



CONSTITUTION

**As Amended & Approved by the Membership
Annual General Meeting – Thursday September 25th, 5:30pm RHADC**

I.	Name:	The Association shall be called The Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association, (hereinafter referred to as “BODA” or “the Association”)
II.	Office of the Association:	The Office of the Association shall be deemed to be the Office of Coson Corporate Services Limited, Milner House, 18 Parliament Street, P.O. Box HM 1561, Hamilton HM FX, Bermuda and all correspondence to BODA shall be directed to Suite# 1320, 48 Par-la-ville Road, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda.
III.	Objects of the Association:	<p>The objects of the Association are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote junior sailing and racing of the International Optimist Dinghies for all eligible children in Bermuda, in full compliance with the current Class Rules, specifications and the spirit of the same. • To provide a national organisation to regulate the sport in Bermuda under the auspices of the Bermuda Sailing Association. • To maintain affiliation with the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) and to support its aims. • To serve as the Bermudian Authority for the selection of the national representatives to international events. • To promote competition at a national and international level. • To take any other action as shall be in the interest of Bermuda’s sailors in the International Optimist Class.
IV.	Membership:	The Membership of BODA shall consist of Sailing Members, Supporting Members and Honorary Members .
V.	Members:	<p>1. Sailing Members</p> <p>Sailing Members will consist of children who are 15 years of age or less in the year for which membership is granted, who wish to sail in an Optimist Dinghy in Bermuda. The sailing members shall not themselves be entitled to vote at meetings of the Association; rather their parent or guardian will be entitled to one vote per sailing members at a general meeting of BODA.</p> <p>2. Supporting Members</p> <p>Supporting Members shall be over the age of fifteen and shall have paid annual dues to the Association. The supporting members shall be entitled</p>



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		<p>to vote at meetings of the Association.</p> <p>3. Honorary Members</p> <p>Honorary Members are persons over the age of fifteen who are recognised for the special contribution they have made to the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association and to the furtherance and development of the Optimist sailing class in Bermuda. Honorary Members are nominated by the BODA Executive and presented to the membership for a majority vote at General Meetings of the Association for ratification. Annual membership dues to BODA are waived for Honorary Members who are entitled to vote at meetings of the Association. The term for Honorary Membership and their total numbers shall be determined by the By-Laws of the Association</p>
VI.	Financial Year	The financial year of the Association will be during the period of September 01 st of one year to August 31 st of the following year. Financial statements for the financial period will be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
VII.	Annual Period of Membership and Dues:	The annual period of membership in the Association will be the 12 months running from October 01 st of one year until September 30 th of the following year. The Sailing and Supporting Members of BODA shall pay such annual dues as shall be determined by the Membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
VIII.	Annual General Meeting	The Annual General Meeting of members shall be called by the Secretary by written notice or in electronic form to the members of the agenda and shall be held in September of each year.
IX.	Convening General Meetings:	The Secretary at the request of three Members shall call a General Meeting of the Association at any time.
X.	Quorum:	A Quorum at any General Meeting of the Association shall be determined by the By-Laws of the Association.



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XI.	Regular order of business:	<p>At all Annual General Meetings, the regular Order of Business shall be as follows: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Reading of Minutes of the previous meeting. 2 Matters arising from the minutes. 3 Reading of communications. 4 Presentation of Financial Statements. 5 Reports of Committees. 6 Election of Members and Officers of the Association. 7 Any Other Business.
XII.	Management & Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted on behalf of the Membership by the elected Committee of Members who shall be responsible for fulfilling the intent of Article “III” and reporting back to the membership of their actions and activity at the AGM. b. The Officers of the Association shall be the Committee of Members who have full authority to conduct the affairs of the Association throughout their elected term of office. It may accept the memberships or resignation of members or Committee Members and replace vacancies among the Officers until the next Annual General Meeting.
XIII.	The Committee of Members:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee of Members, hereinafter also referred to as the “Executive”, shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the Chairpersons from the following sub-Committees: Social, Sailor Development and Fund Raising & Public Relations. Additionally, other members as shall be elected by General Meeting of the Association. b. The Committee of Members shall be elected by simple majority vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. c. All Officers of the Committee of Members must be voting members of the Association and shall be elected for a term set out in the By-Laws of the Association d. No Officer of the Committee of Members may hold the same position for a term longer that that specified by the By-Laws of the Association. e. A quorum of Officers of the Committee of Members shall be determined by the By-Laws of the Association.



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XIV.	Duties of the Officers	<p>a. The President of the Association shall preside at the Executive and General Association meetings, be a member of all committees and generally perform the duties of a President and Chairman of the Organisation.</p> <p>b. The Vice President shall support the President in the conduct of the affairs of the Association and provide cover for the President in his/her absence.</p> <p>c. The Secretary shall be responsible for all official documents, papers and records of the Association and the dissemination of communications to all members. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Executive and General Meetings, serve notices and conduct the correspondence of the Association.</p> <p>d. The Treasurer shall keep all paper and electronic records of all financial transactions of the Association. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due or payable to the Association and shall record and deposit such monies for safe keeping. The Treasurer shall make any payments required for the purposes of the Association and present an audited statement of the Association's financial position at the Annual General Meeting.</p>
XV.	Duties of the Committee	<p>The duties of the Executive Committee shall include: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To manage the affairs of the Association. 2 To protect the interests of the Sailing Members. 3 To promote regular sailing and fair competition by the Sailing Members. 4 To promote the continuing sailing endeavours of the Sailing Members at the cessation of their eligibility as Sailing Members. 5 To prescribe such rules regulating the affairs and conduct of the Association as may, in its judgement, become necessary. 6 To act as liaison between the Membership and the local sailing clubs, regional and international governing bodies. 7 To take all steps necessary in maintaining BODA's good Charity status with the office of the Bermuda's Registrar General.
XVI.	Amendments to the Constitution	<p>The Constitution of the Association can only be amended or annulled by the affirmative vote of two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting of the Association</p>



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XVII.	Obligations	All members of the Association shall, by accepting membership to the Association, agree and be bound to the Constitution including the By-Laws.
XVIII.	Termination	Termination of the Association must be by a two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting. In the event that the Association terminates all funds and assets of the Association, after the settlement of all liabilities, shall be distributed to the Bermuda Sailing Association for the furtherance of Youth Sailing.
XIV.	By-Laws	By-Laws, providing that they do not contravene the provisions of Articles I to XVIII of this constitution, may be established or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any General Meeting of the Association.