

Constitution and Bylaws

Ratified by the ADA membership by email vote, effective February 8, 2012.

American Dragon Association

1. The ADA

- The American Dragon Association is known as the ADA.
- The ADA, as a National Dragon Class Association, is a member of the International Dragon Association (IDA).

2. OBJECTIVES

- The ADA has sole authority for the conduct and management of all American Dragon Class events.
- The ADA promotes the expansion of the Dragon Class in the United States of America.
- The ADA ensures the maintenance of the one-design characteristics of the International Dragon Class yacht in the USA in compliance with the IDA Class Rules.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is open to Dragon Owners and Crew as well as any member of the general public who has an interest in Dragons.
- There are two Membership Classes – Full Member and Associate Member. Anyone can be a Full Member but all Dragon Owners must be Full Members (part of the fee is sent to the IDA). Full members have one vote each at general meetings. Associate Members pay a reduced fee and are not allowed to vote at general meetings.
- All members can use the North American Dragon website for buying/selling Dragons and equipment, posting news and events.
- All members receive a regular newsletter via email.

4. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Membership dues are payable to the ADA and should be submitted at the beginning of the year.
- Fees are set annually by the membership and the latest fees are listed on the North American Dragon website.

5. MEMBER MEETINGS

- The ADA must hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) after the end of each fiscal year. The purpose of the AGM is to hear a report from the National Secretary, review the accounts and carry out any other business relevant to the ADA.
- Notice of the AGM will be posted on the website. Where possible, meetings will be held electronically. If a meeting is not possible, members may be asked to vote on motions by email ballot.
- Any member may request a special general meeting at any time to deal with a specific subject.

- Decisions of general meetings will be by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- At general meetings, ten (10) members shall form a quorum.

6. MANAGEMENT

- The members manage the affairs of the ADA by voting at general meetings.
- The day-to-day management, according to the direction set at the general meetings, is the responsibility of the National Secretary.
- The members elect the National Secretary for a three-year term at an AGM.
- The duties of the National Secretary are to direct the general affairs of the ADA, chair the Annual General Meeting, and represent the ADA at any meetings involving the ADA's interests. The National Secretary shall also maintain the files, minutes, membership records (including measurement certificates) and correspondence of the ADA. The National Secretary shall keep registers of yachts and owners, which are available to the membership via the website. The National Secretary shall also keep the accounts of the ADA.
- Communications with members will be by e-mail and/or website update.

7. FINANCES

- Annual membership dues finance the ADA.
- The ADA maintains a bank account.
- The ADA submits annual dues to the IDA based on the number of registered Dragons in the USA.
- The National Secretary shall report at the Annual General Meeting, the accounts, assets and liabilities of the ADA, as well as a statement of the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The fiscal year is the calendar year.
- Spending of funds as required for the day-to-day operation of ADA shall be from those funds received from annual revenues of the current year and are at the discretion of the National Secretary.

8. OFFICES

The principal office of the ADA shall be the address of the National Secretary.

9. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- The location of The US Dragon Championship shall be determined annually at the AGM. The location shall, as much as possible, rotate between regions.
- The location of The North American Dragon Championship (The Craig Bowl) shall be determined annually by mutual agreement at the ADA AGM and the CDA AGM. The location shall, as much as possible, rotate between the US and Canada.
- The host Yacht Club is responsible for organizing the event and shall be responsible for all financial matters and obligations.
- The event shall be based on the IDA Regulations.

10. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- The number of qualifiers allotted to the USA is based on criteria defined in the IDA Regulations.

11. ALTERNATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- Changes or amendments to the Constitution of the ADA shall only be considered and voted on by members at the AGM or a Special General Meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast is required to approve such changes.

12. DISSOLUTION

- The ADA may be dissolved at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast is required to dissolve the ADA.
- Upon dissolution, all assets will be transferred to the IDA.