

1 INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS FLEET 11 UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION – FLEET 11

2 **2003 Amendments to BY-LAWS of 1996 (revised October 2003)**

3 **Section 1 Definitions:**

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5 *In writing* Notification presented in written English and conveyed directly by hand, by postal  
6 service mail, or by electronic means (e.g. e-mail or telefax) to each member's  
7 address of record on Fleet roster.

8 *Crew* Etchells sailors who do not have *helm privileges* as defined in these by-laws.  
9 *Helm privilege* The right and responsibility within the meaning of these by-laws to enter an Etchells  
10 boat in Fleet 11 competition, to steer the boat during the Fleet 11 Championship  
11 Series, and to be listed on records of the Fleet as the person in charge of the boat.

12 *Race* Competitive sailing event  
13 *Race Day* A single day of the *season* on which racing is scheduled.

14 *Registered yacht* An Etchells class sailboat that is owned or chartered by regular member of the Fleet  
15 and which has been entered in the annual Chicago YC One Design Program.

16 *Season* The period of time that coincides with the series of races identified as the One  
17 Design Fleet Championship in the Chicago YC One Design Program and Notice of  
18 Race.

19 *Skipper* Etchells sailors who have *helm privileges* as defined in these by-laws.  
20 *Yacht owner* The legal owner of an Etchells class sailboat; or an individual who has entered into  
21 a charter agreement with a legal owner of an Etchells class sailboat, the duration of  
22 which shall be no less than the *season*.

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24 **Section 2 Organization and Membership**

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26 **ARTICLE I NAME**

27 The name of this Association shall be the INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS UNITED STATES  
28 ASSOCIATION - FLEET 11 ("Fleet 11" or "the Fleet").

29 **ARTICLE II CHARTER**

30 Fleet 11 is an association of Etchells yacht owners in Chicago who are organizing for the purpose of  
31 competition in one design yachts of the type designed by Skip Etchells.

32 The Charters and By-laws of the International Etchells Class ("IECA") and United States Association  
33 are incorporated in this Charter by reference, including any subsequent revision or modification. The  
34 Fleet 11 by-laws set forth the organizational structure and the rules by which the Fleet shall be  
35 governed.

36 The Fleet shall be operated on a non-profit basis. No officer of the Fleet shall incur any indebtedness  
37 on the part of the fleet, nor shall the Fleet operate at a deficit. Fleet funds shall be maintained in the  
38 Fleet General Fund, and other special or restricted funds that the Fleet elects to establish.

39 **ARTICLE III FLEET MEMBERSHIP**

40 There shall be two classes of membership in Fleet 11: Regular and Fleet Associate. Membership is  
41 renewable on an annual basis.

42 Regular membership in Fleet 11 shall be limited to yacht owners. In addition to the foregoing, to be a  
43 Regular Member of Fleet 11, yacht owners shall be members of the United States Etchells Class  
44 Association and the International Etchells Class Association; shall possess valid measurement  
45 certificates for each eligible yacht and any sails for such yacht, and shall have paid all dues and  
46 assessments of Fleet 11.

47 Each regular member shall be entitled to one vote, however co-owners shall not divide their vote.

48 Fleet Associate membership is open to crew and other interested parties who would like to receive  
49 Fleet or Class mailings and invitations to Fleet events.

50 IECA and Fleet 11 membership dues shall be payable and collected annually no later than April 1 by  
51 the Treasurer.

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53 **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

54 (a) Frequency There shall be a minimum of two Fleet business meetings each calendar year.

55 A Fall meeting shall be held annually between September 1 and October 31. Officers for the following  
56 year shall be elected at this meeting and a Fleet budget, including the establishment of dues for each  
57 class of membership, shall be approved.

58 A Spring meeting shall be held annually between April 1 and May 31, but prior to the first scheduled  
59 race of the season (*Define "season" and "race"*).

60 The Executive Committee may call additional meetings at its discretion. Any matter pertaining to the  
61 conduct of the Fleet, the US Etchells Class or the International Etchells Class may be discussed and, if  
62 required, voted on at a duly called business meeting.

63 (b) Notice A Notice of Meeting and preliminary agenda shall be presented in writing to all Fleet  
64 members no less than two weeks prior to the meeting date.

65 (c) Conduct Meetings shall be conducted using simplified Rules of Order (define)

66 Members wishing to place additional items on the agenda must contact the Fleet Captain prior to the  
67 meeting. The first order of business will be to finalize the agenda.

## 68 **ARTICLE V VOTING**

69 Regular members representing 51% of the registered yachts shall constitute a quorum at any business  
70 meeting. Regular members may vote by appointed proxy if the Secretary has been notified in writing  
71 prior to the meeting.

72 The election of fleet Officers shall be by a simple majority of the regular members present or  
73 represented by proxy at the meeting.

74 Any proposed changes to the Fleet By-laws must be mailed to the membership at least fourteen days  
75 prior to formal discussion. Passage of any change requires the approval of two-thirds of the yachts  
76 present or represented by proxy at the meeting who are entitled to vote.

77 On all other matters on which a vote is sought by the Fleet Captain, a simple majority of the yachts  
78 present or represented by proxy at the meeting who are entitled to vote shall prevail.

## 79 **ARTICLE VI FLEET OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

80 (a) **Officers** The Fleet business shall be conducted by the following elected officers: Fleet Captain, First  
81 Officer, Treasurer and Fleet Measurer. The general responsibility of the officers shall be the  
82 enforcement of IECA and Fleet 11 rules; cooperation with other Etchells Fleets, the Chicago Park  
83 District, and recognized yachting organizations; and dedication to the continued improvement of sailors  
84 and the Etchells Class.

85 The following are the primary duties of the respective Officers:

86 **Fleet Captain** is the presiding officer of the Fleet and is responsible for the conduct of all Fleet matters  
87 including, but not limited to, business meetings, interpreting and enforcing Fleet regulations, relations  
88 with the Chicago Park District, the US Etchells Class Association and the International Etchells Class  
89 Association, being the Fleet representative on the Chicago Yacht Club One-Design Committee, and  
90 preparing an annual Fleet events schedule for approval.

91 **First Officer** is the Secretary of the Fleet. The First Officer shall maintain the fleet roster and providing  
92 that information to the US and International Etchells Class Associations; give notice of all business  
93 meetings; keeping proper meeting minutes; and notify the Fleet membership in writing of official Fleet  
94 matters. The Fleet Officer shall assist the Fleet Captain, and act in her/his stead or perform such tasks  
95 as the Fleet Captain may assign.

96 **Treasurer** is responsible for collecting Fleet, US Etchells Class Association and International Etchells  
97 Class Association dues, paying all properly incurred Fleet bills from Fleet funds, publishing annually the  
98 financial status of the fleet and preparing the annual budget in cooperation with the Fleet Captain. The  
99 Treasurer will advise the Fleet Officer of the dues status of Fleet members as of April 1.

100 The Fleet Captain and Treasurer are the only members of the Fleet authorized to spend Fleet funds or  
101 to authorize payment of any bills as to be paid from Fleet funds. That authority is limited to items  
102 enumerated in the approved Fleet budget, and to non-budget items of less than \$200.00. Expenditures  
103 in excess of \$200.00, which are not presented in the annual Fleet budget, shall require approval by a  
104 vote of the Fleet.

105 The Treasurer shall administer the Spare Mast Program.

106 **Fleet Measurer:** Responsible for measurement of all new or substantially altered sails, updating each  
107 yacht's individual sail measurement form as required, and for keeping a record of each yacht's sail  
108 purchases. Maintaining any Fleet keel and rudder templates. Maintaining a copy of each yacht's valid

109 Hull and Spar Measurement Certificates. The Measurer shall post a list of the status of measurement  
110 certificates of all member yachts prior to the first race of the season.

111 **Chicago Yacht Club Fleet Representative** shall be a regular member of Chicago YC and a member  
112 of the Yacht Owners Association of that club, and shall represent the Fleet as a member of the Racing  
113 Yachts Fleet Committee (One Design Committee). The Chicago YC Fleet Representative may hold  
114 another Fleet office concurrently.

#### 115 **(b) Committees**

116 The **Executive Committee** is a standing committee of the Fleet, and is composed of the Fleet officers.

117 The **Social Committee** is an ad hoc committee of the responsible for the planning, organization and  
118 management of Fleet social functions. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman of the  
119 Social Committee.

120 The **Nominating Committee** is an ad hoc committee appointed by the Executive Committee no less  
121 than 30 days prior to the Fall business meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three voting  
122 members of the Fleet and any prior Fleet Captain who is a regular member of Fleet 11. Members of the  
123 Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for nomination. Prior to the fall business meeting the  
124 Nominating committee shall propose for election a slate of candidates willing and eligible to serve as  
125 officers of the Fleet for the following year.

126 Other committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the Fleet Captain or Executive  
127 Committee.

### 128 **Section 3 Yachts and Equipment**

#### 129 **ARTICLE VII MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES**

130 Each yacht shall possess a valid measurement certificate issued by the US Etchells Class Association.  
131 Such certificate shall be valid until change in ownership, major alteration or repair, or revocation. The  
132 Fleet Measurer shall be available to verify that yachts comply with measurement rules as promulgated  
133 in the International Etchells Class Association Rules. Fleet members are urged to consider the intent of  
134 Class and Fleet rules and consult with the Class Technical Measurement Committee prior to making  
135 any significant alterations to their yachts.

#### 136 **ARTICLE VIII SAIL MEASUREMENT**

137 The Fleet Measurer (or a duly appointed measurer from another fleet) shall measure all new and  
138 substantially altered sails prior to use in Fleet racing. He shall mark each measured sail with the Fleet  
139 stamp, the date, and his initials. He shall update each yacht's Sail Measurement Certificate, noting  
140 each new sail in the yacht's inventory. The Fleet Measurer shall maintain a record of each yacht's  
141 measured sail inventory in a master file.

#### 142 **ARTICLE IX DRY SAILING**

143 Based on the availability of dry sail space, the Executive Committee may annually develop a dry sail  
144 rotation plan for those yachts that wish to participate. Such participation is voluntary for yachts with wet  
145 moorings and compulsory for yachts with dry moorings. Wet moored yachts that wish to participate  
146 must equip their assigned mooring with a mooring pennant and swivel of sufficient length, and a cover  
147 or other device to limit scratches and scuffs from the mooring. Such equipment must be installed prior  
148 to the yacht's first scheduled dry sail interval. Failure to properly equip their mooring, or adhere to the  
149 schedule during a season may result in loss of dry sail privileges for the remainder of that season.  
150 Yachts with dry moorings shall be on a single axle trailer, with tires properly inflated and an working  
151 nose-wheel.

#### 152 **ARTICLE X SPARE MAST PROGRAM**

153 The Fleet shall operate a spare mast program, participation in which by fleet members is voluntary.  
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### 155 **Section 4 Modification of Racing Rules of Sailing and IECA Rules**

#### 156 **ARTICLE XI HELM PRIVILEGES**

157 Persons who are not current regular members of Fleet 11 shall be permitted to helm any race of any  
158 annual invitational regatta organized by Chicago YC (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,  
159 Barb Fox Memorial, and Sheldon Clark One Design), and no more than one *race day* of the Fleet  
160 Championship on any one *registered yacht*.  
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