

NATIONAL BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION
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ARTICLE I

Membership in the National Butterfly Association is open to all owners of a Butterfly Sailboat and to any person who is interested in the purpose of promoting and encouraging one-design sailing on the Butterfly.

ARTICLE II

The National Butterfly Association will be governed by a Committee (NBAC), to be composed of a variable number of members with a minimum of six, with each active club or fleet entitled to a representative member, and one non-voting member who shall represent the Builder. If there are less than 6 active fleets to fill the member positions, they may be filled at-large by appointment by the existing Committee. The NBAC shall elect its own Officers, at a minimum a Commodore and a Rear Commodore. The NBAC shall select a Secretariat, the Association office responsible for maintaining association records and other such duties as are determined from time to time by the NBAC.

ARTICLE III

The NBAC will have a minimum of one meeting per year. It will be held during the National Open Championship Regatta. Four voting members of the committee will constitute a quorum.

Written proxies from absent directors containing instructions on how to vote on known issues may be cast in a regular or special meeting of the NBAC by the director or other representative named in the proxy letter subject to the following:

1. Proxies will not be counted toward a quorum.
2. Each director or representative shall be limited to 1 proxy.
3. A proxy may not be cast on a rule change without specific written instructions from the absent director.
4. The proxy letter must contain the absent directors opinion on known issues and the proxy may only be cast in accordance with those opinions.

ARTICLE IV

Any member of the Association may propose a new rule or rule change. This new rule or rule change should be submitted to the Association office, the NBA Secretariat. The new rule or rule change will be sent to all members of the Committee for their recommendation, and be published on the NBA Web Site at least 30 days prior to the opening of Registration at the National Open Championship. Approval requires 2/3 vote of the NBAC at the Annual Meeting. Any rules affecting the construction of the boat or any of its parts that would affect the price of the Butterfly must also be approved by the Builder.

ARTICLE V

The NBAC will be responsible for maintaining the purpose of the Association and is responsible for the changes and enforcement of the class rules. It will determine the date and location of the National Butterfly regatta(s). It will govern the finances of the organization. It will oversee the organization of the fleets within the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of the NBAC:

The Commodore - Presides at all meetings of the NBAC, appoints committee chairmen, is an ex-officio member of all committees, and calls special meetings of the NBAC when necessary.

The Vice-Commodore - Acts in the absence of the Commodore and is responsible for the organization and management of the National Butterfly Regattas.

The Rear Commodore - is the Secretary/Treasurer. He/she will record minutes of all National meetings and is responsible for the audit of the National Association finances.

Directors - Duties will be determined by the Commodore.

ARTICLE VII

Election of the NBAC - Each active fleet will appoint its representative annually, except that those elected as officers shall serve the following year in that capacity. The officers of the NBAC will be elected from the directors present at the Annual Meeting, and shall serve the following year. Members of the Committee can be re-elected.

ARTICLE VIII

Fleet Requirements - a minimum of five boats is required. The officers of a fleet shall be determined by that fleet. The fleet shall be registered with the Secretariat and be listed on the NBA Web Site.

ARTICLE IX

The NBAC may conduct its business other than Class Rules and amendments or changes to these By-Laws at any time during the year by phone or mail or email, with the Commodore responsible for notifying all NBAC members of issues and collecting any needed votes.

ARTICLE X

Proposed changes to these By-Laws shall be published 30 before the next regular NBAC meeting, and shall be approved by a 2/3 majority at that meeting.