



GOVERNORS CLASS ASSOCIATION

To All Members

Dear Skipper:


In accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of 1960, your Committee has up-dated, revised and published the attached set of Constitution By-Laws and Specifications governing the G Class. In our studies during the past year, we have made use of original sketches, blueprints as well as actual weighing and measuring of numerous boats and sails. The results faithfully reflect these studies. It is to be noted that rigid specifications have been softened by the use of tolerances in order to allow for the action of time and repairs.

This has been a time-consuming, painstaking work which your Committee feels is well worth the efforts bent towards the preservation and development of this Class as a racing entity.

I wish to thank my fellow Committee Members, John Wardell and William Allsopp, II. Bill has graciously assumed the responsibility for the publication of the Constitution and Specifications.

A copy of this is being forwarded to the Measurer of the B.B.Y.R.A. for registration and to the files of the Bay Head Yacht Club.

Sincerely,


H. Irving Dunn
Chairman

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization is the Governors Class Association, familiarly known as the G Sloop Association, hereinafter referred to as GSA.

ARTICLE II - EMBLEM

The emblem shall be the letter G in accordance with G Sloop Sail Plan, and of contrasting color with sail.

ARTICLE III - OBJECT

1. To promote and develop racing, without geographical limitation, in G Sloop class yachts under uniform rules and between boats of identical design.
2. To exercise jurisdiction over all class activities and to enforce its Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules upon all members and fleets of the Association.

ARTICLE IV -- POLICY

1. To cooperate with all other yachting organizations and to demand in return observance of the rules of the GSA.
2. To rigidly maintain the one-design feature of the G Sloop class as designed by C.D. Mower (as indicated in his plans for a one-design class), to insure that all G Sloop races shall be to determine the skill of the skipper and crew. The Constitution, By-Laws, and Specifications shall be interpreted to insure competition between boats of identical design. Design changes tending to increase costs and to out-class boats now certified by the GSA shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

1. The association shall consist of territorial branches known as "Districts" and units within such territorial branches known as "Fleets".
2. Any three or more owners of G Sloop Yachts, who are members of the Association, may be granted a Fleet Charter upon application to this Association and upon payment of such charges as may be fixed from time to time by this Association.
3. Each Fleet shall have the power to accept or reject applications for membership, subject to refusal, with cause, by the Executive Committee of the GSA. Each fleet shall be self-governing in all matters not conflicting with Association rules. Each Fleet shall elect officers including a Fleet Captain and a Fleet Secretary-Treasurer.

4. Fleet Charters may be suspended or revoked for due cause and Districts may be redesignated in the discretion of the Governing Board of this Association.
5. Applications for membership may be made to this Association if there is no fleet in the locality of the applicant. Otherwise, application for membership to this Association should be made to the officials of that Fleet.
6. The powers of this Association shall be vested in the Governing Board.

ARTICLE VI - JURISDICTION

The Association has jurisdiction over all GSA activities. Its Class Rules govern all G Sloop races. Its Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules are binding upon all members, Fleets, and Squadrons. All registered G Sloop yachts must conform to its official plans and specifications.

ARTICLE VII - DUES

Association dues and taxes shall be fixed by the By-Laws. Fleet, Squadron, or District dues, if any, shall be fixed by the Fleet, Squadron, or District, as the case may be. All assessed dues and taxes must be paid before a member can be in good standing of the GSA.

ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. The membership in the Association shall consist of three classes - life, Active, and Associate, as follows:
 - a) A Life Member shall be entitled to all of the privileges of an Active Member so long as such member meets the requirements for active membership. He or she must be eligible for active membership to be elected and may retain such membership after ceasing to be a G Sloop owner.
 - b) An Active Member must be either an owner or part-owner of a G Sloop or be a Service Fleet representative, a corinthian, regardless of age or sex, and a member of a Fleet if in a locality in which there are three or more G Sloops in close enough proximity to permit racing together. An Active Member is privileged to hold office, to vote, and to skipper a G Sloop yacht in accordance with the By-Laws. Active membership shall be retained until the end of the calendar year in which the member ceases to be a G Sloop owner.
 - c) An Associate Member must be a corinthian, non-owner of a G Sloop yacht. He or she may be enrolled as part of the crew of a specific yacht. An Associate Member cannot vote, hold office, or represent a Fleet as skipper, but may be crew. He or she may be either an adult or junior classification. A junior member may be restricted to those who are eligible to compete in Sears Cup competition as defined by the N.A.Y.R.U.

2. Active membership in any Fleet shall be restricted to Active members of the Association. Associate membership in any Fleet shall be restricted to Associate members of the Association.

3. A member cannot belong to more than one fleet at a time, nor can a yacht be registered in more than one fleet.

ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. The association officers, designated below, shall be elected at the annual meeting and serve through the next annual meeting or until their successors are duly qualified. Nominations to each office may be made by:

- a) The nominating committee hereinafter provided for; or
- b) Any fleet delegate from the floor at the annual meeting; or
- c) Any fleet in good standing by submission to the GSA in writing 30 days in advance of the annual meeting, provided such nomination is signed by a majority of active members of such fleet.

2. Each officer shall be nominated, and voted upon separately by the fleet delegates in the order named and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected. The officers shall be:

a) **COMMODORE** - The Commodore is the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings and serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and Governing Board. He shall rule on procedure, jurisdiction, summarize decisions, appoint special committees and authorize the payment of all bills.

b) **VICE-COMMODORE** - There shall be elected a number of Vice-Commodores commensurate with the number of areas in which there is substantial G Sloop activity. They shall officiate in the absence of the Commodore in the order of their seniority. Wherever possible, all special committees appointed by the Commodore shall have as a member and chairman one of the Vice-Commodores to be designated by the Commodore.

c) **SECRETARY** - The Secretary shall handle correspondence brought to his or her attention and record the minutes of meetings of the association.

d) **TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall keep the financial books, records and securities of the association. He shall deposit funds in a depository approved by the executive committee, and shall disburse funds only on authority of the Commodore.

e) **CHIEF MEASURER** - Shall have the rank of Vice-Commodore and shall serve as Chairman of the Measurement Committee in the performance of its duties.

ARTICLE X - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a nominating committee of three members, one to be elected each year (after the initial election) at the annual meeting to serve for a term of three years. Vacancies in the nominating committee occurring during any year shall be filled by the Executive Committee to serve the balance of that year, or until their successors shall be duly elected and shall qualify. Nominations to the nominating committee shall be made from the floor at the annual meeting. At the inception of the nominating committee all three members shall be elected by designating one for a term of one year, another for a term of two years and the third for a term of three years.

ARTICLE XI - STANDING COMMITTEES METHOD OF ELECTION AND DUTIES

1. Certain Committees shall serve, except as otherwise provided, through the next succeeding annual meeting or until their successors are duly qualified, as follows:

a) The Governing Board - shall consist of all Executive Officers and District Commodores of the Association. The Commodore shall be Chairman of the Governing Board. All questions before the Board shall be decided by majority vote. The Governing Board is authorized to interpret the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall also have the authority to impeach Fleet, District and Association officers for a term not exceeding the committee's term of office by a three-quarters vote and to suspend any member guilty of gross violation of GSA rules or of unsportsmanlike conduct.

ARTICLE XII - APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

1. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall serve through the next annual meeting or until their successors are duly qualified:

a) DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Shall be in charge of developing and preserving the G Sloop as a racing class. A Vice-Commodore, to be designated by the Commodore, shall co-ordinate the activities of this committee, and serve as the Chairman.

b) SPECIAL COMMITTEES - May be appointed at any time by the Executive Committee or by the Commodore to accomplish a specific purpose. Wherever possible, the appointing authority shall designate a Vice-Commodore of the GSA to co-ordinate the activities of the Committee and serve as its Chairman.

ARTICLE XIII - MEETINGS

1. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the day of the Rose Memorial Regatta. Special meetings shall be held by order of Governing Board or upon written demand of 25% of the Fleets. The time and place of all meetings is to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

2. Notice of meetings must be sent to the last recorded Secretary of each Fleet in time to permit action by delegate or proxy, and if a Special Meeting is noticed the purpose thereof must be stated in such form as to permit voting by mail and no other business can be transacted.

ARTICLE XIV - DELEGATES

1. The membership of each Fleet shall be responsible for selecting and instructing a delegate, or if unable to send a delegate, it shall designate a duly authorized proxy, to present the Fleet's views and cast its votes at all meetings.
2. Any number of alternates or proxies may be named, provided they are named in order of preference, and the first in order present shall be the only one entitled to cast the Fleet's votes. Only those properly certified to, in writing, by the proper Fleet Secretary or Commodore will be recognized.
3. All delegates and/or proxies or alternates must be members in good standing of the Association.

ARTICLE XV - QUORUM AND ROLL CALL

1. A majority representation of Active Members in good standing constitutes a quorum at meetings.

ARTICLE XVI - VOTING

1. Each Fleet shall be entitled to cast one vote for each GSA yacht enrolled in said Fleet which has been properly recorded with the Association by a separate active member in good standing, but no Fleet is entitled to more than 33-1/3% of the votes cast. Membership books close 10 days before meeting, or as ordered by Governing Board.
2. At special meetings, votes will be allocated upon the basis of the number the Fleet had, or would have been entitled to, at the last annual meeting held except new Fleets, which shall vote on the basis of votes applicable on the date of call of the meeting.
3. Only accredited owner members must vote except when excused by the Chair. A majority of the votes present shall decide all questions not otherwise stipulated and the Chair shall cast the one deciding vote in case of a tie and may also fix a time limit on speakers and motions.

ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution and By-Laws, except those enumerated in Section 2 hereof can never be suspended but may be amended at any meeting by two-thirds of the votes present after written notice to each fleet as set forth in paragraph 4 below.
2. Building tolerances shall be published by the Measurement Committee. Measurers can obtain method for measuring G sloops from the Chief Measurer of the Association.
3. The basic principles of Articles III, IV, V, and VI cannot be changed nor can an amendment be passed which will render ineligible a former yacht or active member whose eligibility was established under then existing rules of this Association and whose status cannot be changed to conform to the proposed amendments, nor shall retroactive legislation be passed affecting active members' or Fleet's constitutional rights except by a three-fourths vote of the total voting strength of the Fleets in good standing in the Association. If not present, a referendum can be ordered.
4. All proposed amendments at either annual meeting or special meeting, must be included in the notice thereof and shall be mailed not less than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting to each Fleet Secretary. Any member, fleet, squadron or district may propose an amendment by submitting same to the Secretary of the GSA, in writing, at least 30 days before notices of the next meeting are printed.

ARTICLE XVIII - ORDER OF BUSINESS At Annual Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Fleets
3. Minutes of Last Meeting
4. Reports of Officers
5. Race Committee Ratification
6. Charters, ratified and revoked
7. Ratification of Executive Committee Rulings
8. Unfinished Business
9. Instructions Measurement Committee
10. New Business
11. Election of Officers for following year
12. Adjournment.

At Special Meetings

Roll Call, Special Business, Adjournment

ARTICLE XIX - JUNIOR RACING

The purpose of the Association is to encourage junior sailors - to that end should a sufficient number of juniors consistently qualify. They may be encouraged to form a junior association with an officer. Such an organization can only function with the advice and consent of the Governing Board.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS

Par. 3 (Add) The foregoing is not to be construed as giving sanction to a yacht whose dimensions or equipment fail to fall within the specifications published previously and presently appended.

Par. 5 (Add) A yacht whose specifications and/or equipment is presumed to be non-conforming may be protested by any active member of the Association. In the event that the protest is not sustained, the member initiating the action will forfeit \$25.00 check or cash payable to the Treasurer of the G Sloop Association.

Par. 6 All yachts in competition will have on board during the race and subject to inspection at the end of the race the following minimal items of safety equipment; pump or bailing bucket, paddle, anchor with 50 feet of half-inch manila line (weight of anchor 8 to 10 pounds) and one U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver or cushion for each occupant of the boat.

Par. 7 All yachts in competition will be wet sailed. No yacht may be hauled from a period over 12 hours more than once every ninety days except for extensive repair work to the hull as a result of a collision or other accident. Tip-up to clean or check the bottom will be allowed if they do not exceed a period of two hours.