

ARTICLES - International Council of the Cruising Yachts - ICCY

1. *The international name of the Organization*

The name of organization is International Council of Cruising Yachts, abbreviated as ICCY.

2. *Membership*

The ICCY is not in competition with, or in Opposition to any existing water sport association. It has three types of memberships. All members are expected to be member in some local yachting club in their country.

Cruising members

Friends of ICCY who participated ~~at least twice~~ in international rallies of ICCY may apply via a Council member of their country to become "Cruising member of ICCY". Such membership neither gives any right in participating in Council Member meetings nor in its decision making. It is to be understood as a Status which confirms his/her tie of friendship with ICCY. Cruising members have individual user accounts to ICCY website and have access to all information in the organization.

Council members

Council Membership is open to individuals and under exceptional circumstances to clubs however, is restricted to such person or club being interested and prepared in arranging, encouraging and participating in International Cruising events of ICCY. Individuals should be member of a recognised yacht club or yachting association. In case of a club membership it should be a well recognised one too and should be represented at least by one individual being personal Council member of ICCY.

Council Membership of the ICCY is formal via personal invitation and is based upon the general consent of the active Council members at a General Meeting of ICCY. Any person / club may submit to the General Secretary - directly or via any Council member - their wish to join the Organization. Alternatively, they may present this wish personally at an ICCY General Meeting. The General Meeting is authorized to refuse or to consent to any request of membership.

Associate Members

Council Members of ICCY who have not been active in any way during last three (3) years will be offered by the Council a status of 'Associate Member'.

Council Members can also by their own wish step down from the active Council Member status to be an Associate Member. Associate Members have the same right to take part in the Council Meetings and to take part in the discussions as well as to make suggestions or give ideas how to improve the ICCY meetings or the organization. They are however not allowed to take part in the voting during the meetings.

Local members

To enlarge the base of cruising members local bodies are encouraged to register local members. Local members will get suitable ICCY information in local language to promote cruising membership and international rallies. Local members are not allowed to use yellow ICCY flag but the local colored ISSY flag.

3. *Local bodies*

As all council members are representing the clubs which are able and willing to organize

ICCY events, those clubs or associations are recognized as local bodies. Local bodies are listed on the ICCY website and they are expected to act as local representatives and ICCY advisors in the country. The obligation of the local bodies is to ensure the distribution of the information and invitations of the events locally and to promote ICCY and its ideals in all possible ways.

Local bodies can register local members to create ICCY-family and to promote international operations. In case there is more than one body in the country, they must fully operate in warm cooperation together. Local ICCY flag can be introduced with same layout but nationally colored. Before launching the flag the unique colorization must be confirmed by General Secretary.

4. Obligations of ICCY and its members

Based upon the premise that the sport of international yacht cruising is favourable in creating and maintaining international friendships, thus contributing to a better understanding among peoples of all nations, it is the moral Obligation of the ICCY and its members to represent, safeguard and encourage international contacts and meetings within the sphere of yacht cruising both on a national and international level. It is the duty of the council to plan and to prepare well in advance the already traditional "Annual International Meeting of Cruising Yachts". Ideally the plan is to stage the rally on an alternating annual East / West basis (this is loosely defined as East or West of River Elbe).

Council Members are expected to convey their experience and grant Support to other members. Council Members should strive to achieve as much favourable publicity as possible using the media of press (particularly yachting magazines) radio and T.V. to promote the aims and ideals of the ICCY. In addition every effort should be made to obtain the sympathetic support and participation of the annual host country. Diplomatic and Consular representatives should be informed that an International Rally is planned and Nationals from their own country are participating.

5. Meetings and events

General meetings

ICCY operations are managed in general meetings for council members. There are at least the Summer general meeting (SGM) in accordance of International meeting of cruising yachts and the Autumn general meeting (AGM) in accordance of International Autumn meeting of ICCY. Additional general meetings can be arranged by request of any council member. Associate members are allowed to participate general meetings as observers without the right to vote.

Events and rallies

International meeting of cruising yachts will be arranged every year in July. This meeting has a nature of an open rally where all cruisers are warmly welcomed. International meeting of cruising yachts is called also summer meeting or international rally. The meeting must be arranged in harmony with the document '*Guidelines for Organizing I.C.C.Y. International Meetings of Cruising Yachts*'.

International Autumn meeting will be arranged yearly by the organizer of the coming international rally, all members are warmly welcomed. This meeting is without boats and it is mainly the framework to arrange AGM.

International winter meeting in the Mediterranean is arranged by La Société des Amis de la Grande Aventure (SAGA) in spring time. This meeting is without boats and has a nature of travelling experience in the ICCY spirit.

6. Executive Body and Communication

The general meeting nominates a General Secretary.

All voting will be done with bare majority of those Council members who are present at a General Meeting. Each Council member has one vote. In case of undecided vote the Chairman has the casting vote. A general meeting will be announced by a written invitation with four (4) weeks warning by the General Secretary, either on his own or any other member's request, giving agenda for such Meeting. Council members are asked to pass over basic items to be discussed, well in advance.

ICCY has no permanent Presidency. On a rolling basis it is transferred at the end of each year's summer rally to that Council Member of ICCY being general Organizer of the next international rally. The directorate of ICCY for the period of presidency consists of those members who are preparing the coming rally nominated by the president. The Directorate undertakes to co-ordinate with and communicates directly to all other Council members the association activities, keeping informed the General Secretary regularly and in detail.

At the termination of the cruising season the Autumn General Meeting (AGM) is convened and should be organized by the country who will host the next International Meeting of Cruising Yachts.

At the Autumn General Meeting a final written report / documentation is given by the Directorate of the previous summer rally. The Directorate who will be in Charge of the coming year's rally is announced by the president.

Resolutions should, if possible, be unanimously.

Those in charge or arranging the International Rallies and other activities of the ICCY are requested to compile a report including any other material of interest that will be suitable for inclusion in the eventual tradition and history of the ICCY.

7. General remarks

These articles of ICCY are a gentlemen's agreement and are not legally binding. No rights can be derived from them. The objectives of ICCY are purely ideal and not materialistic. The participation of any event or office is voluntary. The membership of ICCY does in no way give right to any claim against the ICCY or any of its members. The ICCY equally absolves itself from any liabilities in respect of any invited guest of members and it is the duty of the member to inform his guests of these facts. Any new member joining the ICCY binds him-/herself to the aforementioned objectives hereby laid down and declares to knowledge of and does unconditionally accept these articles.

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