictions:
- i) a class that does not meet the requirements of By Law 1.1 must not hold its Class or Association Championship at the same time as any ARYA National Championships.
 - ii) there will be only one such multistate regatta each year for these classes and there will be no statement or implication that the winner is the 'Australian National Champion', nor shall there be any reference to the regatta being an 'Australian National Championship' regatta or event.
 - iii) the regatta shall be open to all Australian registered yachts of that class no matter what their owner's home state, registration regime or class recognition status together with internationally competitors registered in their Country of origin.
 - iv) where the class is sailed in more than one state a regatta may be rotated between those states from year to year.
- 3.3 Upon the requirements set out in By Law 1.1 being met by a class that was not previously a Nationally Recognised Class, a State Association may apply to the ARYA for approval to conduct an ARYA sanctioned 'Australian National Championship'.

BY-LAW 4: LIFE FELLOW and ROLL OF HONOUR

- 4.1 Life Fellow status of the ARYA may be awarded to individuals who have provided long-standing service to the ARYA.
- 4.2 To qualify for Life Fellow, an individual should have provided service to ARYA at a national level, not just in the state where he/she resides.
- 4.3 The candidate shall be nominated by a State Association to the ARYA.
- 4.4 The ARYA shall assess the submission to ensure that the candidate has met the criteria of:
- i) lengthy service.
 - ii) outstanding service.
 - iii) services benefiting ARYA members nationally.
- 4.5 The ARYA shall vote on the submission. A majority vote in favour of the candidate is required for the ARYA to recommend the candidate for Life Fellow status of the ARYA.
- 4.6 If the ARYA makes this recommendation, the State Associations shall then vote at the next Annual General Meeting of ARYA or if possible, via a postal or electronic vote prior to the AGM. A majority vote is required to award Life Fellow status to the candidate.

- 4.7 Candidates who have been awarded Life Fellow status will not be required to pay any ARYA membership subscription, fee or levy from the time of that award onwards. ARYA will pay any insurance component of the subscription on behalf of all Life Fellows. Life Fellows will be considered as Affiliated Members of the ARYA.
- 4.8 ARYA will establish a Roll of Honour on which the names of all deceased Life Fellows shall be recorded. Upon the death of a Life Fellow their name will be removed from the Life Fellow register and placed on the Roll of Honour.

BY-LAW 5: NATIONAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION

- 6.1 A National Owners Association may be recognised by the ARYA where such body represents a class or classes of a radio sailing yacht, holds the yacht or yacht's class rules and the class rules of the yacht or yachts and the constitution of the association are approved by the ARYA.
- 6.2 The NOA must hold State Championships in three states in each year. Such championships shall be organised through the relevant State Association.
- 6.3 Prior to the ARYA delegating administrative powers for any existing Nationally Recognised Class, for which the ARYA holds the Class Register to a NOA, the ARYA shall approve of the constitution and class rules that the NOA intend to use to govern the class.

BY-LAW 6: NATIONAL CLASS COORDINATORS

- 5.1 Each Nationally Recognised Class may have a National Class Coordinator in the absence of a recognised NOA.
- 5.2 An NCC shall have access to the ARYA Class Register but will not be a member of the Committee or have voting rights.
- 5.3 The NCC shall be responsible to and under the direction of the Committee for:
- i) furthering the aims of the ARYA by promoting the design, construction and racing of the class.
 - ii) acting as a liaison between ARYA and class owners and representing the owners in all relevant matters.
 - iii) producing material of interest to class owners (regatta reports, articles etc.) for ARYA publication.
- 5.4 The NCC shall be elected annually at the ARYA AGM or at any time by mail or electronic vote that the ARYA allows.

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