1 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 The Bermuda J/24 Class Association shall be known and referred to as the BJCA

1.2 The Class shall mean the international class of sailing yachts designed by Rodney Johnstone and constructed in accordance with the building specifications and known under the name of International J/24.

1.3 The International J/24 Class Association shall be known and referred to as the IJCA.

1.4 The Bermuda Sailing Association shall refer to the governing body for the sport of sailing within Bermuda and shall be known and referred to as the BSA.

1.5 The Class Rules shall mean the rules relating to measurement, equipment, racing condition of an International J/24 annexed hereto and incorporated as a By-law of this Constitution.

1.6 The Annual General Meeting of the BJCA shall be referred to as the AGM.

2 OBJECT

2.1 The BJCA shall have sole authority within Bermuda for the conduct and management of the Class.

2.2 The BJCA shall promote expansion of the Class throughout Bermuda.

2.3 The BJCA shall coordinate and manage the affairs and rules of the Class in cooperation with the IJCA and the BSA.

3 OFFICES

3.1 The headquarters of the BJCA shall be located at the address determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 The following types of membership shall be recognised:

4.1.1 Full members shall be sailors who have paid the prescribed annual subscription to the BJCA.

4.1.2 Sponsoring members shall be those individuals and companies who provide products and/or services to the BJCA or its members. Sponsoring members may not vote nor are they eligible to hold office. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to grant this category of membership.

4.1.3 On payment of a Bermuda J/24 Boat Membership Fee, a boat shall be granted 8 full memberships in the name of one individual. These memberships may be transferred into the name of an individual on payment of a fee.

5 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

5.1 The BJCA shall be financed by annual subscriptions from full members and by collecting fees from sponsoring members and other sources. The subscription shall be determined annually by the Executive Committee. Membership shall be for the period from when paid or granted until the close of the next AGM.

6 SUSPENSION, EXPULSION

6.1 The Executive Committee shall have the authority to suspend any full member or sponsoring member for non-payment of fees, gross violations of the Class Rules or after due notice, for willful disregard of the rulings of the BJCA. The term of suspension may not exceed one year unless suspension is extended at the AGM. A suspension may be terminated if the issue is brought before the AGM and a majority of votes cast favour termination.

6.2 A member may be expelled only if the issue of their expulsion is brought before the AGM and three-fourths of the votes cast are in favour of expulsion.

7 OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BJCA

7.1 The following officers shall be elected at the AGM and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM: Fleet Captain; Fleet Vice-Captain; Treasurer; Fleet Secretary; and three Executive Officers. The position of Last Fleet Captain is filled by the last years Fleet Captain if not otherwise elected as an officer and for a period of one year only, or shall remain vacant.

7.2 The day to day affairs of the BJCA shall be managed by the Executive Committee.

7.3 The Executive Committee is comprised of the following officers: Fleet Captain; Fleet Vice-Captain; Past Fleet Captain; Treasurer; Secretary; and three Executive Officers to include the Technical Officer. The Fleet Captain shall chair the Executive Committee

7.4 The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies among the officers and any persons so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM.
7.5 The Executive Committee may appoint such agents and attorneys with such powers and to perform such acts and duties on behalf of the BJCA as the Executive Committee may determine.
7.6 The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint other committees which shall have and may exercise such authority of the Executive Committee as it shall prescribe.
7.7 The Executive Committee shall have the power to modify the Class Rules and appoint official measurers.
7.8 Councilors of Honor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in recognition of service to the class association. Their role is advisory to the Executive Committee and is non-voting.

8 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
8.1 Nominees for an officer position shall be full members.
8.2 Nominees for officers shall be proposed and seconded by full members other than themselves, and shall have stated their willingness to stand.
8.3 Nominations and acceptances shall be given to the Secretary or any individual designated by the Executive Committee if the Secretary is unavailable.
8.4 Nominations may be made at any time prior to the next AGM.
8.5 The list of nominees for each position shall be given to members at least once prior to the AGM but not more than 45 days before and not later than seven days before.
8.6 The current list of nominees shall be available at the AGM.
8.7 Further nominations may be made at the AGM.
8.8 If there is more than one valid nominee for an officer position the officer shall be an elected by a majority vote of those members present at the AGM excluding the nominees. The election shall be by secret ballot.
8.9 The two general officer positions shall be elected consecutively.
8.10 Officer positions with one valid nominee shall be considered duly elected without ballot.

9 GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS
9.1 The Annual General Meeting of the BJCA shall be held annually in January at a date and time to be set by the Executive Committee. If not held in January it shall be held as soon as practical. Notice of the date, time and location of the AGM shall be given to members at least six weeks in advance.
9.2 The business of the AGM shall normally be

To elect a Chairman for the meeting
Class Captains Report
Vice Captains Report
Treasurers Report
Social Secretary's Report
Election of Officers
Any other business

9.3 The Chairman shall have the option to amend, insert or re-arrange the order of business.
9.4 Any general meeting of members other than a general meeting shall be a special general meeting. A special general meeting may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or on a written request signed by at least a quorum of members. Seven days notice shall be given to the members and the notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. The business of a special general meeting shall be that for which it is called and no other.
9.5 A quorum for any annual or special general meeting shall be 10% (rounded up) of the current membership and shall be counted at the opening of the meeting. Should a quorum not be present the meeting shall be adjourned to a date to be set by the Executive Committee with at least five days notice given. Should a quorum not be present at the second meeting those members present shall constitute a quorum.

10 ACCOUNTS

10.1 The Treasurer shall cause accounts to be kept giving full particulars of:

10.1.1 All amounts of money, assets and liabilities of the BJCA.

10.1.2 All amounts of money received and expended by the BJCA, and a detailed description of such receipts and expenditures.

10.2 A financial statement shall be presented to all members at each AGM.

10.3 Payments and receipts of money shall be validated by the signature of the Treasurer or their deputy as appointed by the Executive Committee, plus the signatures of two other Executive Committee members.

10.4 The fiscal year for the BJCA shall be January 1st through December 31st.

11 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

11.1 The Technical Committee shall consist of the Technical Officer and a single representative for each of the J/24 yachts registered in Bermuda. The representative shall be a full member of the BJCA. The Technical Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall chair the Technical Committee.

11.2 The Technical Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding Class Rules, including suggested amendments, or additions and interpretations.

11.3 The Technical Committee shall cooperate with the BJCA official measurers to protect the one-design character of the International J/24 Class within Bermuda.

12 AMMENDMENT

12.1 The constitution may be amended by a majority vote of full members attending any general meeting. Motions to amend the constitution shall be proposed and seconded by full members. Reference to such motions shall be made in the notices to the meeting. Details of the motions shall be given to members for a period in advance of the meeting equal to the applicable notice period.

13 DISSOLUTION

13.1 The BJCA may be dissolved by a vote of the members at a special general meeting called for that purpose. A special general meeting called for the purpose of dissolution shall require a notice period the same as that required for the AGM, and shall follow the quorum requirements. The BJCA shall be dissolved if 66% (rounded up) of the members present so vote. If upon dissolution of the club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the BJCA but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions in Bermuda having objects similar to the objects of the BJCA, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the BJCA at or before the time of the dissolution and if and so far as, effect cannot be given to such provision then to the International J/24 Class Association.