

**Proposal for TRIAL RULES for 2026**  
**5 May, 2026 Special Meeting**  
**(Post Meeting Proposal Consensus)**  
**Amendment to 2018 SF Bay Knarr Fleet's Articles of Association (AoA)**

**Meeting & Decision Purpose**

Directed & authorized by Terry Anderlini's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) and Knarr Admiralty (Executive Committee), the "Rules Sub-Committee" appointed on 2/23/2026 considered the following goals & decision process:

- Previous Proposals: LRPC Rules Sub-Committee (Draft4), Perkins Proposal (29 April, 2026), LRPC Rules Sub-Committee R11 (Draft5) (5May) - ALL WITHDRAWN as too broad & not germane for Fleet voting at this time.
- LRPC proposes simplified new rules to singularly address Substitute Skipper Policy in harmony with Co-Skipper Policy. **The schedule and qualification process shall remain as previously passed with acknowledgement that 2026 Season Schedule may be affected by West Harbor passage/availability and subject to review later during the season.**

**Fleet Long Term Goals & Objective**

- Preserve the operation, integrity and longevity of the SFBKA
- Broaden rules for Skipper Eligibility to better encourage competitive racing to existing members while encouraging new members.
- Optimize the schedule & appetite for IKC Qualification & Season Championship racing.
- Attract new members & participants to the SFBKA & Fleet by honoring and building the "Knarr Culture, Racing & Way of Life"
- Leave "no boats at the dock" due to lack of qualified skippers or crew.
- Make Knarr racing fun and social again!!

Prior to undertaking a complicated and long-term rewrite of numerous rules, for simplicity we propose: 1) adoption of the following **temporary** rule changes (for this 2026 season only); and 2) a subsequent review of the outcome following the 2026 racing season to determine if these temporary rule changes should become permanent.

**OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

**ARTICLE 10.8.2 - Limited Timeframe for changes (Jan-Feb) for Article Changes - Is HEREBY WAIVED per Unanimous vote by all attendees on May 5, 2026.**

**ARTICLE 11 - SKIPPER and CREW ELIGIBILITY – TRIAL RULE 11A (TR11A), to be enacted immediately, and only as a temporary rule for racing season 2026.**

## TR11A PREAMBLE

*Racing shall be conducted on a fair, level and amateur basis among Association Members. The spirit & rule of the fleet is to compete against peers but not against sailors paid to race Knarrs. We welcome professional sailors to join us on an amateur basis and to share the joy of competitive Knarr sailing. No one who races on a Knarr is allowed to receive compensation to do so.*

*A boat which registers for the current season and IKC may pre-designate the name of the Co-Skipper it may use in the IKC and Season Championship series **at any time during the season**. The term "Skipper" used throughout these articles is defined as the helmsman of a boat. A "Substitute Skipper" is someone who has not already been pre-designated as one of a boat's Co-Skippers **(at any time during season)** and intends to helm a Knarr in an IKC qualifying or season championship qualifying race.*

### **TR 11A: Substitute Skippers:**

- All Substitute Skippers must be declared in a timely manner (24 hours) in advance of a race or regatta to the Fleet Admiral.
- The Admiral shall communicate approval or rejection of each Substitute Skipper to all fleet/registered competitors before 0800 on the first day of racing for which the Substitute Skipper request was made.
- Any Skipper shall be declared as a:
  - (1) Primary Skipper,
  - (2) Co-Skipper,
  - (3) Substitute Skipper that is:
    - (a) An arbitrary, approved Substitute Skipper that shall not exceed two (2) race days
    - (b) a "crew member" appointed and approved as a Substitute Skipper that has or will have raced 75% of the races in the season.
- ONLY a Co-Skipper (designated once during the season) can be eligible as the "Season Champion" or "IKC Representative", with the assumption that he/she has raced 40% of the season races.
- If more than one Substitute Skipper is desired for a single race series or regatta (e.g. switching skippers between races or days), all Substitute Skippers shall be declared in advance before racing and approved by the Admiral as set forth above.

- TR11A shall be voted on by Boat Owners (1 Boat/1 Vote) only of Members in good standing and must pass by  $\frac{2}{3}$  Majority Vote in person or by e-mail, AFTER 14 calendar days of this TR11A being posted via e-mail from the Fleet Secretary.