



ARTICLES OF
THE INTERNATIONAL KNARR ASSOCIATION

Adopted at the General Meeting held 25th August 2025

Article 1

THE INTERNATIONAL KNARR ASSOCIATION (IKA) was founded on 14th August 2012 in Skovshoved, Denmark.

The domicile of the Association is at the address of the Admiral of Dansk Knarr Klub.

Article 2

Purpose of the Association

The principal purpose of the IKA is:

- a) To maintain the Knarr class as a one design class.
- b) To further the interest of the Knarr in all countries where Knarrs are sailed and to introduce the class to new countries.
- c) To be responsible for the administration of the class rules and proposals for rule amendments for consideration and, if required, final approval by the National Yacht Racing Unions.
- d) To ensure that the class retains its status by complying with the criteria adopted by the National Yacht Racing Unions.
- e) To issue licenses to qualified manufacturers as per the Class Rules.
- f) To co-ordinate the International Knarr Championship (IKC) and to be responsible for the administration of and amendments to the IKC Deed of Trust.

Article 3

Membership

- a) Membership is open to all National Knarr Associations approved by their respective National Yacht Racing Union.
- b) National Knarr Associations, which are not approved by their respective National Yacht Racing Union, are eligible for membership if each of the following requirements has been met:
 - i) The National Knarr Association must have existed for at least 36 months at the time of application.
 - ii) The articles of association must be approved by the executive committee.
 - iii) Details of the officers and number of members must be declared.
 - iv) At the time of application, the membership must comprise of at least 10 Knarr owners.
- c) The IKA may grant associate membership for those National Knarr Associations that do not fulfil the criteria for full membership. Associate members may meet at the AGM without voting rights.

Article 4

Management

- a) The affairs of the IKA shall be conducted by the Association in a General Meeting. The drafting of the Agenda for General Meetings and the day-to-day management in accordance with the wishes of the IKA in General Meetings shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee (the officers of the IKA). The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Admirals of the National Knarr Associations.
- b) Proposals for changing the Class rules must be circulated to all members of the Executive Committee and to the chairman of the Technical Committee promptly after receipt.
- c) Proposals for minor changes of the class rules not deviating from the principle of the Knarr being a one-design class, submitted and recommended by the IKA Technical Committee, may be decided by the Executive Committee. The decision must be taken one month after receiving the proposal(s) at the latest. The chairman of the IKA Technical Committee must be advised in writing of the decision within one week of their vote.
- d) The Executive Committee shall in the second and final instance, by simple majority vote, decide proposals for national prescriptions to the Class Rules rejected by the Technical Committee. All National Knarr Associations must be notified in writing of the decision no later than four weeks after receipt of the request. Rejections shall only be for good cause.
- e) All correspondence affecting the Association shall be addressed to the Chairman.

Article 5

Election of Chairman

The Chairman is the Admiral of the National Association hosting the IKC or by rotation as per the IKC Deed of Trust.

Article 6

General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall take place during the IKC or at a date in August, September or October and at a place to be agreed by the Executive Committee.

Other General Meetings may be called by the Chairman or following representations by representatives of at least two thirds of the National Knarr Associations.

Article 7

General Meetings may if necessary and at the discretion of the Chairman take place in a virtual manner.

Article 8

At a General Meeting

- a) The accredited representatives of two-thirds of the National Knarr Associations shall form a quorum.
- b) Each National Knarr Association represented at the meeting shall have one vote.
- c) The Admirals of the National Knarr Associations shall nominate in writing to the Chairman of the IKA the persons who shall represent them at the meeting. A maximum of four persons of each National Knarr Association can be nominated, one of whom is the official representative.
- d) Decisions affecting the rules of the Association or changing of the Class rules shall, except as per Article 4 (d), be taken in unanimity. All other matters shall be decided by a simple majority vote.
- e) When a National Knarr Association is not represented at the meeting, it shall be entitled to vote on matters in the agenda by written proxy. In the event of a National Knarr Association not being present or having submitted a written proxy, this National Knarr Association shall be deemed to have abstained.

- f) Except as per Article 4 (c), no decision may be taken concerning the rules of the Class unless it has been included on the agenda and has been subject to prior consideration by the National Knarr Associations.

Article 9

The agenda for General Meetings shall be sent to each National Knarr Association at the latest one month before the date of the meeting.

Article 10

- a) Items for the agenda at General Meetings shall only be accepted from the Admirals of the National Knarr Associations.
- b) Items concerning amendments to the Class Rules must be approved by the proposing National Knarr Association and shall be in the hands of the Chairman of the IKA not later than three months before the date of the meeting.
- c) Other items shall be in the hands of the Chairman of the IKA not later than six weeks before the date of the meeting.

Article 11

Minutes of meetings shall be arranged by and approved by the Chairman and circulated to all National Associations and published on www.knarrondesign.com within one month after the General Meeting.

Article 12

IKA Technical Committee

The IKA Technical Committee shall be responsible for:

- a) Considering all technical matters concerning the Class Rules.
- b) Considering proposals for changing the Class Rules as put forward by National Knarr Associations.
- c) Considering proposals in the first instance for national prescriptions to the Class Rules as put forward by National Knarr Associations. Acceptance and rejection must be notified in writing to all National Knarr Associations. At the same time the result must be publicised on www.knarrondesign.com. Notifications and publishing must take place no later than three weeks after receipt of the request. Rejections shall only be for good cause.
- d) Putting forward proposals for changing the Class Rules to the Executive Committee.
- e) Evaluating and issue of recommendations to the Executive Committee of applicants for licences.
- f) Monitoring the performance of class measurers throughout the world with a view to ensuring that all Knarrs comply strictly with the class rules.

Article 13

- a) The IKA Technical Committee shall comprise of two persons from each National Knarr Association. Members are not permitted to have commercial interests in the Knarr Class or to be a member of the Executive Committee.

The committee may invite without any voting rights measurers, boat builders, sail makers and spar makers as consultants only.

- b) Appointment of members to the IKA Technical Committee is for a period of three years after which they may be eligible for re-appointment.
- c) Decisions by the Technical Committee shall be taken by simple majority. Each National Association shall have one vote.
- d) All communication with the Technical Committee shall be directed through the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Article 14

IKA Technical Chairman

- a) The Chairman of the IKA Technical Committee is appointed by the Executive Committee among the members of the Technical Committee.
- b) The Chairman's responsibilities shall include
 - i) Overseeing class measurement throughout the world including liaison with all class measurers.
 - ii) Monitoring the standard of all registered builders and spar makers.
 - iii) Head meetings and the business of the Technical Committee.
 - iv) Publication of the current class rules on www.knarronedesign.com

Article 15

Language

The official language of the IKA shall be English.

Notes:

Changes (extract) per 12th August 2022 to the Articles adopted at the foundation 14th August 2012:

- Preamble of how these articles were to become effective was deleted.
- Introduction of national prescriptions and the handling thereof (Articles 4 (d) and 12 (c)).
- Handling of proposals for changing the class rules (Article 4 (b)).
- A member of the Executive Committee (an Admiral) cannot be a member of the IKA Technical Committee (Article 13 (a)).
- Voting in the IKA Technical Committee (Article 13 (c)).
- Allowing general meetings to take place in a virtual manner (Article 7)).
- Minutes of meetings to be published on www.knarronedesign.com (Article 11)).

Changes per ⁽¹⁾ 3rd August 2023 and ⁽²⁾ 23rd – 27th May 2024 to the Articles adopted 12th August 2022:

- ⁽¹⁾ Following the expiry of the designer's immaterial rights on 31st December 2022, which was the expiry of the calendar year 70 years after the death of Erling L. Kristofersen in July 1952, the right to issue building licences is assumed by the IKA (Article 2 (e)).
- ⁽¹⁾ Deleted the text of Article 4 (c), as the same text also appears in Article 13 (a).
- ⁽²⁾ New Article 4 (c) and amendment of Article 8 (f) to make way for some changes to the Class Rules recommended by the IKA Technical Committee to be decided by the Executive Committee.
- ⁽²⁾ New Article 12 (e) making IKA T.C. responsible for evaluating and recommending applications for building licences.
- ⁽²⁾ New Article 14 (b) (iv) making the Chairman of IKA T.C. responsible for publication of the current class rules on www.knarronedesign.com

Changes per 25th August 2025 to the Articles adopted 3rd August 2023 and 23rd – 27th May 2024:

- In article 4 (d) the sentence "The decision must be taken one month after receiving the proposal(s) at the latest" was inserted. The time limit for advising the chairman of the IKA Technical Committee of the decision was reduced to one week.