

HONG KONG IRC OWNERS' ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Association is the Hong Kong IRC Owners' Association.

2. Members

The members of the Association are the owners of all HKG boats holding a current IRC Rating Certificate.

3. Objectives

- 3.1 To support the objectives of the International IRC Owners' Association.
- 3.2 To provide HKG representation and input to the International IRC Owners' Association.

4. Governance

- 4.1 The Hong Kong IRC Owners' Association shall be governed by the Hong Kong IRC Committee.
- 4.2 The Hong Kong IRC Committee shall consist of:
 - 4.2.1 Five Ordinary members who shall be current IRC certificate holders at the time of nomination, and who shall be proposed and seconded by current IRC certificate holders.
 - 4.2.2 One member nominated by the HK IRC Rule Authority, who should be involved in the day to day administration of IRC or is an appointed HK IRC Measurer.
 - 4.2.3 Co-opted members nominated by the Chairman and approved by the Committee.
 - 4.2.4 Honorary Members proposed to the committee and elected by simple majority. Honorary members shall receive all Committee papers and be entitled to attend and speak at meetings of the committee, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 4.3 In the case of multiple owners named on a single IRC Certificate only a single co-owner may serve on the committee as a member at any one time.
- 4.4 Ordinary members shall serve a term of three years and may be re-nominated for two further successive terms. There must be a minimum of one club member each from ABC, HHYC & RHKYC amongst the elected Ordinary members.
Co-opted members shall serve a term of two years and may not be nominated for further successive terms.
Honorary members shall serve a term of three years and may be nominated for further successive terms.
- 4.5 With the exception of HK IRC Rule Authority nominated members, each member shall have a single vote unless otherwise stated.
- 4.6 The Committee shall take decisions by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Votes may be cast by those present or by proxy, post or email. A quorum shall be 50% of the total members of the committee, including those voting by proxy, post or email.
- 4.7 A Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen shall be elected. Each shall hold office for three years and may be re-elected for two further successive terms. The Chairman, or if he is unavailable one of the Vice-Chairmen, shall be the HKG representative to the IRC Congress.
- 4.8 The Committee shall meet once each year and at such other times as the Chairman may decide. The duties of the members of the Committee are:
 - 4.8.1 To report to the Committee on IRC activity in their areas.
 - 4.8.2 To discuss proposed IRC Rule changes.
 - 4.8.3 To discuss any other IRC matter.
 - 4.8.4 To provide guidance to the HKG representative to the IRC Congress.
- 4.9 Nominations shall be solicited from all members whenever a vacancy arises and shall be received by 1st August each year. In the event of more nominations than there are places available, then a ballot will be held by E-mail.
5. The Committee holds no budget. Members are responsible for their own expenses.
6. Changes to the Hong Kong IRC Owners' Association Constitution may be made by the Committee. A majority of least 75% of the votes cast is required.

7 National Championships

- 7.1 The Rights to the IRC national championships will be retained by the HK IRC Owners Association.
- 7.2 Organising Authorities wishing to run IRC national championships shall obtain approval from the HK IRC Owners Association.
- 7.3 Applications shall be made through the HK IRC Rule Administrator by September 1st of the preceding year. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the association committee. Applications shall include the event title, location, dates, and the name of any sponsor known at that time.