

Olin J. Stephens II North American Classic 6mR Cup Deed of Gift

Introduction and Statement of Purpose: The “Olin J. Stephens II North American Classic 6mR Cup” (hereafter “the Cup”) is designed to allow North American based 6mR yachts, yachts with a declared home port in North America and skipper being a dues paying member of the North American Six Meter Association (NASMA), to race in a manner that balances the developmental and evolutionary nature of the 6mR class with the desire by yacht owners to use and maintain their yacht as a means of paying homage to the designers, builders and skippers of the “golden age of yachting.”

While a “classic yacht” defies precise definition, for the purposes of the Cup, a classic should include any boat that respects traditional build practices, including wood materials, and keel hung rudder underbodies prior to 1965. Thus, a replica of a design before 1965 built according to the ISMA Replica Rule would be a welcome addition to a racing fleet.

The Cup derives its name from Olin J. Stephens II, who designed more than 40 6mR boats throughout his career and was an obvious force, both as designer and sailor, in races done in 6mRs (*inter alia* Scandinavian Gold Cup, One Ton Cup, Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup, British-American Team Race Challenge, and King Edward VII Gold Cup) . It is fitting to inaugurate the Cup on the jubilee of his first 6mR design in the year 2005.

The purpose of the Cup is threefold: (1) to test both boats and skippers in several different racing formats, distances and conditions in order to award the most versatile boat and flexible skipper with the title “North American Classic 6mR Champion,” (2) to promote comraderie among owners from North American fleets with the intent of increasing interest and participation in the class and provide the means for classic 6mR’s to be celebrated by all, (3) and provide owners the opportunity to exhibit and use the yachts for their original design intention, to be enjoyed as racing, day-sailing yachts.

1. Trophy

- a. Description: The “Olin J. Stephens II North American Classic 6mR Cup” is a perpetual trophy donated by the North American Six Meter Association (NASMA) and is awarded to the winner of the racing series, or North American 6mR Classic Champion.

- b. Ownership and care: The Trophy is to be kept at the premises of the current champion's yacht club, which is responsible for the Trophy's safekeeping, the engraving for its champion's year, and delivery to the location of the next North American National Classic 6mR championship.
 - c. Any other trophies or awards: Option to grant trophies to fastest boat designed under the 1st, 2nd and 3rd 6mR rules.
2. Administration of the Trophy: The North American Six Meter Association shall administer the trophies in accordance with the Deed of Gift. If the provisions of this Deed of Gift are not met, the trophy shall not be awarded.
3. Trustee and Guardian of Trophy: The Puget Sound Six Meter Association shall act as Trustee for and Guardian of the Olin J. Stephens II North American Classic 6mR Cup. If the Trophies are not raced for as provided by this Deed of Gift, or if NASMA does not schedule the required competition, the Cup Trophy shall be returned to the Puget Sound Six Meter Association, which shall endeavor to maintain the Trophies.
4. The Competition

4.1 The Cup shall be competed for every year except years of a scheduled 6mR World Cup event hosted in North America. The Cup shall alternate between active North American classic 6mR fleets recognized by NASMA.

4.2 Effort shall be made such that the Cup shall be competed for in conjunction with the US National trophy, allowing modern and classic 6mRs to race together.

4.3 A fleet wishing to host the Championship shall make a formal request at a NASMA General Meeting. In the absence of a NASMA meeting, the request should be made to the PSSMA. Approval for the request shall require a simple majority of the members present.

4.4 All entrants must be dues paying members of NASMA.

4.5 Entries shall be open to all yachts of the International Six Meter Class having a valid Certificate of Rating for the current Class Rule. At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, yachts which do not hold valid Certificates and have not undergone hull modification, ballast changes, or sail plan changes, may be allowed to enter in order not to exclude older yachts suffering from hull deformation or water retention.

4.6 The location and date of the Cup shall be advertised six months prior notice on the

NASMA home page.

4.7 The Championship will be valid if at least three yachts are entered.

5 Competition Schedule

5.1 In order to constitute a valid championship, a minimum of five and maximum of seven races must be sailed. The final results shall be calculated as follows:

- (i) In the event that six or seven races can be sailed, the final result shall be calculated from the five or six best races of each competitor, thereby allowing one discard.
- (ii) Should match racing stage be included in the series, the Organizing Authority shall hold the number of matches required to allow all boats to race each other once. The boat with the greatest number of wins is awarded first place for the series scoring, etc. Any ties shall be broken with an additional match. Should there be more than two boats tied, they will compete in a "fleet" format with the position determined by the finishing order.
- (iii) In the event that only five races can be sailed, the final result shall be calculated from all five races.

5.2 A minimum of five races is required to constitute a valid Championship.

5.3 A day in reserve shall be scheduled at each championship regatta for the purpose of achieving the maximum number of races.

5.4 The regatta schedule shall be left to the Organizing Authority with every reasonable effort to achieve at least six races.

6. Courses:

6.1 Courses shall be decided by the Organizing Authority with the aim of providing various formats and conditions, which shall include but not be limited to: port to port, windward/leeward, and match racing.

7. Time Limits

7.1 With respect to port to port races, the time limit is based upon the ability of the first place boat to finish one hour before the official local sunset, thereby making the race official for all participants. Boats that cannot finish before sunset are encouraged to abandon the race and make every possible effort to reach the finish line before the sun sets.

7.2 Windward/leeward courses shall have a time limit of five hours. In addition, there shall be a time limit of one hour to complete each windward leg, which shall be calculated as follows:

- (i) With regard to the first windward leg, the time limit shall expire one hour after the starting signal.
- (ii) With regard to subsequent windward legs, the time limit shall expire one hour after the first yacht will have rounded the leeward mark.
- (iii) If any of the time limits expires without any yacht having completed the relevant windward leg or finished the race as the case may be, the race shall be abandoned.
- (iv) If any yacht finishes within the time limit of 5 hours, the race shall be valid for all yachts which finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht over the finish line. .

8. Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System as specified in Rule 89.3 and Appendix A of the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules whereby each yacht finishing in a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified shall score points as follows:

- 1 point for first place
- 2 points for second place
- 3 points for third place and so on.

The lowest score after all races and discards is the champion.

9. Rules

9.1 This Deed of Gift, the current International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Rating Rule and Measurement Instructions of the International Six Meter Class and the ISMA class Rules shall govern the Championship.

10. Protest Committee

10.1 The Organizing Authority in accordance with ISAF shall appoint a Protest Committee, whose decisions regarding any and all protests shall be final.

11. Revisions

11.1 Revisions of this Deed of Gift can be made only with a petition from a NASMA member in good standing and approved by majority vote at a NASMA General Meeting. General Meeting votes shall include ballots conducted via mail and e-mail.

