

# **RULES FOR THE J/88 UK CLASS ASSOCIATION**

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## **Part A: Constitution**

### 1. Title

The full title of the Association shall be the J/88 UK Class Association (herein after known as the Association).

### 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to promote and further the interests of the J/88 Class in the UK and to represent the interest of UK owners of J/88s as follows:

- (a) To enhance the enjoyment of J/88 sailing within the UK.
- (b) To promote and develop J/88 one design racing within the UK.
- (c) To create and maintain a one design rule for the UK J/88 Class.
- (d) To keep members informed of developments concerning the Class and any proposals concerning Class Measurement Rules.
- (e) To co-ordinate a programme of races including a championship for the Class.
- (f) To forge links with other associations of J/88 sailors in the USA and Europe.
- (g) To encourage communication between members of the Association.
- (h) To represent UK owners of J/88s in any discussions with national or international sailing authorities, J Boats Inc or Key Yachting Ltd concerning the Class.

### 3. Terms and Definitions

In these rules:

The Copyright Holder shall mean J Boats Inc.

A Licensed Builder shall mean a person for the time being holding a valid licence to build the J/88 issued by the Copyright Holder.

The Committee shall mean the Committee of the Association.

The Association Rules shall mean the rules governing the conduct of the Association.

The Class shall mean the UK J/88 class constructed in accordance with the Class Measurement Rules.

The Class Measurement Rules shall mean the rules relating to specification, construction and measurement controls of the Class as defined in the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing and governing the building of each J/88.

Owner and Joint Owner shall mean any person or persons, or organisation entered on the IRC certificate as owner or joint owner of the yacht.

#### 4. Membership and Voting Rights

(a) The following classes of membership shall be recognised:

- (i) Full Membership (Voting Members)
- (ii) Associate Membership

(b) Full Membership shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription be open to any Owner of a J/88 or, in the case of Joint Owners, to any one of them, or in the case of a J/88 owned by an organisation, to a nominated representative of that organisation.

(c) Associate Membership shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to any Joint Owner of a J/88 not being a Full Member, and to any individuals or organisation interested in the J/88 Class.

(d) Each Full Member shall be entitled to one vote at a General Meeting of the Association, or in a postal ballot. Associate Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting, but not to vote.

#### 5. Management

(a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee.

(b) The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Class Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief Measurer (but see paragraph 7) elected at the Annual General Meeting of Members to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

(c) Key Yachting Ltd will be invited to provide one ex-officio member of the Committee. This person will not be eligible to vote unless they are a Member in their own right or they are filling one of the elected positions.

(d) At a meeting of the Committee, two members shall form a quorum.

(e) The Committee shall have power to make recommendations to the members in general meeting, or by post, for alterations in, or additions to, the Association Rules for decision in accordance with 6(e).

(f) At least two weeks notice of the date, place and agenda for any Committee Meeting must be given in writing or by email by the Secretary to each Committee Member.

#### 6. Conduct of Meetings of the Association

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually during the National Championship of the Class or any other place judged by the Committee to be most convenient to the majority of members of the Association. The precise date, time and place will be at the Committee's discretion.

(b) A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Chairman or Class Secretary upon receipt by the Class Secretary of a written request, signed by not fewer than five Full Members of the Association.

(c) At least three weeks written or email notice shall be given to members of any General Meeting.

(d) At any General Meeting or Committee Meeting decisions shall be limited to matters on the agenda. Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by not fewer than three of the Full Members present.

(e) Any vote by the Members or Committee shall be decided by a simple majority. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a casting vote. In the event of a postal or email ballot, all returns shall be made to the Secretary within two weeks of the date of posting or emailing the ballot paper.

## 7. Measurement and Technical Management

(a) Until the size of the Class warrants the formation of a Technical Committee, any Measurement matters arising from the application of Parts B or C of the Association Rules, including any technical decisions or determinations required, will be the responsibility of the Committee.

(b) The Class will not, for the time being, appoint a Chief Measurer or assistant measurers. If the need for an official measurer arises, the Committee will appoint a suitable, independent individual.

## 8. Subscription Fees

(a) Subscriptions payable for the classes of membership of the Association shall be payable annually and shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and shall become due on 1st March of the following year.

(b) Unless otherwise determined by the General Meeting, the annual subscription for Full Members shall be £40.00 and for Associate Members £20.00.

(c) Any member whose subscription has not been paid within one month of the date due may have his name removed from the list of members of the Association by the Committee.

(d) Transom stickers will be issued to members on receipt of their subscription. The sticker shall be affixed to the transom of the member's boat so that it is clearly visible.

## 9. Accounts

- (a) The Treasurer shall cause true accounts to be kept giving particulars of:
  - (i) All monies, assets and liabilities of the Association.
  - (ii) All monies received and expended by the Association and the reasons for such receipts and expenditure.
  - (iii) All sales and purchases by the Association.
- (b) The Treasurer shall cause the annual financial statement to be prepared and presented at every Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Annual General Meeting may require that the annual financial statement is audited.

## 10. Protection of One Design of the Class

- (a) The Association shall promote the maintenance of the one design character of the Class and no yacht shall be eligible to enter the National Championships or Class race unless it has been built by a Licensed Builder in accordance with and complies with the Class Measurement Rules.
- (b) Changes to Class Measurement Rules Specifications may be made by Licensed Builders with the prior written approval of the Copyright Holder providing such changes only relate to:
  - (i) Improving the quality of the finish or interior appointments.
  - (ii) Substitution of construction materials or hardware of equal or better quality and operation.
  - (iii) Relocation of fittings or hardware, to improve or facilitate the liveability, durability or safety of the yacht.
  - (iv) Revision of the moulding techniques or methods of construction provided that the shape, dimensions, weight, and rigidity (stiffness of bending moments) of the hull, keel, rudder, mast and boom and the weight and distribution of weight of the deck remain unchanged.

## **Part B: Class Measurement Rules**

These Class Rules are adopted by the J/88 UK Class Association and are effective upon adoption. These Rules may be changed or amended in accordance with the J/88 Class Constitution. These Rules apply to Class and Fleet sponsored events.

### **1.0 Administration**

1.1 The J/88 UK Class Association through its Committee shall be the sole authority for managing and conducting J/88 Class affairs and for applying and enforcing these

Rules in the UK. Local fleets shall have delegated authority to apply and enforce these rules for fleet events and for local events within fleets.

1.2 No boat shall be deemed to be a J/88 Class boat unless it is completed with a hull identification number assigned by a builder licensed by J/Boats, Inc. and molded into the transom; unless the boat is in compliance with the specifications determined by J Boats; and until the boat is equipped to qualify for J/88 Class racing.

1.3 Molded fiberglass parts, spars, rudders, keels, engines, and props shall be supplied by J/Boats, Inc. or its authorized vendors. Repairs and modifications shall be made in accordance with J/Boats specifications. Major repairs and modifications shall be made in a manner approved by J/Boats or by an authorized J/Boats builder.

1.4 Unless otherwise prescribed in the Notice of Race, advertising on boats entered in J/88 Class and fleet sponsored events shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Category A.

## **2.0 Membership and Eligibility**

2.1 The terms, Voting Members and Associate Members shall be as defined in the J/88 Class Constitution.

2.2 The Driver for in-shore racing shall be the person who helms the boat from five minutes before the start until the finish, but for momentary absences for personal or shipboard needs. The Driver shall be a Voting Member or an Associate Member. A Driver who is not a 100% owner of the J/88 shall be a Group 1 competitor as defined in the World Sailing Competitor Classification system. Key Yachting shall be permitted to hold one un-named Associate Membership for use solely by prospective purchasers wishing to experience racing a J/88.

2.3 Not more than one Group 3 competitor shall be permitted to race on a J88. World Sailing sailor categorisation will be self certified except that the Committee reserves the right to require any crew member to provide a World Sailing registration if there is any doubt as to that individual's status.

2.4 No crew member shall be paid or compensated in any way for racing in a J88 event sailing under class rules

2.5 A J/88 may be chartered for J/88 sanctioned events. The charterer must be a Voting Member or an Associate Member, or a Group 1 competitor who is pre-approved by the Class.

## **3.0 Measurement**

3.1 Neither the Chief Measurer nor an assistant measurer shall measure a J/88 in which he or she is an interested party.

3.2 The owner is responsible for assuring that a J/88 participating in a J/88 class or fleet sanctioned event complies with these Rules.

3.3 By participating in a J/88 sanctioned event, owners agree to permit J/Boats, J/88 Class officers, measurers, and the Race Committee or their representatives to board

their boats unaccompanied for purposes of inspection, measurement, or compliance at any time during an event or within 24 hours before or after the event.

3.4 A measurement determination by the Chief Measurer or an assistant measurer shall be final.

3.5 A technical decision or determination by the Technical Committee which applies to these Rules shall be final.

#### **4.0 Equipment Rules**

4.1 Standard factory supplied equipment, including, but not limited to, railings, stanchions, and furnishings, except as listed in section 4.3, shall be maintained and will *not* be removed, relocated, or altered when racing.

4.2 Safety equipment *shall* be on board, *shall* be used, and *shall* at least conform to World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.

4.3 The following are permitted while racing:

4.3.1 Tactical / navigation / communication instrumentation.

4.3.2 Interior, cruising and daysailing amenities that do not enhance performance.

4.3.3 Foredeck lifeline netting, shroud and lifeline rollers, and other anti-chafing gear.

4.3.4 U-bolts or pad eyes outboard of the jib tracks for barber hauling the jib or affixing blocks to stanchion bases for the same purpose.

4.3.5 Foot braces, hand holds, non skid surfaces, and lifeline cushions.

4.3.6 Use of a shackle or similar device to attach headsail sheets to sails and to attach the tack line to the spinnaker.

4.3.7 Adaptations (as defined in IFDS Race Management Manual 2005-2008) permitted by World Sailing's International Foundation for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) for use by a sailor possessing a current classification number under the IFDS Functional Classification System, provided (a) such adaptations are used only by the disabled sailor, and (b) meet the conditions set forth in Section 4 of Part 1 of the IFDS Race Management Manual 2005-2008.

4.3.8 Substitution of blocks, cleats, and clutches provided by non-standard equipment manufacturers, provided that the replacement parts are of similar size, weight, and power ratio and perform the same function.

4.4 The following are *not* permitted while racing in inshore buoy races:

4.4.1 Holes or tubes which lead lines or halyards through the deck, hull or transom other than the sprit control line

4.4.2 Altering the hull or rudder or keel profiles or exceeding tolerances in officially determined offsets

4.4.3 Altering the mast, boom, or bowsprit

4.4.4 Adjusting the location of the mast butt or the standing rigging, other than the backstay.

4.5 A Voting Member may request a written determination from the Technical Committee concerning the compliance of any proposed alteration.

## 5.0 Sails

5.1 Each sail purchased for use in J/88 Class sanctioned events shall comply with the Class Rules in effect on the date of delivery and when measured at an event.

5.2 Sails delivered on or after 25 September 2016 shall be affixed at the tack with a sewn in J/88 sailtag purchased from the J/88 Class Association by the sailmaker. Sailtags shall be supplied to sailmakers by the Class and shall have serial numbers that are registered with the class secretary. A certificate with a serial number, a statement that the sail conforms to class rules, and the date of delivery to the owner shall be signed by the sailmaker, delivered to the owner, and recorded by the Class Secretary. By affixing a sailtag, the sailmaker certifies that the sail meets the then effective sail material, weight, and measurement requirements of these Rules. The Association will make no charge for purchase of sail tags by sailmakers.

5.3 Sails delivered to J/88 owners prior to 25 September 2016 are exempt from the requirement for sailtags. Owners are to provide the Class Secretary with a list of owned sails for which they claim exemption under this section.

5.4 All sail measurements shall be made by certified measurers and in accordance with the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing (“ERS”). In this section, terms in **BOLD** are used as defined and used in ERS.

5.5 Sails carried on board and used for J/88 Class or fleet sanctioned events for inshore buoy racing shall be limited to five sails: one Class **mainsail**, two Class **jibs**, and two Class **spinnakers**. Each Class sail shall comply without exception with the provisions of these Rules. The 2 permitted jibs includes the Heavy Weather Jib required by World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 (the Class Jib B dimensions comply with this Regulation).

5.5 During a Class sanctioned event run on consecutive days, including any lay days, the sails onboard shall remain the same and be onboard for all races. Notwithstanding any limitation in this section the Committee or the Chief Measurer may permit replacement of any sail which has been damaged.

5.6 For J88 Class or fleet sanctioned one design racing sail purchases shall not exceed (a) one mainsail, two jibs and two spinnakers in the first year of ownership plus (b) any two sails during each subsequent calendar year. The allowance for replacing sails may be carried forward for one calendar year. Notwithstanding any limitation in this section the Committee or the Chief Measurer may permit replacement of any sail which has been damaged beyond reasonable repair

## 6.0 Additional Class Racing Provisions

6.1 For J/88 Class or fleet sanctioned events, the crew shall be limited to the driver plus six crew members. In addition, one child under the age of 12 years is permitted.

6.2 The bowsprit shall be retracted when not in a continuous process of setting, flying, or taking down the spinnaker and will be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity.

6.3 Hanging on the mast or shrouds to promote roll tacking or roll gybing is prohibited at all times.

6.4 The jib luff may be attached to the forestay by means of a furler system, a headfoil and bolt rope or by hanks.

### Part C: Class Sail Dimensions

<b>Mainsail</b>		
Sail cloth - woven and/or laminated ply: Luff System Class Insignia in Blue, black, or white on carbon	polyester, aramid, PEN, HMPE and carbon fiber Bolt rope or Slides 420mm x 800mm	
Mainsail "P" dimension	11225mm	max
Mainsail "E" dimension	3660mm	max
Top width	480mm	max
7/8 width	1070mm	max
3/4 width	1710mm	max
1/2 width	2610mm	max
Battens - 5 max plus gaff batten Gaff batten located inside radius from head point	510mm	max
Centre of batten #1 at leech from head point	1900mm	min
Reef Point (tack and clew)	1350mm	min
Minimum Bag Weight	TBD	min
<b>Jib A (Full Size)</b>		
Sail cloth - woven and/or laminated ply: Luff LP	polyester, aramid, PEN, HMPE and carbon fibre	
7/8 width	11575mm	max
3/4 width	3605mm	max
1/2 width	540mm	max
Battens - 3 max	1000mm	max
Minimum Bag Weight	1870mm	max
	TBD	min
<b>Jib B (Heavy Weather)</b>		



Sail cloth - woven and/or laminated ply:	polyester, aramid, PEN, HMPE and carbon fibre	
Luff	10580mm	max
LP	3250mm	max
7/8 width	460mm	max
3/4 width	850mm	max
1/2 width	1570mm	max
Battens - 3 max		
Minimum Bag Weight	TBD	min
<b>Spinnaker #1</b>		
Material - Woven Nylon	40 gm/sqm	min
Maximum Area per J/88 Rig Plan	95 sqm	max
Adjustable leech, luff and foot lines	required	
<b>Spinnaker #2</b>		
Material - Woven Nylon	44 gm/sqm	min
Maximum Area per J/88 Rig Plan	70 sqm	max
Adjustable leech, luff and foot lines	required	

*All measurements per World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing*