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R.C.O.D. Rules

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## **PART I                    MANAGEMENT**

### **1. Name**

The Class shall be called 'The Royal Corinthian One Design Class'.

### **2. Status in Club**

The Class is a part of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (The Club) and (except as to matters contained in these Rules and their alterations) is subject to the directions of the Sailing Committee of the Club on all matters connected with racing. These rules admit dual use of the personal pronoun 'he' or 'she' in all respects.

### **3. Representative**

The representative of the Class on the Sailing Committee shall be the Class Captain, or in his absence the Class Vice-Captain, failing him such other person acceptable to the Sailing Committee as the Class Committee shall request to attend.

### **4. Name of Yachts**

The names of all yachts in the Class shall begin with the letters "COR". The names and numbers of all yachts sailing in Great Britain shall be subject to approval by the Class Meeting.

### **5. List of Yachts and Owners**

A list of the owner or owners, their names and addresses, the number, name and colour of the hull of each yacht shall be maintained by the Class Secretary and deposited with the Secretary of the Club at the Clubhouse at Burnham.

### **6. Ownership of Design and of Yachts**

- (i) The design is the property of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Limited and no yacht may be built to it without the permission of the Club.
- (ii) No yacht or share in a yacht may be sold except to a member or members of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. An owner or part owner who ceases to be a member of the Club shall as soon as possible sell the yacht or share to a member or members or to the Club.
- (iii) Upon the application of any owner or part owner of a yacht the Class Committee may suspend the operation of Rule 6 insofar as it applies to him or the yacht or share and shall have power in so doing to attach such conditions as it may in its discretion think fit.

### **7. Government of Class by Class Meeting**

- (i) The internal affairs of the Class shall be governed by the Class Meeting.
- (ii) The Class meeting shall consist of all owners and part owners of yachts, or their representatives.
- (iii) An Annual Class Meeting shall be held at, or after, the end of the season. A special class meeting may be called at any time by the Class committee or by the owners of five or more yachts.
- (iv) The quorum for the Class Meeting for any business other than the alteration of the Rules shall require representation from five yachts.
- (v) The Chairman of the Class Meeting shall be the Class Captain; failing him the Class Vice-Captain; failing him the Class Secretary; failing him a person elected by those present.
- (vi) The Annual Class Meeting shall:
  - (a) Receive the Captain's Report for the previous season
  - (b) Receive the Treasurer's Report for the previous season
  - (c) Elect the Class Officers
  - (d) Fix the next season's Racing Program
  - (e) Specify the anti fouling paint to be used next season
  - (f) Nominate the class Sail Maker
  - (g) Transact any other business appropriate to the Class Meeting.

### **8. Notice of Meetings and Voting**

- (i) Not less than fourteen clear days' notice by post to owners and part owners at their last known address shall be given of any Class Meeting and such notice shall include an Agenda specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- (ii) Each yacht shall have one vote only at the Class Meeting, and votes may be given by proxy.

## **9. Class Officers, Committee and Powers**

- (i) The Officers elected at the Annual Class Meeting shall be the Captain, the Vice- Captain and the Secretary. No officer may serve in one post for more than three consecutive years.
- (ii) The Officers shall constitute the Class Committee which shall have power to conduct the affairs of the Class on its behalf in day-to-day matters arising. The Class Captain shall be the Chairman of the Class Committee.
- (iii) The Class Committee shall have the power to appoint special sub-committees consisting of owners, part owners or their representatives for specific purposes and to co-opt owners, part owners or their representatives to the Class Committee.
- (iv) All actions and decisions of the Class Committee and any Class Officer or Officers shall be subject to the reasonable directions of the Class Meeting.
- (v) Hon. President: The Class or Class Committee, if authorized by the Class, may appoint an Honorary Class President for life or for such term as the Class or the Committee think fit.
- (vi) A Class Measurer shall be appointed by the Annual Class Meeting

## **10. Racing Programme**

- (i) The Racing Program for the season shall be fixed (subject to the approval of the Sailing Committee) at the previous Annual Class Meeting.
- (ii) The Racing Program shall include:
  - (a) **Season's points series**, consisting of not less than 22 races, the best 18 scores by each yacht to count, and stipulating the dates of the races to be included.
  - (b) **The Bank Holiday series**, consisting of races on respectively:
    - (i) Good Friday, Saturday before Easter and Easter Monday
    - (ii) Saturday before the early Spring Bank Holiday and the early Spring Bank Holiday
    - (iii) Saturday before the late Spring Bank Holiday and the Late Spring Bank Holiday
    - (iv) Saturday before the late Summer Bank Holiday, and the late Summer Bank Holiday. All races in each series to count.
  - (c) Burnham Week, consisting of the races given by the Burnham Week Committee. The number of races to count will be in accordance with the Burnham Week Sailing Instructions and the Series will be scored according to the Burnham Week Instructions.
  - (d) Other races, Class Matches and team races; such matches and races may be arranged by the Class Committee at any time, with power to cancel races in the season's Points series, but in no other series.

## **11. Trophies**

The annual trophies appropriated to the Class by the Club or given by individuals for Class events shall be awarded as resolved by the Class Meeting. Trophies shall be described in 'appendix 1' to these rules.

## **12. Alteration of Rules**

- (i) Alteration of the Class Rules shall be by the Class Meeting and a quorum for such alterations shall be representation for 6 yachts.
- (ii) No alteration shall be effective unless approved by a two thirds majority of the votes cast at the Meeting and thereafter approved by the Sailing Committee.

## PART II

## CONSTRUCTION

### 13. Hull and Spars

- (i) The hull and spars shall as to dimensions, materials, design and method of construction be substantially in accordance with the original drawings and specification of 1934 as amended in 1948 and 1953 or otherwise as the yachts were in existence on 1st January 1965. Subject to later changes as agreed and ratified by the Annual Class meeting. Except that:
  - (a) Arrangements of lockers and seating are optional
  - (b) The Class Committee may authorise specific alterations when a repair or replacement necessitates or makes advisable the use of other materials or methods of construction.
  - (c) The deck may be covered with any material.
- (ii) A metal mast, boom and spinnaker pole are allowed of a design and of materials as approved by the Class Committee subject to the ratification of a Class Meeting.
- (iii) A copy of the specification as amended signed by the Captain and Vice-Captain shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Club.

### 14. Rigging

- (i) The standing rigging shall be strictly in accordance with the original specification and measurements as amended in 1948, 1953, 1979, 1992 and 1994. Any type and size of materials, with the correct measurements, may be used.
- (ii) Replacement mast and spars shall be manufactured from the extrusions currently permitted by the rules of the International Dragon Yacht Class. A copy of the relevant section of the IDA rules shall be attached as appendix 2 of these rules
- (iii) 2no. Black bands 15mm wide shall be applied around the mast at a spacing of 7.925m, and 1 no. around the boom at 3.658m from the back of the mast to define the limits beyond which the mainsail may not be extended
- (iv) The running rigging is optional as to arrangements and materials except that:
  - (a) The main halyard when the mainsail is hoisted shall be secured to a point at or below the main deck.
  - (b) The jib sail shall be sheeted with a double sheet one end of which is secured to the deck.
  - (c) The mainsheet shall control the main boom by at least one double block with the mainsheet running through both sheaves.
  - (d) A topping lift may be fitted at the owner's discretion
  - (v) A failure of gear or rigging during or shortly before a race which means the yacht does not fully comply with this rule shall, for that race only, not disqualify the yacht.

### 15. Sails

- (i) The standard sails shall be mainsail, jib and spinnaker.
- (ii) Shall be made by any Sail maker nominated by the Annual Class Meeting.
- (b) Shall measure strictly in accordance with the current sail plan and measurement rules revised November 1996 to comply with RYA rules for measurement of sails. A copy of the sail plan and rules shall be signed by the Class Captain and Class Vice-Captain at the time of passing of these rules by the Class Meeting and shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Club
- (c) Mainsail:
  - 1. The luff and foot shall be contained within the black bands at all times whilst racing.
  - 2. One transparent window may be fitted not exceeding 0.3m<sup>2</sup>
  - 3. The leech of the mainsail shall not exceed 8.410m
  - 4. The headboard shall not exceed 150mm in width
  - 5. Four batten pockets shall be placed on the leech to divide the leech evenly plus or minus 50mm. The length of the top batten pocket shall not exceed 810mm and the length of the remaining pockets shall not exceed 965mm
  - 6. The 1/2 leech width of the mainsail shall not exceed 2.265m
  - 7. The 3/4 leech width shall not exceed 1.270m.
- (d) Foresail:
  - 1. The foresail shall have a wire luff with hanks fitted.
  - 2. One transparent window may be fitted not exceeding 0.3m<sup>2</sup>
  - 3. The length of the luff shall not exceed 5.640m.
  - 4. The length of the leech shall not exceed 5.335m.
  - 5. The length of the foot shall not exceed 2.235mm.

(e) Spinnaker:

1. The lengths of the luffs shall not exceed 6.250 m
2. The length of the center fold shall not exceed 5.950 m
3. The width of the foot shall not exceed 3.660 m
4. The width at half luff lengths shall not exceed 3.660 m

(f) Mainsail and foresail shall be made in white racing quality polyester sailcloth with a minimum weight of 200 grams per square metre except for the windows in main and foresail, if required. The spinnaker shall be made in any colour Ripstop nylon with a minimum weight of .75oz. US

(g) Shall otherwise be strictly in accordance with the details and techniques of manufacture employed by the makers at or about 1st November 1996.

(iv) Any variation in design or materials of sails shall be submitted to and permitted or ratified by the Class Meeting, which may act on advice given by the measurer and the makers.

(v) Any further details of sail manufacture shall be attached at appendix 3.

#### **16. Sail Numbers and Emblems**

(i) Every yacht shall carry on her mainsail the class emblem and the number of the yacht allocated in accordance with Rule 5.

(ii) The emblem shall be the Club's crest, without crown, 600mm high.

(iii) Except when the colour of the sail does not provide a sufficient contrast, the emblem and numbers shall be coloured as follows:-

Yachts in Great Britain Red Kenya Black South Africa Orange France Blue

#### **17. Blocks, cleats etc.**

Subject to any particular provision of these Rules, alterations to running rigging, sheets, blocks, cleats and leads are permitted but no mechanical devices of any kind (in particular winches and Highfield levers) may be used.

#### **18. Reefing gear**

The mainsail shall be provided with roller and/or slab reefing gear and irrespective of Rule 17 any form using manual power may be used.

#### **19. Horse**

A horse, or track and traveller, may be fitted to carry the mainsheet, only on the afterdeck.

#### **20. Buoyancy in Yachts**

All yachts shall be fitted with a minimum of 450 liters of rigid buoyancy fixed firmly to the interior of the hull of the yacht. At least 60% shall be fixed beneath the foredeck and 15% beneath the aft deck

#### **21. Prohibition of Trapezes**

The use of any apparatus or contrivance outboard or extending outboard and attached to the hull, spars, rigging or crew, the purpose or effect of which is to support or assist in supporting a member of the crew outboard or partially outboard, is prohibited.

#### **22. Protests in connection with design**

(i) Any protest in connection with design shall be submitted to the Sailing Committee, whose decision shall be final. The protest shall otherwise be in accordance with the racing rules of sailing.

(ii) Racing rules of sailing relating to the right of appeal shall not apply to protests in connection with design.

## PART III

## RACING

### 23. Racing rules applicable

The Class sails under the Racing Rules of Sailing and Sailing Instructions of the Club and under these Class Rules. Except where any I.Y.R.U. Rule or R.Y.A. prescription, or Sailing Rules of the Club, is mandatory, these rules shall prevail.

### 24. Crew

- (i) No paid professional hand may be carried during a race.
- (ii) There is no restriction to the number of the crew.

### 25. Bottom coatings and Scrubbing

- (i) The bottom of the yachts shall be painted with the same Anti-fouling paint. The Class Committee shall decide which paint, having given due consideration to the views of owners given at the class meeting.
- (ii) Yachts shall be dressed
  - (a) At the beginning of the season before launching,
  - (b) in June or July and in August before Burnham Week, on both occasions on dates to be decided by the Class Committee having regard to weather and other conditions, as near in time as possible. Alternatively the class committee may arrange for weed and mud to be washed off in slings, and anti-fouling touched up.
- (iii) If a yacht is not launched on or before 7th May she may not claim points scored for races without approval of the class committee.
- (iv) If in the opinion of the Class Committee the bottoms of the yachts become foul and fresh anti-foul paint becomes necessary, then on dates decided by the Class Committee all yachts shall be repainted as near in time as possible.
- (v) Weed growing above or not more than one inch below the water line may be wiped or brushed off, but the bottom of yachts shall not otherwise be touched except as permitted in this Rule.
- (vi) Damage may be touched up as necessary, but damage does not include removal of anti-foul paint by stranding, grounding, or illicit wiping or scrubbing.
- (vii) Yachts may be scrubbed once per calendar month.

### 26. Removal of Yachts from Water

No yachts shall be removed from the water during the racing season, except:

- (i) For no longer time than shall be reasonably required for:
  - (a) Necessary repairs not practicable afloat, or
  - (b) Repainting of topsides, or
  - (c) Work to the bottom permitted by Rule 25, or
- (ii) If the yacht is not then raced for 22 days or longer, without approval of the class committee.

### 27. Equipment

Yachts shall carry the following equipment while racing:

- (a) Suitable anchor and chain/anchor rope
- (b) Bilge pump
- (c) An oar or paddle
- (d) Bucket or bailer
- (e) Adequate buoyancy aids/lifejackets, and other life saving equipment, for all persons on board all of which shall be ready for immediate use.
- (f) Two in date hand-held flares.
- (g) A suitable blanket to enclose a crew member suffering from thermal exposure.

### 28. Spinnaker

Yachts are restricted to using one spinnaker during one race except in the case of damage to the spinnaker first hoisted.