

LEHMAN 12 CLASS BY-LAWS
October 10, 2015

ARTICLE I – CLASS BUSINESS AND MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the Lehman 12 Class (hereinafter “Class”) shall be no later than November of each year. Motions to be voted upon may be made by any Member (as defined below) of the Class and may be adopted by a simple majority of those Members present. Class Officers, consisting of a Class Captain, one (1) or more Class Measurers, and such other positions as may be determined by the Members from time-to-time, shall be proposed by and voted upon by the Members. Results of the election of Class Officers and any changes in the By-Laws shall be filed with the Race Director of NHYC not later than two weeks after the Class Meeting, and shall be posted to the Lehman 12 web page on the NHYC web site.

ARTICLE II – FLEET 1 DUES

The dues of the NHYC Fleet 1 shall be:

1. For any active Member as determined by the Fleet Captain, \$50.00 per year, and this member has one vote.

2. Commencing in 2008, Fleet 1 dues are payable on January 1st of each year. Skippers will be ineligible to participate in any sanctioned Class sailing events or to vote (if otherwise qualified) unless dues have been paid for the current year.

3. NHYC Members shall be billed automatically. For non-NHYC Members, dues are payable to the Newport Harbor Lehman 12 Class and should be directed to the NHYC Race Director.

ARTICLE III – ELIGIBLE LEHMAN 12’S

1. A Lehman 12 boat (hereinafter “L-12”) is eligible and considered in the Class only if it conforms to the Measurement Standards attached hereto as Exhibit A, and has not been modified from its original construction or rigging to provide an unfair advantage. Examples of acceptable modifications include relocating sail-trim adjustments to more convenient locations, adding a compass, etc. Examples of unacceptable changes include the use of shroud levers that allow greater fore and aft movement of the mast than originally designed, enhancing the structural integrity of the hull with the use of carbon-fiber materials, or changing the depth of the rudder or dagger-board below the water line.

2. A Class Protest Committee, as established on an ad-hoc basis by the Class Captain at his/her discretion, may declare ineligible any L-12 which does not conform to the spirit as well as the letter of these rules including the official drawings held by the W.D. Shock Company.

ARTICLE IV – MEASUREMENT

1. Only Class Measurers as elected by the Members may be qualified to measure. No Class Measurer shall measure his own L-12 except under supervision of a disinterested person appointed by the Class Captain. The Class Captain shall maintain a schedule of all boats that have been measured.

2. Each L-12 shall be measured by a Class Measurer when it first (1st) enters the Class, at any time that it undergoes modifications, and prior to the annual class championship (The Barney Lehman Regatta). Such measurement shall generally be limited to weight but at the discretion of a Class Measurer or the Class Captain, may encompass all of the elements of the Measurement Standards attached as Exhibit A. A yacht that is determined to be out of conformance with the Measurement Standards is considered ineligible and shall not be scored in any Class races.

3. A yacht that has been measured shall not be subject to re-measurement or protest on measurements for the subsequent 12 month period unless reasonable evidence of substantial alterations is provided to the Class Captain. An L-12 is always subject to re-measurement by order of the Class Captain.

4. Protest of measurements must include \$50.00 deposit, returnable only if sustained, and shall be heard by a Class Protest Committee established ad-hoc by the Class Captain.

(a) If a protest is sustained, the Class would request the sponsoring yacht club to disqualify the yacht from the regatta. The protest committee for the regatta would not rule on the measurements, only on the Class's authority to declare an L-12 ineligible.

(b) A yacht which the Class Protest Committee determines is ineligible shall make appropriate correction to bring the yacht in conformance with the Measurement Standards, and shall pay \$50.00 fee for re-measurement.

5. Protest of L-12 measurement issues must be handled quickly to avoid (if possible) clouding regatta results, but may be carried unresolved beyond award of trophies. Once awarded, trophies will be retained by the recipient regardless of the outcome of the protest.

ARTICLE V – LIMITATION GOVERNING PURCHASE OF SAILS

The purchase of new sails by Members shall be limited to one in any year, except that one additional sail may be purchased for any yacht during its first sailing season, unless the owner already has in his possession one or more sails at the time of acquiring the yacht.

ARTICLE VI – NUMBERS

1. The numbers shall be molded into the hull visibly between the aft end of the dagger board trunk and transom on the center line of the hull or in such other location as determined by the Builder. This number corresponds with the racing number on the main sails.

2. The official racing numbers shall be issued only by Builder.

ARTICLE VII – CREW REQUIREMENTS

1. There is no maximum or minimum number of persons allowed or required in one boat.

2. The total minimum weight shall be per Exhibit A..

3. Any ballast carried to make up the weight shall not consist of “accessories” and may not be shifted during the race. Crews will be weighed before racing.

4. Protests regarding only crew weight and not hull measurements shall be heard by the protest committee for the subject regatta and may be resolved with the use of any scale deemed appropriate by that protest committee.

ARTICLE VIII – CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Class Championship is an open event until such time as the Members deem it necessary to make this a restricted event. The method of determining the qualifications for the right to enter the National Championship Series shall be set by an ad-hoc committee appointed by the Class Captain. A PERPETUAL TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of the Class Championship– The name shall be “L-12 National Champion – M.L. “Barney” Lehman Perpetual”.

ARTICLE IX – CLASS SCHEDULE

The schedule of Class races shall be established from time-to-time by the Class Captain with the concurrence of the NYHC Yacht Racing Council. NOR’s and Entry Forms shall be available at the NHYC Race Directors office and on the NHYC web site.

ARTICLE X – OBLIGATIONS

The Class shall not be liable for any debts contracted by its officers other than expenditure authorized by the budget or upon written order of the Class Captain.

ARTICLE XI – DOCUMENT CONTROLLING

Upon adoption of the document as evidenced below, this document and the exhibits attached hereto shall supersede all prior documents relating to the issues addressed herein. This includes prior Class and Lehman 12 Association By-Laws, and the Lehman 12 Association Constitution.