

**29er USA Class Association
Class Association Rules**

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Name: The United States National 29er Class Association shall be officially named the **29er USA Class Association** and may also be referred to as the "USA Class" or just the "Class".

Purpose: The purpose of the Class is to be recognized by U.S. Sailing for development of racing the 29er sailboats in the United States and to be a chartered member of the International 29er Class Association including carrying out the objectives thereof in both the United States and worldwide.

Membership: Membership is open to any owner, skipper, crew, sailor, or other supporter of the 29er sailboat and Class. Membership is subject to paying annual dues as set from time-to-time by the Class and not being suspended per the U.S. Sailing or the International 29er Class Association Constitution rules.

Governance: The USA Class shall have a governance Council made up of at least 12 members.

The 12 members shall meet in person, by telephone or electronic means at least once per year to, as necessary, to carry out the necessary business of the Class.

The governance Council once formed and by September 18, 2009 shall operate the Class in accordance with these rules and these rules as amended from time to time by their majority vote so long as future amendments continue to comply with the International 29er Class Association and US Sailing requirements.

Governance Council Members: The governance Council shall consist of Class Officers and Area Representatives. Council members shall be elected or appointed to serve a two (2) year term, but with no fixed time limit to the period of office. Class President, Vice President, and Secretary shall be elected by the national membership and Area Representatives shall be elected by members of their area. Elections shall take place, either in person or by electronic vote, at the annual general membership meeting held during the USA National Championship Regatta.

The basic organization of the governance Council is as follows:

President; Presides at all meetings, enforces Class Rules, and provides for the general provision of the welfare of the Class. The President shall be the official channel of communication to U.S. Sailing and to the International 29er Class by holding the position of representative delegate to the Council of the International 29er Class Association.

Vice President: Assists President in the discharge of his/her duties and officiate in his/her absence. Also, acts as a good-will Ambassador, on behalf of the Class, to host yacht/sailing clubs and sailing associations.

Secretary: Coordinates the National Racing Schedule (including US Open and Junior National Championship, North American, Pacific Coast Championship (PCCs), Northeast Championship, etc.) and all correspondence, calendaring, membership, and team appointments. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Class meetings, keeps correct roll of membership, keeps list of 29er hulls and their whereabouts, notifies

membership of upcoming elections, and administers the elections and appoints Council members to fill any vacancies that occur from time to time.

Treasurer: Shall be appointed by the Secretary. Treasurer shall administer the finances of the Class, including collection of dues and disbursement of all monies.

Class Measurer: Shall be appointed by the Secretary. Class Measurer shall ensure that boats used in major regatta comply with the Class Rules.

Head Coach: Shall be appointed by the Secretary. Head Coach shall coordinate coaching for the Class, keep list of current coaches, and assists in administering logistics for training events.

Class Press Officer: Shall be appointed by the Secretary. Class Press Officer shall maintain all communications with the 29er North American Website, and Chair the Outreach & Development Committee.

Area Representatives: Shall include at least the following initial geographic areas:

- Pacific Northwest US
- Mid Pacific/ Southwest US
- Great Lakes / Mid-West US
- North Atlantic/Northeastern US
- South Atlantic/ Gulf Coast/ Southern US

Area Representatives shall act on behalf of their area members to the Council, communicate Class business and information to their area members, and coordinate local events and business. Initially, each area may have no more than 2 Area Representatives serving on the Council. Specificity of areas will be further defined as the Class membership grows.

Advisory Board: Consisting of up to 6 honorary members appointed by the Secretary on a biannual basis, but with no fixed time limit to the period of service. Advisory Board members shall not vote or hold elective office. Their principle duty is to provide an advisory roll subject to the special action of the Class that may include, but not limited to, membership program, racing schedule, coaching program, regional programs, and any other business of the Class.

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