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WCA CONSTITUTION UPDATE



The Windmill Class Association was founded by a few motivated owners in the mid-1950s. The task of writing the official Constitution was delegated to legendary St. Petersburg Yacht Club race official and past commodore Ted Tolson.

Ted was very thorough and precise in everything he did. So our Constitution was fashioned to be adequate for the fledgling group, even if it later grew to large numbers.

Those who have actually read the Constitution, maybe a half dozen sailors in the last couple decades, quickly found that we don't really follow it in practice today.

For example, the Racing Rules of Sailing have gone through several incarnations in fifty years. Today there is no reason to fiddle with them in our paperwork.

Since Ted liked order, there was several layers of authority prescribed. But, there were few fiscal checks and balances.

An effort was made in the mid-1980s to update, but it failed due to communication delays.

So, the officers of the Windmill Class have spent the past couple of months, using the convenience of e-mail and countless attachments, to update the Windmill Class Constitution.

Amazingly, we came to an agreement and a final version was approved among the officers.

Now it is up to the membership!

If you are at all interested, please go on line to the Windmill Class web site www.windmillclass.org.

Click on the Constitution. It is only five pages. We will vote on its acceptance at

the Nationals in Georgia this July.

If you cannot make it there, please cut out and mail the ballot to the Secretary's address on the back page.

Or simply e-mail the Secretary, Allen Chauvenet, achauvenet@gmail.com Write **YES** or **NO** to the new wording.

Since the Constitution was changed, and because of recent additions to the By-Laws, we also had to upgrade that document.

Again, the Racing Rules were referred to instead of re-inventing rules. APPEALS now refers only to appeals of measurement and other WCA business, not to racing rules while racing. That is for the RRS to handle.

The types of membership has been changed to reflect reality. One is either an Active member, an Honorary member or, if you want to support the class but don't own a Windmill, an Associate member.

All of the latest additions been added to the By-Laws, including the whisker pole, forestay, jib hanks, optional short dagger board and optional rudder.

Some things were deleted from the By-Laws because they are explained in the new Constitution wording. The new By-Laws wording link is also on the web site front page

**The Windmill Class Association
New version of the Constitution
&
By-Laws upgrade**

I APPROVE _____

I DISAPPROVE _____

Member name: _____