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Boat Membership Sticker & Voting

Background: At the annual membership meeting last year at Torch Lake it was suggested we simplify regatta registration and not require crew members to be Associate member. Members also suggested we require NCESA membership in a way similar to the Sonar class – where the owner must purchase an annual sticker that is required by the Scantling Rules to attach to the hull of the boat. The Board of Directors reviewed our membership revenue and national fleet boat statistics to find a revenue neutral solution to meet this goal. They determined we would keep the two classes of membership (Regular and Associate) as presently defined, and then add two new classes of membership (Active Owner and Crew). Owners would get a boat sticker with their membership to place on the hull transom. All crew sailing on an E-Scow that has an annual sticker would automatically have an NCESA Crew membership. The data: In 2011 the membership total revenue was \$17,000. We averaged over the past 11 years about 238 Regular memberships and 284 Associate memberships for average total revenue of \$16,160. It is our best estimate that there were about 260 E-Scows actively racing in 2011. By requiring their membership, as part of a Scantling Rule, and setting the Active Owner Membership dues at \$65, we would have \$16,900 in membership revenue. We also estimate there are about 70 active E-Scow owners who were **not** NCESA members in 2011 and we would hope they would continue racing E-Scows. They would be required to pay the Active Owner dues to be a bona-fide E-Scow according to the new proposed Scantling Rule to sail locally, regionally or nationally. This recommendation would comprise a revenue neutral dues structure, require all Active Owners of E-Scows to be members of the NCESA, and simplify regatta registration by eliminating the Associate membership requirement for crew. It would also establish boat owners as the class of membership with voting privileges.

The Board of Directors recommends Scantling Rule changes to require all E-Scows to purchase an annual sticker to be considered a bona-fide E-Scow eligible to race, and change the Membership & Dues By-Laws to provide 4 classes of membership where only Active Owners may vote. Set Active Owner annual membership dues at \$65.

Add new Scantling Rule I.5 and changes to Article I – Classes of members and Dues as follows:

- I.5 No **Boat** shall be entitled to *race* as a bona-fide E-Scow unless:
- (a) the annual Active Owner dues have been paid to the NCESA and;
 - (c) a current annual NCESA Active Owner Membership Sticker is affixed on the starboard side of the transom.

A valid annual Active Owner Membership sticker would include annual Crew Memberships for all persons sailing on the boat (see change to By-Law Article I.6 below)

Replace By-Law Article I (Classes of Members and Dues) in its entirety with the following:

There shall be four classes of members – Active Owner, Regular, Associate, and Crew.

1. Active Owner member shall be yacht owners, or designated owner when in a boat partnership.
2. Regular members shall be skippers, who are not Active Owners, and other people who want to support the NCESA.
3. Active Owner members shall have the privilege of one vote.
4. Only Active Owner and Regular member shall be eligible for elected or appointed offices.
5. Associate members shall be people interested in supporting the NCESA.
6. Crew members shall be persons who crew on a boat with a valid annual NCESA Active Owner Membership Sticker

Note: *Active Owner Membership dues will be \$65. Please note that this membership includes Crew Memberships for all persons crewing on a boat with a valid Member Sticker affixed on the transom.*

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In the following Board of Director recommendations to change the By-Laws/Scantlings, the words that are underlined are new text and the ~~striketrough~~ is text to be deleted.

Hull Bracing

Recommend rules II.1.E & II.5.B to change as noted to better describe and conform to fiberglass building techniques being used today.

II.1.E Bracing of the hull shall consist of at least three ~~trusses~~ longitudinal members. There shall be two bilge ~~trusses~~ longitudinals whose length shall be at least two-thirds of the boat. The third ~~truss~~ longitudinal shall be a center ~~truss~~ longitudinal extending from within 6 in. of the bow to within 12 in of the stern ~~the forward end of the cockpit and from the aft end of the cockpit to the stern.~~

II.5.B. [change only the last sentence] All yachts constructed in 1972 and thereafter shall have ~~2~~ holes 1/4 in. diameter drilled ~~in the center deck truss~~ to facilitate placement of lead weights.

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Epoxy Resin

Background: Epoxy was allowed as a building material for well over 20 years and was recently removed inadvertently when cleaning up scantling language related to wood boat construction.

The Board of Directors recommends changing rule II.1.B to add epoxy resin back into the scantlings as acceptable materials to build and repair hulls.

II.1.B. Materials permitted for new construction or modifications - fiberglass - polyester - vinyl ester resin - epoxy resin - divinycell - klegecell or closed cell pvc foam core. ...

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Top Jib Batten Length

Background: Current rules indicate the jib batten must end 1.5 inches from the luff. However, the 1.5 inches has not been enforced almost since the change went into effect. It has been standard practice to bring full length battens right up to the luff. This change updates the rule to reflect current sailmaking practice, and the way all our jibs are currently constructed.

The Board of Directors recommends rule VI.3.D.1 (c) be changed as follows to bring our jibs into conformance with the rules and current sail making standards.

VI.3.D.1(c) Length - Top, luff to leach; all others, 30 in. max ~~but extending not nearer than 1 1/2 in. to the luff.~~

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Media Committee

Change the name of the ~~Publications Committee~~ to the Media Committee.

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Directors set Annual Dues

Article I.6. ~~Dues shall be as follows: Regular Members \$50.00 per year, Associate Members \$15.00 per year~~ Membership dues will be established by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Boat#: _____