



INTERNATIONAL  
MAXI  
ASSOCIATION

**YEAR BOOK 2016**





## Message from the President



It's only a couple of months ago since Claus-Peter Offen left his post after a long lasting and successful presidency. He made this position into one of his top priorities in life and our organization benefited accordingly. Claus-Peter also was responsible in convincing Andrew McIrvine to take over as Secretary General. It was vital to find a very experienced, widely accepted and charismatic personality to guide our organization into the coming years.

Personally I would like to thank Claus-Peter for leaving his house in such good order. The organization is well-financed, Rolex are continuing their support and Andrew can further count on our very capable team.

Generally speaking your newly elected president will follow up this past successful route but also try to strengthen further our ties with the Supermaxi Category. We would like to see more supermaxis attending our regattas, especially the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup in September.

I would like to thank the Members for their support - and wish to see as many of them as possible on the water during the 2016 season.

*Thomas Bscher*  
IMA President

## Message from the Secretary General



2015 has been a good year for the Association. We have seen signs of recovery from the world financial crisis and owners more willing to come out racing again.

The year started with a spectacular win in the first joint RORC/IMA Transatlantic Race by Jeremy Pilkington's 'Lupa of London' taking both the line honours and corrected time trophies.

This year we are running the event again from Lanzarote to Grenada. In future we plan to run in conjunction with the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda with a start in January and a finish in Virgin Gorda at the YCCS Caribbean base.

Hap Fauth had a brilliant win with his 'Bella Mente' in the RORC Caribbean 600. This despite major last minute structural repairs being needed the night before the race. The year continued with a successful Volcano Race where the weather allowed all to complete the course. This was followed by a new regatta for Maxis in Menorca



to which we hope to return in the future. Entries were up and the weather was kind for the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup in September in Porto Cervo with a full programme being completed.

2016 will be a busy year - as there will be Maxi events in the Caribbean, Eastern seaboard of the USA as well as the more conventional calendar in the Mediterranean. This has been driven by the enthusiasm of the Maxi 72 fleet to travel further afield.

Within the Mediterranean we have had the first race of our new "Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge", the 2015 Rolex Middle Sea Race. The other races in the series in 2016 will be the Volcano Race, the Giraglia Rolex Cup and the Palermo-Monaco Race. The winner will have the best score in 3 out of 4 races.

We are working hard to try and increase Maxi participation on all events, both inshore and offshore. We also hope to see a return of Super Maxi racing in September at the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. As well as a new breed of modern Mini Maxi Racers we are encouraging the classic Maxis with a prize for the 'Spirit of Tradition' yachts.

This is a year of major transition and my most important task is to thank the outgoing President, Claus-Peter Offen for all he has done for the Association during his extended term of office. The organisation has grown and achieved financial stability during this time. His own enthusiastic participation racing "Y3K" in all our events has been a great example. He has steered us through some difficult times - and is of course responsible for my presence in this role - which you may judge good or bad! Claus-Peter, thank you from all of us for your dedication, diplomacy and guidance. Thomas, welcome onboard!

Finally I would like to wish all our members and Maxi racers everywhere a happy and successful sailing season in 2016.

*Andrew J. McIrvine*  
IMA Secretary-General



# Racing Calendar 2016

## EVENTS WHERE THE IMA CLASS RULES ARE IN EFFECT

<b>Gaastra PalmaVela</b> - Palma de Mallorca (Spain) <i>All IMA categories</i>	<b>May 5 - 8</b>
<b>Volcano Race*</b> - Gaeta (Italy) <i>All IMA categories</i>	<b>May 16 - 22</b>
<b>Giraglia Rolex Cup*</b> - St. Tropez (France) <i>All IMA categories</i>	<b>June 15 - 18</b>
<b>Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup &amp; Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship</b> - Porto Cervo (Italy) <i>All IMA categories</i>	<b>September 4 - 10</b>
<b>Rolex Middle Sea Race*</b> - Malta <i>All IMA categories</i>	<b>October 22</b>
<b>RORC Transatlantic Race</b> - Lanzarote, Canary Is - Grenada <i>All IMA categories</i>	<b>November 28</b>

## OTHER EVENTS TO BE CONSIDERED

<b>RORC Carribean 600</b> - Antigua	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta and Rendezvous</b> - Virgin Gorda	<b>March 8 - 12</b>
<b>Les Voiles de Saint Barths</b> - Saint Barths	<b>April 12 - 17</b>
<b>151 Miglia Regatta</b> - Livorno (Italy)	<b>June 2 - 4</b>
<b>Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta</b> - Porto Cervo (Italy)	<b>June 7 - 11</b>
<b>New York Yacht Club Annual Regatta</b> - Newport, RI	<b>June 11 - 12</b>
<b>Newport - Bermuda</b> - Newport, RI	<b>June 17</b>
<b>Copa del Rey Mapfre</b> - Palma de Mallorca, Spain	<b>July 30 - August 6</b>
<b>Palermo - Montecarlo Race*</b> - Palermo (Italy)	<b>August 21 - 26</b>
<b>Rolex Swan Cup</b> - Porto Cervo (Italy)	<b>September 11 - 18</b>
<b>Les Voiles de Saint Tropez</b> - Saint Tropez (France)	<b>September 23 - October 2</b>
<b>Rolex Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race</b> - Sydney (Australia)	<b>December 26</b>

### \* IMA MEDITERRANEAN MAXI OFFSHORE CHALLENGE 2016

Four part series of Rolex Middle Sea Race 2015, Volcano Race 2016, Giraglia Rolex Cup 2016 and Palermo-Montecarlo Race 2016. Boats must complete 3 out of the 4 events.

## IMA BOAT OF THE YEAR

The Officers will elect the IMA boat that achieved the best performances during the year.

## IMA Boat of the Year

Since 2013 the Association has awarded a special prize to the IMA yacht that has achieved the best performances during the year. The "IMA Boat of the Year" Trophy is awarded at the IMA Annual Dinner held during the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup.



**2013 IMA Boat of the Year: RÁN 5 - Niklas Zennström**



**2014 IMA Boat of the Year: ROBERTISSIMA - Roberto Tomasini Grinover**



## IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge

To be awarded to the maxi yacht with the best 3 out of 4 races

Four classic offshore races (the 600 mile **Rolex Middle Sea Race**, the 400 mile **Volcano Race**, the 240 mile **Giraglia Offshore Race** and the 430 mile **Palermo-Montecarlo Race**) are now combined to form the **Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge**. The winner will have the best score from 3 out of 4 of these races. Organised by the IMA in collaboration with Royal Malta Yacht Club, Yacht Club Gaeta, Yacht Club Italiano, Circolo della Vela Sicilia and Yacht Club de Monaco, all four races are sailed out of some of the Mediterranean's most picturesque harbours and traverse historic waters and spectacular sceneries.



## IMA Story

Maxi yacht racing was born as a separate entity in Porto Cervo in 1980 with the first ever Maxi Yacht Cup. Immediately after that event the Maxi owners founded a class association named the "International Class A Yacht Association" (ICAYA). At the time Class A defined a Maxi boat in the IOR rating system. Baron E. de Rothschild was elected the first ICAYA President. The legal office was created in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1981 Gianfranco Alberini was appointed the first Secretary General of the Association. ICAYA organized the Maxi Yacht Cup for many years in the European base Porto Cervo, as well as running events in the USA - Honolulu, Newport R.I., Miami, St. Thomas and San Francisco. In Europe Puerto Portales, Antibes and Saint Tropez were added as championship locations. In March 2001, after the abolition of the Class A and the IOR classification, the name of the Association was changed to "International Maxi Association" (IMA). The association remains registered in Geneva (Switzerland), has a base in Porto Cervo and an office in the USA, for rating and technical matters. The association is expanding its activities. In November 2009 the IMA was granted the rights by ISAF to hold two World Championships as an International Class. At the 2010 ISAF Annual Conference the ISAF Council approved the International Maxi Association as a full ISAF International Class.

The first Mini Maxi World Championship took place in September 2010 in Porto Cervo, Italy. In 2011 a new offshore race run by the IMA, the Volcano Race, opened the Mediterranean sailing season. There have been annual editions of this race since then. In 2013 Andrew McIrvine took over as Secretary General.





The IMA has organised previous Maxi Transatlantic races but in November 2014 a new race was started from Lanzarote to Grenada in association with the RORC: the RORC Transatlantic Race. This will be run annually, and the IMA has presented a vintage trophy for line honours for this race.

In 2014 a re-thinking of the Mini Maxi Racing category led to the creation of the Maxi 72 Class and to the concept of affiliated and associated classes. This concept gives Class Associations the choice to operate under the IMA umbrella with benefit to both. In the case of affiliated classes, like the Maxi 72 Class, dual membership with the IMA is mandatory whereas for associated classes, like the Wally Class, it is optional.

The IMA Rule has been revised to introduce the affiliated and associated classes as part of a major rewrite. In the introduction it now reads: "The International Maxi Association Rule intends to guide and structure maxi yacht racing. The rule defines and categorises maxi yachts. It aims to embrace all maxi yachts and as such follows, instigates and encourages developments that are deemed to have a positive effect on the construction and racing of maxi sized boats." The ever growing world of Maxi yachts needs a platform to debate and guide its exciting future as well as hands-on approach where the IMA represents its members at events and meetings with organizers, yacht clubs, associations and national and international authorities.

The IMA is a recognized member of the IRC Congress and a Rule Authority to administer the ORCi Rule.



## Founder members

François Carn

Raul Gardini

John B. Kilroy

Edmond de Rothschild

William Whitehouse - Vaux

## Honorary members

His Highness the Aga Khan

His Majesty Juan Carlos of Spain

Gianfranco Alberini

Luca Bassani Antivari

Peter Bateman

Peter Bowker

François Carn

George S. Coumantaros

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John B. Kilroy

William I. Koch

Robert Ian Oatley





## Officers

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*Vice President Wally Category*

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## Members

George Andreadis  
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Benoit de Froidmont  
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Ernesto Gismondi  
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Daniel Meyers  
Vittorio Moretti  
Andrew Geoffrey Oatley  
Sir Peter James Ogden  
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Vincenzo Onorato  
Sir Lindsay Owen - Jones  
Alberto Palatchi Ribera  
Jeremy Frederic George Pilkington  
Hasso Plattner  
Carlo Alessandro Puri Negri  
Andrea Recordati  
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Igor Simčič  
Roberto Tomasini Grinover  
Marco Tronchetti Provera  
Austin van't Wout  
Niklas Zennström

## IMA Boats

ALFA ROMEO 3

ALEXIA

ALINGHI

AROBAS

BELLA MENTE

BRONENOSEC

CAOL ILA R

CHARIS

CHRISCO

CONTAINER

EDIMETRA VI

EMMA

ESIMIT EUROPA 2

GALMA

GENIE

GOOD JOB GUYS

GRANDE ORAZIO

GREY GOOSE

HETAIROS

H20

INDIO

JETHOU

KAURIS III

KENORA

KIWI MAGIC

LUNZ AM MEER

LUPA OF LONDON

MAGIC CARPET 3

MASCALZONE LATINO

MAYA

MELITI

MOMO

MY SONG

NILAYA

NUMBERS

OPEN SEASON

PH3

PROTEUS

RÁN 5

ROBERTISSIMA

SAUDADE

SOJANA

SOLLEONE

STARK RAVING MAD VII

SUPERNIKKA

UNFURLED

VIRIELLA

VISIONE

WALLYNO

WILD JOE

WILD OATS XI

WINDFALL

Y3K





## IMA Members' Records

<b>MIDDLE SEA RACE 1978</b> <i>3 days, 7 hours, 20 minutes</i>	<b>MISTRESS QUICKLY</b>	W. Whitehouse - Vaux
<b>GIRAGLIA 1984</b> <i>1 day, 3 hours, 24 minutes</i>	<b>BENBOW</b>	Claudio Recchi
<b>FASTNET RACE 1985</b> <i>2 days, 12 hours, 41 minutes, 15 seconds</i>	<b>NIRVANA</b>	Marvin H. Green Jr.
<b>BERMUDA RACE 1996</b> <i>2 days, 9 hours, 31 minutes, 50 seconds</i>	<b>BOOMERANG</b>	George S. Coumantaros
<b>ROLEX SYDNEY to HOBART 1996</b> <i>2 days, 14 hours, 7 minutes, 10 seconds</i>	<b>MORNING GLORY</b>	Hasso Plattner
<b>GIRAGLIA ROLEX CUP 2003</b> <i>22 hours, 13 minutes, 48 seconds</i>	<b>ALFA ROMEO</b>	Neville Crichton
<b>BERMUDA RACE 2004</b> <i>2 days, 0 hours, 28 minutes, 51 seconds</i>	<b>MORNING GLORY</b>	Hasso Plattner
<b>ROLEX SYDNEY to HOBART 2005</b> <i>1 day, 18 hours, 40 minutes, 10 seconds</i>	<b>WILD OATS XI</b>	Robert Ian Oatley
<b>TRANSATLANTIC MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP 2007</b> <i>10 days, 14 hours, 1 minute, 48 seconds</i>	<b>NARIIDA</b>	Morten Bergesen
<b>ROLEX FASTNET RACE 2007</b> <i>2 days, 1 hour, 3 minutes, 21 seconds</i>	<b>RAMBLER</b>	George David
<b>ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE 2007</b> <i>1 day, 23 hours, 55 minutes, 3 seconds</i>	<b>RAMBLER</b>	George David
<b>BUENOS AIRES TO RIO 2008</b> <i>4 days, 9 hours, 55 minutes, 45 seconds</i>	<b>RAMBLER</b>	George David
<b>GIRAGLIA ROLEX CUP 2008</b> <i>18 hours, 3 minutes, 15 seconds</i>	<b>ALFA ROMEO</b>	Neville Crichton
<b>TRANSATLANTIC MAXI YACHT CUP 2011</b> <i>8 days, 10 hours, 58 minutes, 30 seconds</i>	<b>HETAIROS</b>	Otto Happel
<b>GIRAGLIA ROLEX CUP 2012</b> <i>14 hours, 56 minutes, 16 seconds</i>	<b>ESIMIT EUROPA 2</b>	Igor Simčič
<b>MONACO - PORTO CERVO SPEED RECORD 2012</b> <i>10 hours, 13 minutes, 42 seconds</i>	<b>ESIMIT EUROPA 2</b>	Igor Simčič
<b>TRANSATLANTIC SUPERYACHT AND MAXI REGATTA 2012</b> <i>7 days, 8 hours, 59 minutes, 12 seconds</i>	<b>RÁN LEOPARD</b>	Niklas Zennström
<b>RORC TRANSATLANTIC RACE 2014</b> <i>11 days, 1 hour, 38 minutes, 55 seconds</i>	<b>LUPA OF LONDON</b>	Jeremy Pilkington

## Maxi Yacht World Championship

1980	<b>BUMBLEBEE 4</b>	A. Kalbetzer	Australia	
1981	<b>KIALOA IV</b>	J.B. Kilroy	USA	
1983	<b>KIALOA IV</b>	J.B. Kilroy	USA	
1985	<b>BOOMERANG</b>	G. S. Coumantaros	USA	
1987	<b>KIALOA IV</b>	J.B. Kilroy	USA	
1988	<b>IL MORO DI VENEZIA III</b>	R. Gardini	ITA	
1989	<b>LONGOBARDA</b>	G. Varasi	ITA	
1990	<b>MATADOR 2</b>	W. Koch	USA	
1991	<b>MATADOR 2</b>	W. Koch	USA	
1995	<b>SAGAMORE</b>	B. Dolan	USA	
1996	<b>BOOMERANG</b>	G. S. Coumantaros	USA	
1997	<b>SAYONARA</b>	L. Ellison	USA	I.L.C. Maxi World Championship
	<b>MORNING GLORY</b>	H. Plattner	GER	
1998	<b>SAYONARA</b>	L. Ellison	USA	I.L.C. Maxi World Championship
1999	<b>SAYONARA</b>	L. Ellison	USA	I.L.C. Maxi World Championship
	<b>BOOMERANG</b>	G. S. Coumantaros	USA	
2000	<b>ALEXIA</b>	A. Roemmers	ARG	
2001	<b>ALEXIA</b>	A. Roemmers	ARG	Racing Division
	<b>UNFURLED</b>	H. Macklowe	USA	Cruising Division
	<b>VAE VICTIS</b>	A. Grande	ITA	Wally Division
2002	<b>ALEXIA</b>	A. Roemmers	ARG	Racing Division
	<b>ADELA</b>	G. Lindemann	USA	Classic Cruisers
	<b>VIRIELLA</b>	V. Moretti	ITA	Cruising Division
	<b>MAGIC CARPET</b>	L. Owen - Jones	FRA	Wally Division
2003	<b>ADELA</b>	G. Lindemann	USA	Spirit of Tradition
	<b>WALLYNO</b>	L. Bassani Antivari	MON	Wally Division
	<b>ALFA ROMEO</b>	N. Crichton	AUS	IRC Division
	<b>IDEA SAI</b>	R. Raiola	ITA	IMS Division
2004	<b>ALEXIA</b>	A. Roemmers	ARG	Wally Division
	<b>PYEWACKET</b>	R. Disney	USA	Racing Division
	<b>MISTER A</b>	A. Pagani	ITA	Crusing Division



2005	<b>ADELA</b>	G. Lindemann	USA	Spirit of Tradition
	<b>UNFURLED</b>	H. Macklowe	USA	Cruising Division
	<b>Y3K</b>	C.P. Offen	GER	Wally Division
	<b>BLACK DRAGON</b>	O. Happel	GER	Racing Division
2006	<b>MAGIC CARPET 2</b>	L. Owen - Jones	FRA	Wally Division
	<b>ALFA ROMEO</b>	N. Crichton	NZL	Racing Division
	<b>ATALANTA II</b>	C. Puri Negri	ITA	Mini Maxi Division
	<b>ROMA</b>	F. Faruffini	ITA	Maxi C Division
	<b>HETAIOS</b>	O. Happel	CAY	Spirit of Tradition
	<b>UNFURLED</b>	H. Macklowe	USA	Cruising Division
2007	<b>J ONE</b>	J.C. Decaux	FRA	Wally Class
	<b>MORNING GLORY</b>	H. Plattner	GER	Racing Class
	<b>RANGER</b>	Rsv Ltd	CAY	Cruising Class
	<b>ALLSMOKE</b>	G. Herz	GER	Mini Maxi Class - IRC
	<b>ATALANTA II</b>	C. P. Negri	ITA	Mini Maxi Class - ORC
	2008	<b>MAGIC CARPET 2</b>	L. Owen - Jones	FRA
<b>NUMBERS</b>		Meyers/Bertarelli	USA	Mini Maxi Division - IRC
<b>ADS GLEN</b>		Miani/Benussi	ITA	Mini Maxi Division - ORC
<b>RANGER</b>		Rsv Ltd	USA	Cruising Division
<b>RAMBLER</b>		G. David	USA	Racing Division
2009		<b>Y3K</b>	C.P. Offen	GER
	<b>ALFA ROMEO</b>	N. Crichton	NZL	Mini Maxi Racing
	<b>WHISPER</b>	M. Cotter	IRL	Mini Maxi Racing/Cruising
	<b>VELSHEDA</b>	Tarbat Inv.	GBR	Cruising/Spirit of Tradition
2010	<b>Y3K</b>	C.P. Offen	GER	Wally Division
	<b>ESIMIT EUROPA 2</b>	I. Simčič	SLO	Racing and Racing/Cruising division
	<b>AEGR</b>	B. Benjamin	GBR	Mini Maxi Racing/Cruising Division
	<b>HETAIOS</b>	O. Happel	CAY	Supermaxi division
2011	<b>Y3K</b>	C.P. Offen	GER	Wally Division
	<b>DSK PIONEER INVESTMENTS</b>	D. Salsi	ITA	Maxi Racing/Cruising division
	<b>HIGHLAND FLING</b>	I. Laidlaw	MON	Maxi Racing division
	<b>NILAYA</b>	F. Balcaen	GBR	Supermaxi division

2012	<b>ESIMIT EUROPA 2</b>	I. Simčič	SLO	Maxi Racing division
	<b>NILAYA</b>	F. Balcaen	GBR	Supermaxi division
	<b>MAGIC CARPET 2</b>	L. Owen - Jones	GBR	Wally Division
2013	<b>AEGIR</b>	B. Benjamin	GBR	Maxi Racing division
	<b>ALTAIR by Robertissima</b>	P. Scerni / R. Tomasini	ITA	Maxi Racing/Cruising division
	<b>NILAYA</b>	F. Balcaen	GBR	Supermaxi division
	<b>J ONE</b>	J.C. Decaux	GBR	Wally Division
	<b>VELSHEDA</b>	Tarbat Inv.	GBR	J-Class Division
2014	<b>HIGHLAND FLING XI</b>	Lord Irvine Laidlaw	MON	Maxi Division
	<b>FIREFLY</b>	Eric Bijlsma	NED	Supermaxi Division
	<b>MAGIC CARPET 3</b>	Sir Lindsay Owen-Jones	GBR	Wally Division
	<b>LIONHEART</b>	Stichting Lionheart Syndicate	GBR	J-Class Division
	<b>LUPA OF LONDON</b>	J. Pilkington	GBR	Mini Maxi RC Division
2015	<b>OPEN SEASON</b>	T. Bscher	GER	Wally Division
	<b>INOUI</b>	M. Vogele	SUI	Supermaxi Division
	<b>WINDFALL</b>	M. Cotter	IRL	Maxi RC Division
	<b>H20</b>	R. de Michele	ITA	Mini Maxi RC Division
	<b>SUPERNIKKA</b>	R. Lacorte	ITA	Mini Maxi R Division

## Mini Maxi World Championship Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship IMA Trophy / IMA Boat of the Year

2009	IMA Offshore Trophy	<b>ALEGRE</b>	A. Soriano	GBR
	IMA Champion (Mini Maxi fleet)	<b>BELLA MENTE</b>	H. Fauth	USA
2010	Mini Maxi World Championship	<b>RÁN</b>	N. Zennström	GBR
	IMA Champion (Mini Maxi fleet)	<b>ALEGRE</b>	A. Soriano	GBR
	IMA Champion (Maxi fleet)	<b>INDIO</b>	A. Recordati	ITA
	IMA Offshore Trophy	<b>ALEGRE</b>	A. Soriano	GBR
2011	Mini Maxi World Champion	<b>RÁN 2</b>	N. Zennström	GBR
	IMA Champion (Mini Maxi fleet)	<b>ALEGRE</b>	A. Soriano	GBR
	IMA Offshore Trophy	<b>ALEGRE</b>	A. Soriano	GBR
2012	Mini Maxi World Champion	<b>BELLA MENTE</b>	H. Fauth	USA
	IMA Champion (Mini Maxi fleet)	<b>JETHOU</b>	P. Ogden	GBR
	IMA Offshore Trophy	<b>JETHOU</b>	P. Ogden	GBR
2013	Mini Maxi World Champion	<b>RÁN 2</b>	N. Zennström	GBR
	Mini Maxi Racing / Cruising division	<b>LUPA OF LONDON</b>	J. Pilkington	GBR
2013	IMA Boat of the Year	<b>RÁN 5</b>	N. Zennström	GBR
2014	Mini Maxi World Champion	<b>ALEGRE</b>	A. Soriano	GBR
	Mini Maxi Racing / Cruising division	<b>LUPA OF LONDON</b>	J. Pilkington	GBR
2015	IMA Boat of the Year	<b>ROBERTISSIMA</b>	R. T. Grinover	ITA
	Rolex Maxi 72 World Champion	<b>BELLA MENTE</b>	H. Fauth	USA



## IMA fleet

The IMA maxi yachts are divided into three basic fleets: Mini Maxi fleet, with LH not less than 18.29 meters and not over 24.08 meters; the Maxi fleet including boats with LH not less than 24.09 meters and not over 30.50 metres; and the Super Maxi fleet, not less than LH 30.51 metres and with no upper limit.

The Mini Maxi fleet is divided into Racing and Racing/Cruising Categories. Until 2015 the upper LH limit for the Racing Category was 21.9456 metres (72 feet) and there was a maximum IRC TCC restriction. Now that category of boats has found a separate home in the "Maxi 72 Class" it looks as if the Mini Maxi Racer Category will be occupied by modern fast racer cruisers and racing boats that do not fit the Maxi 72 Class rules nor the Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser Category. A new balance will need to be found for the Racer Category but already at the 2015 Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup it provided a haven and good racing for five boats. The Maxi 72 Class has had its specific class rule since 2015 and the 2016 IMA Rule is adapted to facilitate the Maxi 72 Class as an affiliated class. The Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser category will continue as before. There is another new development within this category with a sub-division for 'Spirit of Tradition' yachts such as Swan 65s.



## Maxi72 Class



### **Class President**

*John J. (Hap) Fauth*

John (Hap) Fauth is the first Maxi72 President. He has covered the role of IMA Vice President for the Mini Maxi racing category for years, before being elected as Maxi72 Class president in 2014. He now represents this IMA affiliated class at the International Maxi Association.

As owner of M72 Bella Mente, Hap Fauth won the Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship 2015 held in Porto Cervo last September, reclaiming the title he last held in 2012.



### **Class Manager**

*Rob Weiland*

Rob Weiland is the Maxi72 Class Manager. With class members being both Maxi72 as well as IMA members, Rob is in close contact with the IMA staff to streamline the Maxi72 activities and scheduling. During 2015 a lot of work was done to establish the Maxi72 Rule - and consequently the IMA Rule has been revised to introduce the affiliated and as-

sociated classes as part of a major rewrite.

For 2016 IMA and the Maxi72 Class set their sights on assisting where possible that the existing members enjoy their racing. No better way to promote the Class and the IMA. For 2016 there will be serious competition for the 2016 Maxi72 Overall Trophy based on the majority of the Maxi72's not just racing each other at the Maxi72 Worlds but at another four events as well. This requires quite a bit of communication and organisation from the teams and the class. A new launch (Robertissima) is expected to join the class racing from the Copa del Rey. Pablo Ferrer has been added as class measurer to strengthen that department. Soon the planning for 2017 will start. All in all a busy year ahead.

### Members and Boats

Regular Membership is limited to IMA Members who are the principal owner of a Maxi72 in commission or under construction.

**BELLA MENTE** - Hap Fauth  
**CAOL ILA** - Alex Schaerer  
**JETHOU** - Sir Peter Ogden  
**MOMO** - Dieter Schön  
**PROTEUS** - George Sakellaris  
**ROBERTISSIMA** - Roberto Tomasini Grinover

### 2016 Race Calendar

<b>Quantum Key West Race Week</b>	Key West	January 18 - 22
<b>RORC Caribbean 600</b>	Antigua	February 22 (start)
<b>Les Voiles de St. Barth</b>	Saint Barth	April 12 - 17
<b>162<sup>nd</sup> New York Yacht Club Annual Regatta</b>	Newport RI	June 10 - 14
<b>50<sup>th</sup> Newport Bermuda Race</b>	Newport RI	June 17 (start)
<b>Copa del Rey</b>	Palma de Mallorca	August 1- 6
<b>Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship</b>	Porto Cervo	September 5 - 10

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## IMA Regattas 2016

*In 2016 we will expand our activities outside the Mediterranean to support events in the Caribbean and Eastern Seaboard of the United States. These will include Key West Race Week, the RORC Caribbean 600 and the New York Yacht Club Regatta prior to the Newport-Bermuda Race.*

*We will maintain our usual Mediterranean programme and hope to stimulate further offshore activity with the new IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge encompassing four classic events: Rolex Middle Sea Race, Volcano Race, Giraglia Offshore Race and Palermo-Montecarlo Race.*

*Buon Vento!*

Andrew McIrvine

### **Gaastra PalmaVela**

*Palma de Mallorca (Spain), May 5 - 8*

Gaastra PalmaVela is organized by the Real Club Nàutico de Palma with the institutional support of the Balearic Government of Sports and Tourism as well as the Consell de Mallorca and the Port Authority. PalmaVela started in 2004 as a Wally class regatta and it has since then gathered all kind of keeled yachts, from the modern maxis to small lateen rigged boats. There are classes for conventional cruiser racers, one designs, TP52s as well as classic vintage yachts bringing variety to the event. A fleet of 140 boats from 16 Countries enjoyed the 2015 edition.





# IMA Regattas 2016

## Volcano Race

*Gaeta - Aeolian Islands - Gaeta (Italy), May 16 - 22*

The historic city of Gaeta once again welcomes the maxi yachts for an early season event. The Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S. and Base Nautica Flavio Gioia Marina team up to provide a wonderful venue for the start and the finish of the IMA Volcano Race, now at its 6th edition, a 400 nautical-mile offshore course from Gaeta to Stromboli and the Aeolian Islands and back to Gaeta. In 2015 the weather allowed all to complete the course: fastest on the water was again Slovenian 100 ft. Esimit Europa 2 that was the first boat home in 1 day, 21 hours and 2 minutes. Overall victory in the 2015 Volcano Race went to the Spirit of Tradition Swan 65 "Shirlaf" owned by Italian Giuseppe Puttini.

## Giraglia Rolex Cup (offshore Race)

*Saint Tropez - Genova (Italy), June 15 - 18*

One of the most renowned distance races in the Mediterranean, the Giraglia Rolex Cup is an offshore classic, celebrating its 64th anniversary in 2016. From the race start off the historic port of Saint-Tropez the fleet heads through the idyllic Iles d'Hyères and across the sea to round the Giraglia, a rocky islet off northern Corsica, before racing to the finish off Genoa, a total distance of approximately 242-nautical miles. The event is organized by the Yacht Club Italiano in conjunc-



## IMA Regattas 2016

tion with the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez, the Yacht Club de France, the Città di Saint Tropez, Yacht Club San Remo and Union Nationale pour la Course au Large. This event regularly attracts more than 200 yachts for the week of competition prior to the main event, the offshore race, involving a kaleidoscope of nationalities. For those on the offshore race, the rounding of the Giraglia marks the turning for home. It lies barely one nautical mile off the coast of Corsica, and measures 600-metres in length. Owing to its rich and glorious maritime history, the city of Genoa, home to the Yacht Club Italiano, serves as a fitting backdrop to the potentially dramatic closing stages of the Giraglia Rolex Cup.

In 2012 IMA member Igor Simčič onboard his "Esimit Europa 2" smashed the course record, finishing in a time of 14 hours, 56 minutes and 16 seconds.

### **Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup** **Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship** *Porto Cervo (Italy), September 4 - 10*

Each year the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup pitches the biggest, fastest, most high-tech yachts in formidable competition. Created by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda in 1980, and always based in Porto Cervo, Sardinia, Italy, the event has developed over the years, increasing in size and impact, mirroring the evolution of this impressive end of the sailing spectrum. Originally started as a biennial event, the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup has been held annually since 1999. These early September dates are a fixture on the yacht racing calendar for top sailors, committed owners and star-struck onlookers. The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup consists of coastal courses ranging from 16-68 nautical miles that trace intricate patterns around the islands, islets and rocks littering this part of the Sardinian coast. Windward/leeward courses make the short-course racing option anything but easy on the crews. In recent years, the contest has regularly attracted over 40 Maxi yachts.

Entries come from all over the world, as do the crews, who feature high profile names from the Olympics, the America's Cup, as well as ocean racing and match-racing competitions.

In 2014 a re-thinking of the Mini Maxi Racing category led to the creation of the Maxi 72 Class. "Event inside the event", the Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship is conveniently placed inside the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. Last September owner Hap Fauth steered Bella Mente to victory, reclaiming the title he last held in 2012.

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### **Rolex Middle Sea Race** *Malta, October 22 (start)*

Founded in 1968 by two Maltese brothers and two Englishmen living in Malta, the Rolex Middle Sea Race has now become one of the world's most prestigious offshore races. Marking the close of each Mediterranean yachting season, the Rolex Middle Sea Race is a navigator's race with numerous puzzles posed by the corners of its spectacular course that demand intense preparation. An anticlockwise circumnavigation of Sicily, it is unique in offshore yacht racing in that it starts and finishes in the same place: Valletta, Malta. There is no race with a more dramatic start under cannon fire from the bastions of Grand Harbour, as the fleet set off on a great adventure. The active volcanic island of Stromboli - the lighthouse of the Mediterranean - is the symbol of the race, often illuminating the night sky with eruptions for crews passing after sunset. The Rolex Middle Sea Race is organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and has been sponsored by Rolex since 2002.

The 2015 edition - that was also the first of 4 events of the brand new IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge - of the Rolex Middle Sea Race started on the 17th October, featuring a fleet of 111 yachts from 22 Countries with yachts ranging from 9 to 25 metres in length. The first to return were the Americans. Lloyd Thornburg's MOD 70 trimaran "Phaedo3" christened the finish line just after midnight on Tuesday, 20 October. Closely followed by George David's canting keel maxi "Rambler 88" who claimed monohull line honours.

### **RORC Transatlantic Race** *Lanzarote - Grenada, November 28 (start)*

In 2014 the Royal Ocean Racing Club, in association with IMA, invited the Maxi fleet to a new format of a classic autumn competition starting from Puerto Calero, Lanzarote, on November 29 2014 and racing to the inviting waters of the Caribbean - bound to Grenada. In that very first edition "Lupa of London", Jeremy Pilkington's British Baltic 78, sealed their Line Honours win and secured the "International Maxi Association Trophy", with an elapsed time of 11 days, 01 hour, 38 minutes and 55 seconds.

In association with IMA, RORC run the second edition of the event starting from Lanzarote on November 28, 2015. Jean-Paul Riviere's French Finot Conq 100, "Nomad IV" took Monohull Line Honours to win the exquisite silver International Maxi Association Trophy.



## 2016 IMA team



### Secretary General

The role is covered by Andrew J. McIrvine who was appointed at the Annual General Meeting in September 2013. The Secretary-General represents the Association for all purposes and objectives indicated in the Statute. He is also responsible for the Administration of the Association. He maintains the contacts with the Members, with the International Bodies and with the Organising Authorities of the various events.



### Race Secretariat

Marshall Lawson has taken on the role in 2010 working from her office near Newport, RI, USA. She maintains the contacts with the Members and skippers for all IMA related events, works with the various Organising Authorities to insure application of the IMA rules and standards, and works with the ATO on rating certificates, scoring and results.



### Association Technical Office

Pete Lawson oversees the Association Technical Office which is responsible for reviewing and approving, on behalf of the IMA, all rating certificates. The office also conducts measurement checks and controls, maintains relationships with the ORC and IRC Rating Authorities. The ATO also ensures compliance with the IMA Class Rules and provides technical services to Organising Authorities that conduct racing for IMA Members, as well as other recognized IMA events on the racing schedule.



### Communications & PR

Maria Luisa Farris, journalist, is in charge for managing the IMA internal and external communications & PR, and social events. She works from her office in Sardinia, Italy, and reports directly to the Secretary-General. She manages media relations and is responsible for updating the IMA website and for all editorial projects and printed materials.



### Maxi 72 Class Manager

Rob Weiland is the Maxi 72 Class Manager. The Maxi 72 Class is affiliated with the IMA so its members belong to both the Maxi 72 Class and the IMA. Therefore Rob is in close contact with the IMA staff to streamline the Maxi 72 Class activities.



### Accountancy

Donatella Gianni is the financial administrator of the Association. She looks after the day-to-day administration and accounts, as well as the membership and entry fees. She does the same for the M72 class.

## Collaborating Yacht Clubs



### Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) was founded in Porto Cervo, Sardinia, Italy, in 1967 by current president H.H. the Aga Khan and a group of founder-members as a non-profit sporting association for fellow sailing enthusiasts. The YCCS is renowned for organizing international sailing events such as the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup, the Audi Sardinia Cup and the Rolex Swan Cup as well as World and European championships for top one-design fleets. In recent years the Club has focused on promoting new superyacht events such as the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta, the Dubois Cup and the Perini Navi Cup. The Club has also promoted international challenges such as 'Azzurra' - the first Italian challenger for the America's Cup in 1983, which became a legendary Italian brand and was re-launched by the YCCS in 2009 with a victorious participation in the Louis Vuitton Trophy in Nice and continues to race internationally. The latest 'Azzurra' is a TP52 being successfully campaigned in the 52 Super Series. The Club sponsored an entry in the Volvo Ocean Race with a two boat campaign, one of which had an all-female crew. The motor yacht 'Destriero' still holds the transatlantic crossing record set in 1992. Since its foundation YCCS has been one of the most active promoters of maxi yacht regattas: the first edition of the Maxi Yacht Championship was held in Porto Cervo in 1980. The IMA and YCCS have been closely associated for more than 30 years generating constant growth in events and activities and maintaining the Maxi Yacht Cup in Porto Cervo as the key annual event. The YCCS continues to expand its activities and in 2012 inaugurated its winter base in Virgin Gorda overlooking the island's new YCCS Marina. The Club now runs regattas year-round on both sides of the Atlantic.





## Yacht Club Gaeta

On the occasion of the 6th edition of the Volcano Race, running from 16 to 22 May, the city of Gaeta, Italy, will host both the start and the arrival of this thrilling long offshore race. Gaeta, located south of Rome, is an historical city well known worldwide for her important churches and convents, monuments and Castle. Nestling in a beautiful and perfectly sheltered harbour, Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S. was only formally founded in 2009, but there has been a long local sailing tradition and for the last 30 years many international sailing events have been run from Gaeta. The Yacht Club headquarters are located inside the Base Nautica Flavio Gioia. This modern facility has a well-equipped boat yard and marina with modern pontoons, boasting a total of 250 moorings for yachts up to 60 meters. Maintenance and repair works are available year round. The Base is placed just a few minutes walk from Gaeta city centre, in front of the historic Borgo Elena, now and in olden times, the heart of the town.



## Royal Malta Yacht Club

Founded in 1835, the Royal Malta Yacht Club is the leading yacht club in Malta. Being the founding member of the Malta Sailing Federation, it has a deep commitment to the yachting tradition. For many years the Club leased impressive but slightly inconvenient facilities in the castle on Manoel Island. In 2009 the RMYC moved to purpose built waterfront clubhouse in Ta'Xbex in a great location for views of Marsamxett harbour; as well as the historic battlements and churches of Valletta. There is now a seasonal marina immediately in front of the club. There are full social facilities including, bar, restaurant and a fitness centre. A number of shorter races are run by the Club, but its flagship event - run in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club - is the Rolex Middle Sea Race held every October. This race has steadily gained in reputation and participation with 100 boats entered for the 2013 edition. It is an attractive challenge for yachts: Rambler 90 holds the course record.



## Real Club Náutico de Palma

Founded in 1948, the Real Club Náutico de Palma is probably the leading yacht club amongst the Spanish yacht clubs with a major interest in yacht racing. They have superb facilities including a large marina, clubhouse and a reputation for good race management for Olympic, dinghy and yacht racing. The RCNP runs each year 4 important regattas: the Trofeo Ciutat de Palma for youngster and junior sailors, which will achieve its 66th anniversary in 2016; the Princess Sofia Trophy, the only Spanish event included in the exclusive European ISAF Circuit for Olympic classes. The Copa del Rey which has been held for the last 34 years. It has become a world-renowned regatta for both professional and Corinthian yacht racing. The latest addition to their programme is the PalmaVela, which opens the Mediterranean season in May. The Club is proud this regatta has brought the maxi yachts back to Palma and thereby revived the relationship of the RCNP with the International Maxi Association. The RCNP is eager to welcome the IMA and all its members on the occasion of the 13th edition of PalmaVela (4 - 8 May, 2016), and the 35th Copa del Rey (30 July - 8 August, 2016).



## RORC (Royal Ocean Racing Club)

Established in 1925, The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) is based in St James' Place, London and Cowes, Isle of Wight. The Club became famous for the biennial Fastnet Race and the international team event, the Admiral's Cup. It organises an annual series of domestic offshore races from its base in Cowes as well as inshore regattas such as the RORC Easter Challenge and IRC National Championships in the Solent. The RORC works with other yacht clubs to promote their offshore races and provides marketing and organisational support. The RORC Caribbean 600 based in Antigua and the first offshore race in the Caribbean, has been an instant success. In 2014 the RORC extended its organisational expertise by creating the RORC Transatlantic Race from Lanzarote to Grenada. In co-operation with the French offshore racing club, UNCL, RORC is responsible for IRC, the principal international handicap system for yacht racing worldwide. The Spinlock IRC rating rule is administered jointly by the RORC Rating Office in Lynton, UK and UNCL Centre de Calcul in Paris, France.







## Yacht Club de Monaco

On 19 May 1953, Prince Rainier III of Monaco founded the Yacht Club de Monaco. It was a natural evolution for the "Société des Régates", established in 1888, with the aim being "to develop, encourage, and serve the promotion of the Principality in the Yachting sector". That is still the case today, as it was in 1984, when H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco agreed to be its President. Prince Albert II of Monaco developed the sporting side of the YCM, therefore reinforcing the existing youth regatta competitors educating structure, particularly its light sailing section and by creating new international events: the Primo Cup which stood out as the biggest gathering of monotype yachts in the Mediterranean Sea, the transatlantic race Monaco-New York and the Formula 40' Grand Prix. Persuaded that the reading of past is a key for the construction of the future, H.S.H. Prince Albert II also put the emphasis on classic Yachting with the organization from 1994 of the Monaco Classic Week, the creation and coordination during five years of a unique circuit for vintage and classic yachts, the Prada Challenge for Classic Yachts, without forgetting the acquisition of Tuiga in 1995, since becoming the flagship of the YCM. In 2005 the "La Belle Classe" label was launched, with the aim of respecting the yachting "etiquette", the safeguard of the natural environment, preservation of our heritage for classic yachts and innovation for luxury yachting. The Yacht Club de Monaco's new building has been designed by world-renowned architects Foster Partners, led by Chairman and Founder Lord Foster. To date, the Yacht Club de Monaco has 1,600 members representing 66 nationalities - and all activities linked to yachting.



## Circolo della Vela Sicilia

The Circolo della Vela Sicilia was established in 1933, and is one of the oldest sailing clubs in the Mediterranean. The very first regatta, which was held a few months after the club was established, saw the participation of H. M. Alfonso XIII, the King of Spain, on board his yacht "Hispania VII". Since then many European personalities attended, and still do, the club's enchanting and elegant clubhouse in Mondello, a few kilometres from Palermo. Over the years, many members won important regattas in various classes: Enrico Ducrot, Luigi Airoldi, Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita, Alessandro La Lomia and Agostino Randazzo, the current Commodore. In its long history, the Circolo della Vela Sicilia hosted several prestigious Italian and international regattas, like the Italian and European Championships for Star and J24s, Italian Championships Dinghy 12p class and national regattas for optimist and laser boats. In 2005 the Circolo vela Sicilia together with Yacht Club de Monaco established the offshore race "Palermo-Montecarlo", which has become a "classic" Mediterranean offshore race. In 2011, the Circolo della Vela Sicilia was the house of the Luna Rossa team or the 34th America's Cup. Racing under the burgee of Palermo's yacht club, Luna Rossa reached the final of the Louis Vuitton Cup. In 2014, the Circolo della Vela Sicilia was again chosen by Patrizio Bertelli to be the challenger yacht club for team Luna Rossa's fifth and historic challenge for the America's Cup which will take place in 2017 in Bermuda. The 2016 Palermo-Montecarlo is now part of the "IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge" and will start from Palermo, Sicily, on August 21.



## Yacht Club Italiano

The history of Yacht Club Italiano dates back to the end of the nineteenth century, when Vittorio Augusto Vecchi and a group of sailing enthusiasts, including H.M. the King Umberto I, founded the Royal Yacht Club Italiano in Genoa. Since its inaugural regatta on 8th August 1880 the aims of the YCI have always been to promote the sport of yachting, organize national and international regattas and cruises, and educate young sailors. Among hundreds of successful events, remarkable are the gold medal awarded to the 8 metre "Italia" at the XI Olympic Games (Kiel 1936) and the participation of the 12 metre yacht "Italia" in the 1987 America's Cup. Over the years, the Yacht Club Italiano has continued to consolidate its international profile: by reciprocal relationships the YCI has established close ties with some of the principal European yacht clubs. Beppe Croce, YCI President for 28 years, subsequently became the first ISAF President - from a non-English speaking country. The Yacht Club Italiano currently boasts 1,200 members and 295 yachts fly the Club's pennant. YCI president Carlo Croce is also the ISAF president. Giraglia Rolex Cup 2016 (Sanremo-St. Tropez-Genova) will take place on June 10 to 18. The offshore race is part of IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge.



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# By-Laws of International Maxi Association

As amended at the Annual General Meeting of September 2012

## NAME AND SEAT

### Article 1

Under the name INTERNATIONAL MAXI ASSOCIATION, this is a non-profit Association governed by the present By-laws and by art. 60 - and articles subsequent - of the Swiss Civil Code.

The Association was set up in Geneva, on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1979, under the name "International Class A Yacht Association" (ICAYA).

The seat of the Association is in Geneva.

Its administrative office may be located anywhere else, in Switzerland or abroad.

## PURPOSE

### Article 2

The purpose of the Association is:

**2.1** The encouragement of amateur yacht racing, organisation of Corinthian sailing, match races, regattas and competitions for the sailing yachts of the Categories indicated in Class Rules. Yacht racing to be governed by the rules of the "International Sailing Federation" (ISAF). Events to be organised by the Association jointly with recognised Yacht Clubs.

**2.2** To undertake all necessary steps with International and National Authorities and sailing organisations in order to ensure and co-ordinate the achievement of the purpose stated above.

**2.3** The promotion of social activities among Members of the Association.

**2.4** To review the application of handicap and measurement rules for yachts of the Categories indicated in Class Rules and to establish appropriate regulations to be applied at IMA events.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Article 3

**3.1** Any person over the age of 18 years may become a member of the Association in accordance with the provisions hereinafter set forth.

**3.2** The Association includes:

- Founding members;
- Members (active or non-active);
- Honorary Members: persons elected according to the procedure set in art. 4 below, who, in the opinion of the Members or in the opinion of the Officers are able to assist in the development and aims of the Association. The Honorary Members have no voting rights and do not pay annual subscriptions.

The Association may accept new Members at any time.

## ADMISSION

### Article 4

**4.1** Candidates for membership must be proposed in writing by one Member and seconded by another one having voting rights (art. 10 below). The proposal should be forwarded to the Secretary General accompanied by letters from the proposer and seconder which should state for how long and to what extent the candidate has been known by them. The proposal should contain the full name of the candidate, his address, nationality and profession, name of the yacht owned and other clubs of which the candidate is a member.

**4.2.1** The candidate must be the owner of a boat included in the categories mentioned in Class Rules.

**4.2.2** The candidate must show to the Secretary General written proof that he has contracted the building or the purchase of a sailing yacht of the categories mentioned in Class Rules, to be delivered to him within twelve months from the date of the candidature.

**4.2.3** Should the new-built yacht as referred to above not be completed within the prescribed time, the building time may be extended for a period not exceeding six months. Should the yacht not be completed within 18 months from the date of the candidature, membership is ipso facto cancelled.

**4.2.4** The candidate must show to the Secretary General written evidence that he has contracted bare boat charter of a sailing yacht of the categories mentioned in Class Rules for a period of twelve months from the date of the candidature or for a period of time lapsing upon the delivery to the candidate of yacht to be purchased or built in compliance with the art. 4.2.2 or 4.2.3 above.

**4.3** As soon as possible after receiving the proposal for membership, the Secretary General shall advise the members with voting right by mail, fax or email of the proposal and request them to vote in favour of or against the election of the candidate by letter, fax or email within 30 days of the Secretary General's original notification. Members failing to vote within the thirty days period shall be deemed to have voted in favour of the candidate's proposal.

**4.4** After the period of 30 days referred to above, the Secretary General shall submit the proposal to the Officers and, provided that there has been no adverse vote from any member with voting rights, the candidate's election shall be confirmed. The Secretary General informs the candidate by mail, requesting payment of the subscription. In case of one adverse vote, the candidature may not be presented again within a period of two years.



4.5 In case of a qualifying yacht having more than one owner, all co-owners must be members of the Association.

## RESIGNATION, DECEASE, EXPULSION

### Article 5

A member shall cease to be a member of the Association:

5.1 Upon notification in writing to the Secretary General of the member's intention to terminate membership, with or without notice. The resigning member shall pay the annual fee. The annual fee already paid will not be reimbursed.

5.2 Upon death.

5.3 Upon bankruptcy.

5.4 Upon expulsion, if the conduct of any member is considered, in the opinion of the other members, to be injurious to the character or interests of the Association or makes him unworthy to belong to it. However, the resolution of expulsion cannot be taken before such member has had the possibility to offer an explanation either orally or in writing to the Secretary General and to the Officers.

5.5 If the annual subscription and/or possible additional contributions (art. 16.3) is in arrears for a period of six months after the Annual General Meeting at which the subscription was determined or the additional contribution was requested.

The resolution of expulsion is at Members' discretion and no appeal shall be granted. The motives need not be indicated. The notice of expulsion shall be sent in writing to the member's last known address.

## ORGANS

### Article 6

The organs of the Association are:

- The General Meeting of the Members;
- The Officers;
- The Secretary General;
- In case of appointment, the Auditors.

## ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### Article 7

7.1 The Ordinary General Meeting takes place every year at the date and place set by the Officers, within nine months following the closing of the financial year.

7.2 All members are called individually by the Secretary General at least thirty (30) days in advance, indicating the agenda and the names of the Officers in charge of the Association.

7.3 Unless otherwise provided for in the by-laws, the Meeting may validly deliberate if at least 51% of the Members with voting right are present or represented by proxy. Should this quorum not be reached, a second meeting shall be called where the quorum is at least 26 %.

7.4 Unless otherwise provided for in the by-laws, the resolutions are taken upon a show of hands by the majority of the members present or represented.

7.5 Proxies must be in writing (by letter, fax or email) and must be given to a member with voting rights.

## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### Article 8

8.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time on the initiative of the Officers or upon request in writing to the Secretary General by - subject to art. 64 al. 3 of the Swiss Civil Code - at least three members with voting rights. The Secretary General calls the meeting according to the procedure indicated in art. 7.2 above.

8.2 The Extraordinary General Meeting cannot take resolutions if at least 51% of the members are not present or represented by proxy. Unless otherwise provided for by the by-laws, the resolutions are taken with the majority of three quarters of the members present or represented.

8.3 A resolution notified by the Secretary General and approved in writing by at least three quarters of the members with voting rights is equivalent to a resolution of the General Meeting. Art. 4.4 and art. 13.1 are reserved.

## PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETING

### Article 9

9.1 At all General Meetings the Chair shall be taken by the President or in his absence by one of the Vice Presidents, and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, the Chair shall be taken by the most senior member of the Association present.

9.2 The Chairman may, with the consent of the majority of the members present or represented, adjourn any General Meeting to another date and place. However, at the second meeting no business may be transacted other than the business left unfinished in the first meeting.

9.3 Members who were not present or represented at the original meeting shall be entitled to attend and vote at any adjournment thereof.

9.4 The Minutes of the General Meeting are edited by the Secretary General, and shall be signed by him and by the Chairman. The extracts from the Minutes are certified by the Secretary General.

## VOTING RIGHT AT GENERAL MEETINGS

### Article 10

10.1 Each member shall have one vote at General Meetings. However:

10.2 When a yacht is owned by two or several members (art. 4.5 above), the latter shall have only one vote per yacht.

10.3 Members who have not paid the annual subscription and/or possible additional contributions (art. 16.3 below) within the prescribed deadline are deprived from their voting right.

10.4 In compliance with art. 68 of the Swiss Civil Code, any member involved in a transaction or a legal case of the Association, or whose relatives in

direct line or spouse are involved in such a case, do not have voting rights on those matters.

## COMPETENCES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

### Article 11

The General Meeting is the supreme body of the Association.

Its powers include:

- Approval of the Annual report of the President, of the Treasurer and of the Secretary General;
- Approval of the annual accounts;
- Release of the Officers and the Secretary General;
- Determination of the annual subscription;
- Admission and expulsion of members;
- Election and removal of the Officers, of the Secretary General and, as the case may be, of the Auditors;
- Adoption of and amendments to the by-laws and dissolution of the Association;
- Setting or approval of the racing calendar;
- Dealing of all affairs which do not fall within the competence of the other organs.
- The General Meeting also decides on motions or proposals presented by individual members with voting rights to the Secretary General at least 30 days before the date of calling.

## OFFICERS

### Article 12

12.1 The Officers of the Association are :

- The President;
- One Vice-President for each category;
- The Treasurer;

They are elected among the Members with voting rights.

12.2 The Officers are elected for a period of three years.

12.3 The President and the Vice Presidents may be re-elected for a second period of three years. The President and the Vice Presidents having served the maximum period, shall not be eligible for re-election as President or Vice Presidents in the three following years.

12.4 "One year" means the period between an Ordinary General Meeting and the following one.

12.5 The President shall be responsible for coordination with the Secretary General and shall preside at all social and official events of the Association. The President represents the Association at all official and social events to which the Association is invited. However, in no case shall he take upon himself any duty, office or position which are within the competence of the Secretary General.

12.6 The Vice-Presidents assist the President in the activities concerning the category they represent and shall deputize for the President if he is unable to be present at any social or official event. However, the duties that they so perform shall not exceed the duties indicated in art. 12.5 above.

12.7 The Treasurer is the supervisor for all financial management tasks entrusted to the Secretary Gen-

eral. He also reports to the General Meeting about the financial status of the Association and proposes to the meeting the amount of the subscriptions to be set for the current year.

12.8 In the event that an Officer's position becomes vacant, the other Officers with the procedure of Article 12.9, have the power to appoint a member with voting rights to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

12.9 The Officers meet at least once per semester or more frequently if necessary. They take resolutions at the majority of the votes casted by the officers present, provided that these form the majority of the officers in charge. In case of equality of votes, the President has a casting vote. The resolutions may also be taken in the form of an approval given in writing to a proposal, unless a discussion is requested by one of the Officers.

12.10 The Officers have the widest powers to manage the Association. They may establish temporary or permanent committees with the aim of dealing with specific aspects of the life of the Association or grant mandates to third parties for specific purposes. The Officers shall approve the sponsorship contracts proposed by the Secretary General.

## SECRETARY GENERAL

### Article 13

13.1 The Secretary General of the Association shall be appointed by the General Meeting for such period of time and upon such terms and conditions as the latter may think fit. The General Meeting may remove him by a resolution (taken in the meeting or by written/fax approval) gathering at least 51 % of the members with voting rights.

13.2 The Secretary General shall keep the register of the Minutes of all the meetings.

13.3 The Secretary General is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Association in accordance with the instructions given to him by the General Meeting. The Secretary General shall keep correct accounts of all transactions and prepare a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement at the end of each financial year. He reports regularly to the Treasurer on all expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

He represents the Association for all purposes relating to art. 2 above. He is in particular authorized to bind the Association towards Authorities and other associations or similar entities.

13.4 The Secretary General is not a member of the Association.

## REPRESENTATION

### Article 14

The Association is validly represented toward third parties by the individual signature of the President or the Secretary General. Further, the Officers may delegate the right of signature (individual or joint) to any other persons being members or non-members of the Association.

In any case, the right of signature on bank accounts is exercised individually by the Treasurer or by the Secretary General.

## TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS

### Article 15

The Officers, at the suggestion of the Secretary General, may appoint one or more technical consultants who, in consultancy with the Class Measurers and the appropriate international bodies (ORC, RORC, UNCL, ISAF) will act as the Association Technical Office.

## RESOURCES

### Article 16

16.1 The resources of the Association are derived from the subscriptions paid by the members, from donations and bequests by members and third parties and from income of activities such as sponsorship agreements.

16.2 The amount of the annual subscriptions is set so as to enable the coverage of the annual expenses and to establish an appropriate contingency fund.

16.3 The Secretary General may, subject to the President's permission, ask at any time for additional contributions from the members for specific reasons.

16.4 Any balance of funds available after the payment of all the costs incurred may be utilised as the General Meeting may think fit for the furtherance of the Association's development.

## RESPONSIBILITY

### Article 17

Only the Association's assets guarantee the liabilities of the Association. Any personal responsibility of the Members is excluded. The Members do not have any obligation towards the Association and third parties, except those provided for in these by-laws.

## AUDITORS

### Article 18

Auditors may be appointed each year by the General Meeting. Art. 69b al. 1 of the Swiss Civil Code is reserved in any case. Appointed Auditors may be re-elected indefinitely.

However, considering art. 16.3 above, the Association is obliged, in accordance with art. 69 b al. 2 of the Swiss Civil Code, to appoint Auditors in case of request by one single member.

## FINANCIAL YEAR

### Article 19

The annual financial year starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## GENERAL

### Article 20

Any Member may not, under any circumstances, utilize the Association, its name or events or publications, nor a yacht belonging to another member, for private or commercial personal purposes.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

### Article 21

21.1 Any member wishing to propose amendments to these by-laws shall do it in writing to the Secretary General at least 30 days in advance of the next Ordinary General Meeting with the secondment of another member. The Secretary General includes the proposal in the Agenda. The proposal shall be motivated during the General Meeting by the proposing member.

21.2 The Officers may as well call at any time an Extraordinary General Meeting to propose an alteration to the by-laws.

21.3 The decision is taken with the majority of three quarters of the members with voting rights.

## DISSOLUTION

### Article 22

In case of dissolution, decided at the majority of three quarters of the members with voting rights, the General meeting, on proposal by the Officers, appoints one or more liquidators and specifies their powers.

## ALLOCATION OF THE ASSETS

### Article 23

In case of dissolution of the Association, the assets available at the end of the liquidation will be allocated to a non-profit entity with similar purposes, selected by the Officers.

## SAILING RULES

### Article 24

24.1 All races organized by or on behalf of the Association or which the latter takes part in, shall be governed by the Rules of the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing.

24.2 The sailing and racing programme for the following season or seasons shall be selected or confirmed by the members with voting rights of the Association at General Meetings and the Secretary General shall make all necessary arrangements for the implementation of the sailing and racing programme. The management and control of the Association's own sailing and racing programme shall be the responsibility of the Secretary General. He shall also be responsible for co-ordination with all other Associations and other clubs organizing events in which Association boats take part as a class, as well as for the necessary administrative functions, including: Notice of Race; Sailing Instructions; Race Committee; Race Functions; Logistics; International Jury; Social Events.

## PLACE OF JURISDICTION

### Article 25

Any dispute which may arise, during the life of the Association and its liquidation, whether between the Members and the Association or the Officers, the Secretary General, the auditors or the liquidator, or between the members themselves concerning the activities of the Association, shall be submitted to the competent courts of the seat of the Association, save any appeal to the Swiss Federal Tribunal.



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