LEHMAN 12 ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

1. The name of this organization shall be the LEHMAN 12 CLASS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

1. The object of the L-12 Class Association shall be to promote L-12 Class racing under uniform rules, governed by this Association, and to maintain rigidly and without deviation, the one design features of the L-12 boats as designed by Barney M. Lehman.

ARTICLE III – POLICY

1. To cooperate with other yachting organizations and, in return, to insist on strict observance of the rules of the L-12 Class.
2. To keep the cost of acquisition and upkeep of the L-12 Class boats within modest limits without sacrificing high standards of performance and seaworthiness.
3. To promote a one-design class of L-12's in which racing shall be to determine the skill of the skipper and the crew. Everything in the Constitution, By-Laws, and specifications is intended to insure competition in boats of identical design in all essentials such as hull lines and sail plan, as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

1. A L-12 skipper shall pay for membership in the Association, whenever practicable, through a Fleet on whose waters he normally sails.
2. The Fleet is a territorial unit open to all eligible persons within its area; it elects its own officers, which must include a Fleet Secretary. The Fleet is self-governing in all local matters not conflicting with Association rules, and has the power to accept or reject applications for Fleet membership.
3. Groups of geographically contiguous Fleets constitute Districts. Districts shall be designated by the Governing Board.
4. The powers of the Association shall be vested in the Governing Board.
5. In the event that only one fleet of L-12's exists as provided for herein, the designations "Fleet" and "District" as used in this Constitution and in the By-laws shall be synonymous with the designation "Association", and the business of the Association, District or Fleet shall be conducted by officers elected by the individual voting members rather than by vote of Fleets.

ARTICLE V – JURISDICTION

1. The Association has jurisdiction over all L-12 activities. Its Class Rules govern all sanctioned L-12 races regardless of by whom they are held. Its constitution, by-laws and rules are binding upon all members and Fleets, and all registered L-12's must conform to the official plans and specifications.

ARTICLE VI – FLEET CHARTERS

1. A new Fleet may be granted a charter upon application to the Executive Committee by three or more owners, who must be members of the Association, of three or more registered and measured L-12's not within the territory of an organized Fleet.
2. Fleet Charters may be granted by the Executive Committee or suspended by the Governing Board but revoked only at an annual meeting for failure to maintain in good standing a minimum membership and quota of L-12's as above required, or for other adequate causes.

ARTICLE VII – DUES

1. Association dues and taxes shall be fixed by the By-Laws. Fleet dues, if any, shall be fixed by the Fleet. Both must be paid before a member can be in good standing in either.

ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

1. An Active Member is a member of a chartered Fleet and has the privileges of voting and holding office. He may command a L-12 in sanctioned races, in accordance with the By-Laws. He must be an owner, or part owner, and a corinthian.
   (a) Active Membership in any Fleet shall be restricted to Active Members of the Association.
2. A member cannot belong to more than one Fleet at a time, nor can a L-12 be registered in more then one Fleet.
3. When a member ceases to be a L-12 owner, his membership shall be retained until the end of the Association's calendar year.

ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Duties and Method of Election

1. The Executive Officers of the L-12 Class Association and their respective duties shall be as follows:
   (a) PRESIDENT – The President is the Chief Executive. He shall preside at meetings, serve as the chairman of the Executive Committee and Governing Board, rule on procedure and jurisdiction, summarize decisions, appoint special committees and authorize payment of all bills.
   (b) VICE PRESIDENT – The Vice President shall officiate in the absence of the President.
   (c) SECRETARY – TREASURER – The Secretary – Treasurer shall handle all correspondence, record the minutes of meetings and maintain an accurate and up-to-the minute record of all

members and Fleets. He shall deposit funds in the depository approved by the Executive Committee, keep financial books and securities of the Association and disburse funds only on order of the President and the Executive Board.

(d) CHIEF MEASURER – The Chief Measurer shall be the Chairman of the Measurement Committee and, as such, shall be in charge of all certified measurers and shall grant or reject all measurement rules. He shall interpret the rules and regulations concerning construction, sail plan, rigging and equipment; and shall make rulings on matters not specifically covered in the official plans and specifications. Such rulings shall be subject to approval of the Governing Board. The Chief Measurer shall not approve changes in construction specification, sail plan or rigging.

The aforementioned officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and serve for one year, from November to November, or until their successors qualify. Each shall be nominated, seconded, and voted upon separately by the Fleet Delegates in the order named. The candidates shall be presented by a Nominating Committee.

(e) DISTRICT SECRETARY – The District Secretary shall be a member of the Governing Board and have general supervision over all L-12 activities in the District.

(f) ALTERNATE – The Alternate shall officiate during any prolonged absence of the District Secretary. Should the office of District Secretary become vacated, the alternate shall become secretary for the unexpired term.

2. The District Secretary shall be elected by vote of the Fleets in each District. The election must be held in advance of the Annual Meeting, and the District Secretary elected shall serve during the ensuing year. The person receiving the second greatest number of votes shall be the Alternate to the Association Secretary immediately after the election.

3. If any District fails to hold an election as provided for above, a Secretary for such District shall be appointed by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE X – GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. THE GOVERNING BOARD – The Governing Board shall serve one year, from the November Annual Meeting until the following November Annual Meeting, and shall consist of all Executive Officers, the immediate past President, and the District Secretaries. Majority vote shall decide all issues, if not otherwise stipulated. The Governing Board shall interpret the Constitution, By-Laws, shall conduct all business and determine policy of the Association, shall serve as the last Court of Appeal in disputes over constitutional rights. The Governing Board has the power to enforce its decision by suspension of entire Fleets or individual members. Its ruling shall be binding and final. This board shall sanction or ban races, grant or revoke fleet charters, and suspend members guilty of gross violation of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct.

(a) In recognition of the W.D. Shock Family's services of the L-12 Class Association, as developer and copyright holder of the L-12, Mr. Thomas T. Schock shall hold the rank of permanent Rear Commodore of the Association with permanent advisory membership on the Governing Board with full voting privileges.

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

1. MEASURMENT COMMITTEE – The Measurement Committee shall serve under the chairmanship of the Chief Measurer. The Measurement Committee shall be appointed by the Chief Measurer and approved by the Governing Board. The Measurement Committee shall review all matters referred to it by the Chief Measurer and report thereon to the Association at the next Annual Meeting with their recommendations. If so instructed by the Association, the Measurement Committee shall draft appropriate proposed amendments for ratification at a subsequent Annual or Special Meeting.

2. NATIONAL RACE COMMITTEE – The National Race Committee shall have charge of the national Championship Series. To this end, it shall appoint, from its own members if possible, a Regatta Committee which shall conduct a series, and generally supervise all other officials and committees associated therewith. The National Race Committee shall consist of three members of the Governing Board, plus additional members to make an odd number of at least five, including the Secretary of the District in which the series shall be held, and the Secretary of the Fleet sponsoring the series. The Race Committee shall be appointed by the President at the time he assumes office, and serve until twenty-four hours after the last heat or sail-off of said series, or until all matters pertaining to the series shall have been settled. During the period of the series, it shall supersede the Governing Board which remains active. The National Race Committee shall have direct appellate jurisdiction over all matters which are a part of the current series, but its powers shall not extend to other matters, nor shall it revoke Governing Board rulings. Hearings shall be held and witnesses heard collectively or separately. Decisions shall be rendered within twenty-four hours of the race or as described in race circular. The National Race Committee shall, however, have the power to reopen a hearing because of new evidence at anytime during its term of office, but all protests and business must be disposed of before the Committee disbands. Dissolution of the National Race Committee shall serve as a limitation against the introduction of any further evidence, and shall guarantee the status quo of all decisions made while in session, unless permission is granted by the Governing Board to appeal to the I.Y.R.U. Otherwise all decisions of the National Race Committee shall be considered final, rendered in accordance with provisions contained in this article. During all deliberations of the National Race Committee, the ranking executive shall serve as chairman. A majority shall constitute a quorum and a majority decision shall decide all questions.

3. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE – The Budget Committee shall be President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. This Committee shall prepare a budget for the ensuing year. As soon as approved by the Governing Board, the Budget shall be published.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three active members appointed by the President. They shall report their slate at the Annual Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor by any active member in good standing with the consent of the nominee.

5. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE – The Publicity Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for matters concerning publicity.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND/OR OFFICERS – Special Committees and/or Officers including L-12 Race Committees for sanctioned events, may be appointed at anytime by the Governing Board.

7. AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE – This Committee shall process all proposed amendments to the Constitution in the prescribed manner. This Committee shall be appointed by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE XII – MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting shall be held during the period of and in the vicinity of the National Championship Series, if possible. Special meetings by order of the Governing Board or upon demand in writing by twenty-five percent of the fleets must be held. Time and place of all meetings must be fixed by the Governing Board.
2. Notice must be sent to the last recorded Secretary of each Fleet in time to permit action by delegate or proxy. If it is a Special Meeting, the purpose thereof must be plainly stated in such forms as to permit voting by mail. No other business other than that stated can be transacted.

ARTICLE XIII – DELEGATES

1. The membership of each fleet shall be responsible for the selection and instructing of a delegate. If unable to send a delegate, the Fleet shall assign a duly authorized proxy to present the Fleet's views and cast its votes at all meetings.
2. Any member of alternates or proxies may be named, but the first in order present shall be the only one entitled to cast the Fleet's votes. Only those alternates or proxies properly certified in writing by the proper Fleet officers will be recognized.

ARTICLE XV – VOTING

1. Each Fleet shall be entitled to cast one vote for each L-12 boat enrolled in said Fleet which has been properly recorded with the Association by an active member in good standing, but no Fleet is entitled to more then 33 1/3 percent of the total number of votes cast. No more than one vote shall be allowed for any one member no matter how many L-12 boats he may own. Membership books close thirty days before any meeting, or as ordered by the Governing Board.
2. Members may be heard, but only accredited delegates, proxies, alternates and isolated members shall vote on motions. All entitled to vote MUST vote on each motion unless excused by the chairman. A majority of votes cast shall decide all questions not otherwise stipulated, and the Chair shall cast the one deciding vote in case of a tie and may also fix a time limit on speakers and debate of motions.

ARTICLE XVI – IMPEACHEMENTS

1. Any member may be expelled only by three-fourths vote at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE XVII – AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution and By-Laws may never be suspended but may be amended at any meeting by 51% majority vote of all paid members in good standing.
2. All proposed amendments, at either annual meetings or a special meeting, must be included in the notice thereof which shall be mailed to the general membership not less than thirty days prior to the date of the meeting.
3. The Governing Board shall have the power to simplify, clarify, or correct the language of any article if the intent or purpose remains unchanged.

4. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted to the Amendments Committee only by Fleet action.
5. Voting may be done by proxy