



THE INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION (UAE) CONSTITUTION

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1) **TITLE**

The Association shall be known as the INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION UAE, hereinafter referred to as I.M.C.A. UAE.

2) **ABBREVIATIONS**

- a. I.M.C.A. means INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION.
- b. E.S.S. Member National Authority
- c. I.S.A.F. means INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION.
- d. A.G.M. means ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- e. E.G.M. means EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
- f. MEMBER means a current valid member of the National Association.

3) **OBJECTS**

- a. To encourage the development and building of the International Moth boat in the United Arab Emirates.
- b. To promote and encourage racing of International Moths in The United Arab Emirates.
- c. To enforce the Rules for the measurement of the International Moth boats, and for the management of the affairs of the class.

4) **POWERS**

- a. I.M.C.A. UAE shall derive its authority and power from its Members sitting and voting in a General Meeting.
- b. The General Meetings shall appoint Class Officers who will be authorised to execute the policies agreed at the General Meetings.

5) **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language shall be English.

6) **OFFICIAL ADDRESS**

The official address of the I.M.C.A.UAE shall be that of the Acting Honorary Secretary.

7) **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year shall be the Calendar Year.

8) **MEMBERSHIP**

Any person may apply for Membership of the I.M.C.A UAE, and shall become a Member on payment of the relevant Membership Subscription.

- a. Age Limits
Full Members - Full Membership shall start on January 1st after the Members 19th birthday.

Junior Members - Members shall be classed as junior members until December 31st after their 19th birthday.

b. Associate Members

Associate Members are those who are interested in supporting or promoting I.M.C.A. UAE, but who are not owners of the International Moth boats.

c. Only Full Members who have paid their current full Membership Subscriptions may participate in racing organised by I.M.C.A.

9) **DUES**

a. Members of all categories shall pay an annual subscription to the Hon. Treasurer I.M.C.A. UAE of an amount as shall be decided annually at the A.G.M. or at an E.G.M.. Annual Subscriptions shall be sufficient to cover all I.M.C.A. UAE administrative expenses.

b. The I.M.C.A. UAE Hon. Treasurer shall issue an Annual Membership Card to each Member on payment of the Annual Subscription.

c. Annual Subscriptions are payable on election and on 1st January, except that any new Member enrolled after 1st October in any year shall have paid his Subscription in that year shall not be required to pay any Subscription for the following year.

d. No Members shall be entitled to enter and sail in any event sponsored by I.M.C.A. UAE or I.M.C.A., nor may they wear or display the Class Emblem on ties, brooches, scarves, badges, etc., until their Subscriptions for that year are paid.

e. Any Member who has not paid his Subscription by the 1st day of April shall be requested to pay the same within 14 days, and if his Subscription is not paid by the 31st day of April, his name may be removed from the list of Members.

10) **Honorary Treasurer**

It shall be the responsibility of the honorary treasurer to -

- a. Keep a complete and accurate account of the I.M.C.A. UAE finances.
- b. Receive all dues and payments for I.M.C.A. UAE and pay them into the I.M.C.A. UAE account.
- c. Authorise and issue monies to be paid out by I.M.C.A. UAE to meet authorised expenditure.
- d. Maintain a record of members subscriptions paid and unpaid, and advise the Hon. secretary of unpaid subscriptions overdue.
- e. Receive building fees from members and issue consecutively numbered receipts. Transmit annually on December 31st proportions of building fees due to I.M.C.A.

11) **Honorary Secretary**

It shall be the responsibility of the Hon. secretary to -

- a. Maintain an up to date register of all members and boats.
- b. Receive, answer and file class correspondence.
- c. Maintain a list of all class fixtures and programs.
- d. Submit statutory returns (to Emirates Sailing School /Member National Authority and I.M.C.A.).
- e. Maintain a register of trophies, and custody of original deeds of gift.
- f. Make all arrangements for calling and holding general meetings, including preparation and circulation of agenda, organising accommodation, and taking minutes.

- g. Perform such other duties as are necessary for the efficient administration of I.M.C.A UAE.

12) Meetings.

- a. There shall be an A.G.M. of I.M.C.A. UAE held once a year.
- b. Additional E.G.M.s may be called as required at the request of 3/4 of members.
- c. Notice of the A.G.M.s or E.G.M.s shall be given to all members not later than 40 days prior to the date of the meeting, enclosing the preliminary agenda to be discussed.
- d. At the A.G.M. or E.G.M. each paid-up member (other than Associate members) shall have one vote. The Honorary secretary may record proxy votes if clear instructions are received 24 hours prior to the meeting. Associate members may attend a meeting, but shall have no vote.
- e. A quorum at a general meeting shall consist of not less than 3/4 of members.
- f. On all proposals except amendments to the rules and constitution, a straightforward majority of votes cast will carry the motion.
- g. On any proposal involving change to the constitution, the resolution shall be carried if 2/3 or more of the members voting in person or by proxy shall vote in favour of the resolution.

13) Racing.

- a. All racing sponsored by I.M.C.A. UAE will conform with I.M.C.A. racing regulations.
- b. I.M.C.A.UAE shall endeavour to hold an annual national championship, and UAE racing series throughout the season.