

Owner-Driver Rules Harbor 20 Fleet Five

Overall Purpose: To maintain the corinthian spirit of a one-design Fleet by clarifying or making exceptions to the rules in the Harbor 20 Class Association By-Laws to maintain a level playing field.

Definitions: The term "Driver" is meant to be used interchangeably with the term "Helmsman" found in the Harbor 20 Class Association By-Laws. Definitions for "Owner" "Skipper" and "Associate" member remain the same as in the by-laws.

I. Rules for Annual Fleet 5 Championship Series (G. Di Marzo centennial Cup)

2023 series: The list of regattas that count toward this trophy is presented each year at our annual meeting. Generally they are the Spring and Fall series regattas sponsored by AYC.

Purpose: To utilize the Fleet Five Championship Series as an instrumental part of qualifying for the National Championship. Our goal is to make the Rules for Fleet 5 Championship series as consistent as possible with Paragraph II.D. of the H20 Class Association By-Laws. Because eligibility for the National Championship link Boat-Owner-and-crew as a "team" Fleet 5 may allow waivers to those national rules for our local event.

Authority: Paragraph II.D.5 of the By-Laws allow all Fleet Boards to relax the owner-driver and crew rules found in the H20 Class Association By-Laws for their Fleet Championship as long as the request is made "well in advance of the event."

Enforcement: These are largely self enforced rules. Those who feel they may not comply with the following rules are encouraged to request a waiver or clarification from Fleet 5 Board one week in advance of the event.

Rules for Fleet 5 championship series:

- A. A Fleet 5 owner-member must be aboard his/her boat during the Fleet 5 Championship series. If an owner-member does not regularly drive his/her boat during the preceding year he/she may request a waiver to allow another skipper-member who regularly drives his/her boat to drive the boat in the Fleet 5 Championship. **(N.B., Paragraph II.D.1 of the national By-Laws states; " For Class Championships , the Helmsman must be an Owner Member who has been a member for over 60 days. In the case of multiple Owner Members, the Helmsman is the one who signs the entry form." However a waiver may be granted per para 2.D.5 of the national By-Laws.)**
- B. An Owner may request a waiver to allow a professional sailor or coach to participate as crew as long as that person has been a regular crew sailing on the boat and thereby meets the basic principles and intent stated in paragraph II.A.3 and II.A.4. of the national By-Laws. It is also encouraged/expected that the "professional" crew member be a "skipper- member" of Fleet 5.
- C. Because not all Owners have permanent crew on their boats, or if their permanent crew is unable to sail in the Championship Series, Fleet 5 will not require the crew be either a skipper-member of Fleet 5 or have sailed 12 races on the boat as required in paragraph II.D.3 of the National By-Laws, other than as defined in I.A and I.B above. We also recognize that depending on wind conditions, a third person sometimes has to be brought to sail, and it would be difficult to meet those national championship standards.
- D. A waiver is not intended to allow a "skipper-member" of the fleet to borrow or charter a boat for the purpose of racing in the Fleet Championship series. A Fleet member "co-owner" of a boat, however, may request a waiver from the Fleet 5 Board to borrow a boat to race against his/her own boat skippered by the other owner. This presumes a 50/50 ownership. Wavers are not expected for small minority ownerships.

II. Rules for the Fleet Five "Howard Brooks High Point Award"

2023 series: The races that will be counted toward this award are presented at our annual meeting and distributed to all our members.

Purpose: To award the boat with the highest average finish in the above listed race series/regattas. This is a yearly award to a boat that was driven/helmed by an "Owner" or "Skipper" member of Fleet Five during the given year.

Enforcement: It is up to each owner to inform the Fleet Scorer if their boat is not being sailed within the following rules.

Rules:

- A. There needs to be one Harbor 20 Fleet 5 member (owner, skipper) on board, in any capacity, to compete in a Harbor 20 class race counted toward "High point." If an owner wants to loan his boat to a crew made up entirely of non-Fleet 5 members, the owner should inform the Fleet scorekeeper so the race will not be counted toward "High Point." (This situation is most likely to occur during the Triple Crown Charity Regattas)
- B. The helmsman/driver shall not be a professional unless they are the Owner.
- C. A professional who is a long time friend and crew of an owner-member, and who will crew on a regular basis, may sail with the owner in Harbor 20 class races once the owner has petitioned the Fleet Board for a variance and the Board has given them their approval.
- D. In the case of the Wednesday Night and Frostbite series, if an owner is unable to drive his/her boat during any particular race, he can appoint a regular member of his/her crew who is a "skipper member" of Fleet 5 to drive once the owner has petitioned the Fleet Board for a variance and the Board has given them their approval. Prior approval will not be required for the other non-Season Championship races (generally that means "regattas").

- E. An owner may sail with a crew who is a professional **once** in each of the three Wednesday night series of races and each of the two Frostbite series of races conducted each year. This is intended to provide novice owners a limit of five opportunities to improve their boat handling/racing skills, during these two series of races. (As stated in para II.A.4. of the national By-Laws; "The use of a paid professional sailor or full-time sailing coach as a crew for important Class Races such as the Class Championship, or any other race deemed to be important by a Fleet, is contrary to the intent of these rules.")