

C&C 27 CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION & RULES

PART I – CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The full name of the Association shall be the C&C 27 Class Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

ARTICLE 2 – EMBLEM

The emblem shall be the symbol C&C 27.

ARTICLE 3 – OBJECT

The object of the Association shall be:

- I To maintain the design character and integrity of the C&C 27 Sloop Marks I, II, III and IV as designed and built by C&C International Yachts Limited; and as more specifically described under Section "Design Rules and Specifications".
- II To encourage and co-ordinate competition, pleasure sailing and cruising among Association members.
- III To develop friendship, seamanship and sportsmanship among Association members.
- IV To promote safety.

ARTICLE 4 – JURISDICTION

The Association has jurisdiction over all Association-designated activities on Lake Ontario and in the PHRF-LO district. Its class rules govern all sanctioned Association races regardless of sponsor, organizer or location. Its Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations are binding upon all members and fleets. All registered C&C 27 Yachts Marks I, II, III and IV belonging to Association members must conform to PART II DESIGN RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS, and PART III RACING REGULATIONS.

Article 5 – MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

The following classes of membership shall be recognized:

- I Active Member
- II Spouse of Active Member
- III Associate Member
- IV Honorary Member

I ACTIVE MEMBER – There shall be eligible as an active member, any individual who owns a C&C 27 yacht, or in the case of joint owners one of them, or in the case of a Company or

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Association any one nominated representative thereof. An Active Member is entitled to vote and hold office.

II SPOUSE OF ACTIVE MEMBER – Any spouse of an active member shall be entitled to attend and speak at any meeting of the membership, but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

III ASSOCIATE MEMBER – There shall be eligible as an Associate Member, any individual who is a non-owner of a C&C 27 yacht and wishes to join the Association because of interest in the welfare of the Association, or because he is enrolled as a crew member of a registered C&C 27 yacht. An Associate Member cannot vote or hold office, but shall be entitled to attend and speak at any meeting of the membership.

IV HONORARY MEMBER – Any person, who in the opinion of the Board of Directors, has rendered signal service to the Association or is otherwise deserving of honour, may be appointed as an Honorary Member of the Association by the majority vote of the Directors present at a Meeting of the Board. An Honorary Member cannot vote or hold office, but shall be entitled to attend and speak at any meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE 6 – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWALS

I – Upon application to the Membership Director for Active or Associate Membership status, in accordance with the procedure in effect from time to time, and on payment of the prescribed annual dues, an individual shall be recognized as a member of the Association with membership status determined in accordance with ARTICLE 5.

II – All memberships shall be on an annual basis and may be automatically renewed by submission of an application form showing any changes and on payment of the prescribed annual dues, except for Honorary Memberships, which may only be renewed in accordance with ARTICLE 5 – IV HONORARY MEMBER.

ARTICLE 7 – ANNUAL DUES, AND OTHER LEVIES

I – Annual Membership dues shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and submitted for membership consideration and approval at the Annual Meeting. Annual dues are due and payable no later than March 30 for continuing members. (See ARTICLE 11 PART VI REGIONAL DIRECTORS).

II – Other levies required to be collected from all Active and/or Associate Members, must be approved by the membership at the Special General Meeting or any other General Meeting called for the purpose, and are due and payable as determined by the Board of Directors.

III – Annual dues and other levies must be paid before a member can be a member in good standing.

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ARTICLE 8 – MEETING OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

I – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Active Members shall be held at such place and at such time during the first five months in each calendar year as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purpose of:

- Receiving the report of the Executive Officers;
- Receiving the Executive Officers' report on planned activities for the ensuing year;
- Receiving the financial statements of the Association;
- Electing Directors;
- Considering and approving Annual Membership dues; and
- Transacting such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

II – Other General Meetings

General meetings of Active Members may be called at any time by the Board of Directors; or upon requisition, by not less than 25% of the Active Members in good standing, stating the general nature of the business to be transacted, which requisition shall be deposited in the hands of any one Director of the Association. Upon receipt of such requisition, a General Meeting shall be called by the Board of Directors within 45 days of receipt of requisition.

III – Notice Of Meeting

Notices of Meeting specifying the place, day, hour and purpose of such meetings, shall be sent to all Members in good standing at least ten days before the date of the meeting. Such notification may be by e-mail, conventional mail, facsimile or other means, as determined by the Directors. The omission to send any notice or the non-receipt of any such notice, or any error in any notice not affecting the substance thereof shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting held pursuant to such notice.

IV – Quorum

Ten (10) Active Members in good standing or their designated proxy when present shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of the Active Members.

V – Voting

Active Members in good standing or their duly appointed proxy shall be the only voting members and shall be entitled to cast one vote on any motion submitted to the meeting. Proxies shall be in the form as approved by the Board of Directors. At all meetings every question shall, unless otherwise required by law or by the By-Laws of the Association, be decided by a majority of the votes cast on the question. In the case of a deadlock, the chairman of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote. The declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or defeated shall be conclusive of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

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VI – Chairman

At all meetings of Active Members, the Chairman shall preside. In his absence, another member of the Board of Directors as determined by the Directors present at the said meeting shall preside as chairman of the meeting. In the absence of all Directors, the Active Members present shall choose one of their members present to be chairman of the meeting.

ARTICLE 9 – DIRECTORS

I – The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of not less than five (5) Directors. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to administer the business and affairs of the Association and to exercise all such powers and to do all such things as may be lawfully be exercised or done by the Association, except such powers, acts and things which by the By-Laws or by the law are expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Association at a meeting of Active Members.

II – For the purpose of dealing with the nomination of candidates for the election of Directors, the Board of Directors shall each year appoint a Nominating Committee composed of at least three Active members in good standing. The duties of such Committee shall be to actively seek out suitable, willing and qualified candidates for election as Directors, provided such nominee duly proposed and seconded is a member in good standing, and is willing to serve if elected, and to ensure that there is a sufficient number of such candidates. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit nominations from the floor at the time of the Annual meeting.

III – The Active Members shall elect such number of Directors as may be required to constitute a full Board of not less than five Directors. The election of such Directors shall take place by vote of hands or, if, a ballot is demanded, by casting ballots.

IV – Directors shall hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed. Retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election, if qualified.

V – Vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled for the remainder of its term of office either by the Active Members at any meeting or by the remaining Directors, if constituting a quorum; otherwise such vacancy shall be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the Active Members.

ARTICLE 10 – MEETING OF DIRECTORS

I – Meetings of the Board of directors shall be held from time to time at such place, on such day and at such time as the President or in his absence any two Directors may determine. The Secretary shall call such meetings when directed or authorized by the said President or Directors.

II – Three Directors duly present shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of Directors.

III – The President shall preside at meetings of the Board as Chairman and in his absence the Directors shall appoint a chairman of the meeting from among those present.

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ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Directors shall annually appoint from amongst themselves, the following Executive Officers to hold office until they cease to be Directors:

I – A President

Who shall be the Chief Executive Officer and have general charge of the business and affairs of the Association. He shall authorize all contracts and payment of bills. He shall act as Chairman of all meetings of Directors and of Active Members. The president shall make a report to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

II – A Secretary

Who shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Directors and of Active Members; give all notices required to be given in accordance with the Constitution and the By-Laws; maintain custody of records, papers and documents belonging to the Association; file with governmental or other authorities all required reports and information; and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him, or as are incident to his office. The Secretary shall make an annual report at the Annual General Meeting.

III – A Treasurer

Who shall keep full and accurate books of accounts in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the Association; bill and receive all annual dues and other levies and monies owing and paid to the Association; maintain care and custody of all funds, evidence of indebtedness and other valuable documents of the Association, and deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the Association in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors; audit and discharge all liabilities of the Association in accordance with applicable or contracted terms of payment and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him, or as are incident to his office. The Treasurer shall make an annual report at the Annual general meeting.

IV – A Communications Director

Who shall promote membership, and have general charge of publicity for the Association's activity and functions and from time to time issue an Association Newsletter to all members, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him. The Communications Director shall make an annual report at the Annual General Meeting.

V – A Membership Director

Who shall maintain custody of all membership applications, members records and hull serial numbers; bill and receive all annual dues and deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the Association in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Treasurer.

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VI –Regional Directors

Who shall manage the affairs and activities of Regional Fleet organizations outside of the Greater Toronto area (the latter is defined as Metro Toronto and Port Credit). "Fleet" shall mean five or more registered C&C 27 yachts normally located near to each other to permit regular racing between them or cooperation in cruising and social matters. Regional Directors shall be responsible for the monies received from the Association as a partial refund of annual dues paid to the Association by Active Members in each Regional Fleet which are to be used to fund local sailing and social activities. They shall represent the interests of the Regional Fleets membership at the Board of Directors meetings. Regional Directors shall make annual reports at the Annual General Meeting.

VII – All officers shall cease to be officers upon vacating the office of Director.

ARTICLE 12 – BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

The banking business of the Association shall be transacted with such bank, trust company or corporation carrying on a banking business or other depository as the Treasurer may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time. All cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptance and bills of exchange shall be signed by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 13 – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A partaking in the Association's promoted or sponsored activities and functions by a member, spouse, children, crews and guests of such member shall be at the entire risk of the member.

The Association, its Directors, officers and committees and representatives shall incur no liability whatsoever at law or otherwise for any physical damages (including injury resulting in death) to the person of any member and/or of the spouse, children, guests and/or crew member of the said member, or for loss of or damage to the personal property of any such individuals, which may be suffered while they enjoy or partake in Association's activities or functions whether Association promoted, Association sponsored or otherwise, or while their personal property is in the custody of or in the care and control of the Association, its Directors, officers, committees or representatives, for any cause whatsoever.

In the event that a member or a person having control or custody of a member's boat, should request, enlist, accept or receive from another Association member any assistance for the purpose of operation, storing, mooring, protecting or preserving the boat of such member, no liability shall be incurred by the Association and/or any person rendering such assistance in respect of any physical or property damage suffered by anyone on such occasion.

Every member shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the Association, its Directors, officers, committees and representatives or any other person for whom the Association might be responsible at law, before and against any claims, demands, losses, costs, charges, actions and other proceedings made, brought or suffered by or imposed upon the Association and (or any of the persons referred to in respect of any loss, damage or injury including injury resulting in death) to any person or property directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from or sustained

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by reason of the use of the Association, its services, or by reason of partaking in its activities and activities whether provided, supported or sponsored.

ARTICLE 14 – IMPEACHMENT

Any member may be expelled for just cause by three-fourths vote of those present at a meeting of the Active Members, provided that ten days' prior written notice of such application is given to any such member.

ARTICLE 15 – AMENDMENTS

I – The Constitution, Design Rules and Specifications, and Racing Regulations may never be suspended.

Amendments to the Constitution, Design Rules and Specifications, and Racing Regulations require endorsement by at least two-thirds of those voting on any amendment. Upon receipt of an amendment supported by at least five active members of the Association, the Secretary shall notify the membership of the proposed amendment by e-mail, conventional mail, facsimile or other means, as determined by the Directors. Voting shall also be done by e-mail, conventional mail, facsimile or other means, as determined by the Directors. The period for voting shall be not less than two weeks. At the conclusion of the voting, the Secretary shall tabulate the votes and publish the results.

PART II DESIGN RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL

It is the intent of the Association:

- that C&C 27's of all Marks should be able to compete on a fair and equal basis when racing in Association-designated events;
- that C&C 27's of all Marks should be competitive within their club and local fleets when sailing under the PHRF-LO handicap rating system;
- that the Association shall reconcile these goals within a stable climate of regulation to protect members' investment in their yachts and equipment;

In accordance with these goals, the Association requires that member Yachts competing in Association-designated events must sail with a hull, deck and standing rig substantially as built except as noted below. Sail measurement regulations shall be reviewed annually to ensure harmony with PHRF-LO requirements, but shall not be changed unduly. If a point is not covered herein, a ruling must be obtained from the Association. All changes of substance shall be incorporated in the Constitution by following the procedure listed in PART I ARTICLE 15 – AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE 2 – CONSTRUCTION

I HULL – Single moulded fibreglass using alternate layers of hand laid mat and roving with additional glass in high stress areas. Bulkheads are marine grade plywood taped and bonded to hull.

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PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS	MARK I	MARK II	MARK III	MARK IV
Hull Numbers	1-167	168-451	452-914	915-979
Year Built	To 1972	1972-74	1974-81	1981-82
Length O.A.	27'-4"	27'-4"	27'-10 1/2"	27'-10 1/2"
Length W.L.	21-0"	21-0"	22'-10 1/2"	22'-10 1/2"
Max. Beam	9'-2"	9'-2"	9'-2"	9'-2"
Draft	4'-3"	4'-3"	4'-6"	4'-6"
Ballast	2512 lbs.	2512 lbs.	2116 lbs.	2116 lbs.
Displacement	5500 lbs.	5500 lbs.	5500 lbs.	5500 lbs.

II DECK – Single unit fibreglass using alternate layers of hand-laid fibreglass mat and roving. Balsa cored. Moulded nonskid pattern in all work areas.

III BALLAST – Outside lead fin cast through-bolted to reinforced hull section, in accordance with C&C 27 design specifications for Marks I, II, III, and IV.

IV RUDDER – Partially balanced spade type, of either low or high aspect ratio in accordance with official C&C 27 plans and specifications. Hand laid fibreglass over micro-balloon core with stainless steel shaft. Installation of a Mark III/IV rudder on a Mark I or Mark II is permitted.

ARTICLE 3 – RIG, RIGGING AND DECK

I MAST – Aluminum alloy extrusion with integral sail track. Aluminum spreaders. Lightning grounded. Cast aluminum alloy masthead and mast step fitting.

MEASUREMENT	MARK I	MARK II	MARK III	MARK IV
I	33' 0"	35' 0"	37' 0"	37' 0"
P	28' 6"	29' 0"	31' 0"	31' 0"

II BOOM – Anodized aluminum alloy extrusion with integral mainsail foot groove.

III RIGGING – Minimum diameter stainless steel 7/32". Standing rigging as specified by C&C International Yachts. Twinstay allowed. Roller-bearing or ball-bearing mainsheet traveller.

IV DECK – Extruded aluminum sheeting rails running full length of yacht deck port and starboard. Stainless steel bow pulpit and stern pulpit. Stainless steel upper lifeline and stanchions. Forward and main cabin lockable hatches. Grab rails on cabin trunk port and starboard. Watertight self-bailing cockpit with recessed drains. Deep seat lockers with shelves. Sliding companionway door(s) essentially water tight. Chain plates in design position. Four fixed port lights.

ARTICLE 4 – MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Inboard engine. Fuel, temperature and oil pressure gauges. Ammeter. Water cooled exhaust. Recessed throttle and shift controls. Minimum of one twelve volt battery. Twelve volt alternator on engine. Fuel tank. Deck filler and vent. Master explosion proof switch. Individual circuit control panel. Electric bilge blower and vent system per U.S.C.G. Specifications. Bow and stern running lights. Cabin lights as required. Manual diaphragm bilge pump mounted flush in cockpit.

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Fresh water tank with 26 gallon capacity. Deck filler and vent. Shut off valves on all through-hull fittings.

ARTICLE 5 – STANDARD EQUIPMENT AND ACCOMMODATION

FORECASTLE – Light gear stowage.

FORWARD CABIN – Two six foot plus vee-berths with stowage and water tank under. Vee filler panel with cushion. Two 4" foam mattresses. Stowage shelves over vee-berths. Two reading lamps.

WASHROOM – Port side – Marine toilet. Vanity with stainless steel wash basin and fresh water pump. Stowage locker under. Cupboard with double sliding doors for toilet articles. Stowage locker. Fixed port light. Mirror. Vent. Light.

– Starboard side – Hanging locker with shelf over. Fixed portlight. Door to forward cabin. Door to main cabin.

MAIN CABIN – Portside – Dinette table and upholstered bench seats which converts to a double berth. Stowage lockers under. Stowage shelf over with deep fiddle. Four 4" thick foam cushions. Light over dinette. Fixed port light. Handrail.

– Starboard side – Upholstered settee berth with stowage lockers under. Stowage shelf over with deep fiddle. Six foot long 4" thick foam mattress. Fixed port light. Handrail.

GALLEY AREA – Stove to starboard. Insulated top loading icebox to port. Deep sliding tray. Pump-out into sink. Utensil drawer. Stainless steel sink close to boat centre line with fresh water pump and positive lock stopper. Lockers under stove and sink. Galley counter top with teak fiddles. Dome lights over galley and ice-box. Moulded cabin liner throughout.

ARTICLE 6 – OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

There is no limitation on carrying optional equipment or changing the deck layout, including but not limited to, backstay adjuster, traveller position control lines and blocks, rigid boom vang, inboard genoa track sheeting, wheel steering, fixed or folding propeller, navigation and electronic equipment.

ARTICLE 7 – SAIL SPECIFICATIONS

I SAIL MEASUREMENTS – In accordance with the goals stated in ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL, above, the Association will maintain and publish maximum permitted sail measurements for each of the Marks. Any sail may continue to be used on the boat for which it was made. Borrowed sails must conform.

In order to standardize the boats as much as possible, and also to compensate for differences inherent in Marks I, II, III and IV of the C&C 27, the following are the maximum permitted sail measurements for these versions.

Measurements (in feet) are as follows:

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SPINNAKERS & HEADSAILS

	J	JC	LP	SPL	WPL	Spin Max Girth
MARK I	11.75	13.4	19.39 (165%)	13.4	15.51	24.12 (180%) ⁽⁵⁾
MARK II	11.75	12.5	19.39 (165%)	12.5	15.51	22.50 (180%) ⁽⁵⁾
MARK III	11.75	11.75	18.21 (155%) ⁽¹⁾	11.75	14.57 ⁽²⁾	21.15 (180%) ⁽⁵⁾
MARK IV	11.17	11.75	18.43 (165%) ⁽³⁾	11.75	14.74 ⁽⁴⁾	21.15 (180%) ⁽⁵⁾

- (1) For sails manufactured prior to August 1, 2006, the maximum LP for the Mark III is 18.80' (160%).
- (2) For the Mark III, whisker poles up to 15.04' are allowed for one-design class racing, per the rules in effect prior to 2006. However, when racing under PHRF rules, the maximum WPL without penalty is 14.57'. For PHRF-LO, maximum allowed WPL = 0.8 x LP.
- (3) For sails manufactured prior to August 1, 2006, the maximum LP for the Mark IV is 18.80' (168%).
- (4) For the Mark IV, whisker poles up to 15.04' are allowed for one-design class racing, per the rules in effect prior to 2006. However, when racing under PHRF rules, the maximum WPL without penalty is 14.74'. For PHRF-LO, maximum allowed WPL = 0.8 x LP.
- (5) For spinnakers manufactured prior to August 1, 2006, the maximum girth allowed is 183% of the SPL. Note that PHRF-LO grandfathers any spinnakers manufactured prior to January 1, 2006.

MAINSAILS

	P	E	HBL	MGU⁽¹⁾	MGM⁽¹⁾
MARK I	28.5	10.5	0.50	4.25	7.08
MARK II	29.0	9.5	0.50	3.97	6.59
MARK III	31.0	10.0	0.50	4.15	6.88
MARK IV	31.0	10.0	0.50	4.15	6.88

- (1) These numbers were increased in 2006, to match the limits allowed by PHRF-LO.

MAINSAIL MEASUREMENT METHOD – To measure the girths, fold the head to the clew and mark the mid point of the leech, fold the head to the mid point and mark the ¾ point on the leech. MGM and MGU are measured from the mid and upper marks on the leech to the closest point on the luff, with sufficient tension applied to the sail to remove loose wrinkles along the line of measurement.

II SAIL LIMITATIONS – No staysails or bloopers are to be used in a race sponsored by the Association. Nylon is the only acceptable material for use in spinnakers. There is no limitation on materials used for jibs and mainsails. A loose-footed main is permissible.

II MAIN BATTENS – Fully battened mainsails are permitted provided that no more than four battens are installed, are essentially parallel to the boom (i.e , within a few degrees) and the sail otherwise conforms to the Association's requirements.

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PART III RACING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1 – ELIGIBILITY

The owner of any eligible yacht or person borrowing an eligible yacht shall be a paid-up member of the C&C 27 Class Association of the current year. The Association reserves the right in any sanctioned race to declare ineligible any yacht that does not comply with the requirements as stated in this Part III.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIFICATIONS

The construction, rig, rigging and deck, standard equipment and accommodations, and mechanical equipment, shall conform to official C&C 27 plans and specifications governing the manufacture of Marks I, II, III, and IV versions of C&C International Yachts Limited, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, and to the specifications as listed in PART II – DESIGN RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

ARTICLE 3 – SAFETY REGULATIONS

All yachts shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Canadian Coast Guard's *Safe Boating Guide* or the United States Coast Guard's *Federal Requirements and Safety Tips for Recreational Boaters* booklet. Likewise, all yachts shall be in compliance with the provision of the applicable sailing instructions for all regattas and sailing events in which the yacht is entered.

ARTICLE 4 – SAIL MEASUREMENTS

I MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATION – A member yacht sailing in an Association-designated event must make its sails available to the Association's appointed representative for measurement if required. Sails which have been measured shall be certified approved by marking the sail in the tack with the official Association stamp and/or dated and initialled by the Association's appointed representative. A member yacht sailing in an Association-designated event may present a valid and complete PHRF-LO certificate, with a rating (ASP) of no less than the currently permitted 27 Class PHRF-LO accepted rating for that particular Mark of 27, where none of the certified measurements is in conflict with PART II – DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS, as evidence of its sails' measurements, however the Association at all times retains the right to require that the yacht make its sails available for measurement and approval.

II SAILS TO BE MEASURED – The headsail with the largest LP, the widest spinnaker and any fully battened mainsails must be measured and approved unless excepted by one of the grandfather clauses (see PART II – DESIGN RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS).

ARTICLE 5 – COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTION

To ensure compliance with the Racing Regulations in the North American Championship and races comprising the Canadian Championship Series, the Director or the Association's appointed representative responsible for the regatta may inspect the first three finishing yachts.

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To encourage compliance with the Racing Regulations, yachts in other sanctioned regattas may be inspected by the Director or the Association's appointed representative responsible for the regatta.

Inspection of yachts shall be carried out using the Association's current "Inspection Checklist" as approved by the Association Executive.

Race management officials at the yacht club responsible for North American or Canadian Championship races shall be made aware of the latest C&C 27 Class Championship Racing Regulations so that they may be included in the Sailing Instructions for that particular regatta when possible.