

RULES AND REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING CONTESTS FOR THE  
ICE YACHT CHALLENGE PENNANT OF AMERICA

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ARTICLE I

This flag shall be known as the ICE YACHT CHALLENGE PENNANT OF AMERICA and shall be preserved as a perpetual challenge pennant for friendly competition between the ice yacht clubs belonging to this or any foreign country.

ARTICLE II

Any organized ice yacht club in good standing, of any country, shall always have the right to challenge for the pennant, and to sail a match therefore, provided that such challenge shall be made and such match be sailed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

ARTICLE III

Matches for the pennant shall be limited to ice yachts propelled by sail only, of any sail area.

ARTICLE IV

All matches for the pennant shall be sailed between not more than two (2) yachts on behalf of each club represented, including the defending club. Clubs shall not be required to name their yachts in advance of the races, but each match or contest shall be sailed to a conclusion between the yachts selected for sailing the first race thereof, and no substitution of one yacht for another shall be permitted after the preparatory signal for the first race has been given. All yachts competing in any match or contest for this pennant shall be the bona fide property of a member in good standing of the club represented, and whose membership therein dates from at least one year prior to the contest or match.

ARTICLE V

A match between two clubs shall consist of not less than two nor more than three races, and shall be awarded to the club whose representative yacht or yachts shall have won two of such races. A contest open to several clubs shall consist of no more or less than three races, except as hereinafter provided for the breaking of a tie. Such match or contest shall be awarded to the club whose representative yacht or yachts shall have scored the greatest number of points based on first club scoring number of points equal to total number of clubs represented, second club scoring one less point, etc. For such scoring, clubs will be credited with score made by the first of their yachts to finish, not with total scored by both.

In other words, after one yacht from a given club has finished, the second yacht from that club shall be entirely disregarded in scoring that particular race. In case of a two-way tie, the club whose yacht or yachts defeated the other tied club two out of the three races shall be declare the winner. In case of a three-way tie, the three tied clubs shall sail one extra twenty-mile race, the winner thereof shall be declared the winner.

#### ARTICLE VI

The representative yachts of the challenging and defending clubs must be designed and constructed in the respective countries of such clubs.

#### ARTICLE VII

All challenges shall be in writing, signed by two officers of the challenging club, and sent through the mails to the Secretary of the defending club. Challenges must be accepted and sailed for in the order in which they have been respectively received, except that in the case of question as to priority of challenge, date and hour of postmark shall govern, and except that a defending club may elect to sail against several challengers at once if it so chooses. All challenges must be postmarked at least one week prior to the first race. No verbal challenge for the pennant is valid.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The distance around the course to be sailed in every race for this pennant shall be not less than twenty miles, one half of which shall be to windward, as near as conditions permit. Racing Rules of the Eastern Yachting Association shall govern on all questions of Right of Way. Starts shall be to windward whenever possible. The time limit for each race shall be one hour and fifteen minutes. Any race in which one yacht finishes within this time limit shall be scored. No time allowance or handicap shall be used in any race for this pennant.

#### ARTICLE IX

No club may challenge the holder of the pennant more than once during each ice yachting season, nor may any yacht which has represented a defeated club in a match for this pennant be again named by any club as its representative until after a contest for the pennant by some other club has intervened, or until after the end of the winter during which such defeat took place.

#### ARTICLE X

Should the club holding the pennant for any reason dissolve, the pennant shall revert to the Eastern Ice Yachting Association as Trustee, and the Association shall immediately announce and conduct an open contest for it in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

## ARTICLE XI

Matches shall be sailed on the home ice of the defending club, unless a neutral course offers better ice conditions. The Committee reserves the right to call for the surrender of the pennant by any holding club willfully preventing the sailing of a match because of poor ice conditions on its home course. Open contests for the pennant conducted by the Eastern Ice Yachting Association shall be sailed on the largest course with the best ice available during the season in question lying within 150 miles of New York City.

## ARTICLE XII

It is understood that this pennant is to be held by the club winning it under the terms of this instrument, and is not the property of the owner of any yacht winning a match.

## ARTICLE XIII

Those RULES AND REGULATIONS may not be changed by any club, but may be altered only by majority of vote of the Eastern Ice Yachting Association's Permanent Committee on the Ice Yacht Challenge Pennant of America. This Committee shall consist of Capt. Frank V. Drake for the New Hamburg Ice Yacht Club, Mr. Herbert L. Stone, the President of the EIYA, and one Committeeman from each member club of the EIYA. Committeemen are to serve until replaced by their respective clubs.

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