

Santa Cruz 27 Class Constitution

(As amended April 2014)

I. Name

Santa Cruz 27 National Association

II. Objective

To facilitate owner's enjoyment by:

- A. Establishment of one-design standards.
- B. Promotion of class racing.
- C. Coordination of cruising and social activities.

III. Membership

Any owner or co-owner of a Santa Cruz 27 shall be eligible for membership.

IV. Officers (Governing Board)

The Association shall be governed by a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Fleet Captain from each fleet. A fleet shall be comprised of three or more boats.

V. Finances

Annual dues, for each calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31), are \$27.00. If additional funds are required, such funds shall be appropriated by equal assessments of membership at large with the consent of a majority vote of the association members.

VI. Voting

Approval of the Constitution and/or amendments, and special assessments, shall be by majority of ballots returned within three weeks to a ballot mailed to all members; or by 3/4 majority vote at a meeting of at least 50% of the total membership. Voting will be on a "one boat/one vote" basis.

VII. National Championship

The Santa Cruz 27 National Championship will be sailed once each year, at a time, date and location selected by the governing board.

All Santa Cruz 27 owners shall be notified, at their last known email and permanent address, approximately three months prior to the date of the championship. Association dues shall have been paid prior to the championship in order for a member to be eligible to compete. Membership terminates when dues are not paid before the National Championship.

The helmsman participating in a national championship race shall be an owner of the boat (or driving a chartered SC27). An owner is a person who legally owns 100% of the vessel or who is a partner that owns at least 25% of the vessel and participates in the cost of the boat's ongoing operation. At a National event the Governing Board may request verification of ownership and/or render decisions regarding alternative helmsmen if necessary. Additionally, the Governing Board may organize additional events at the Nationals as it sees fit in order to promote participation in the Nationals by members at all skill and interest levels.

Members are encouraged to visit the National Santa Cruz 27 Organization's website at SC27.org to access pertinent information.

VIII. Specifications

Boats shall be unchanged from the production Santa Cruz 27 as built by Bill Lee. Any change which would likely improve boat speed (including hull, ballast, sail plan, or rig) would render the boat ineligible to compete as a Santa Cruz 27 in class racing. Trapeze equipment is not allowed. Minor hull modifications made to improve the rating but which do not alter performance will be considered legal.

IX. Equipment

Boats shall be raced with a Danforth 8 lb. anchor or equivalent, 20' of 1/4" chain, 150' of 7/16" nylon line, and life jackets for the entire crew. Batteries (Group 24 or equivalent) and ice chest must remain in place while racing.

All boats must race with lifelines and bow pulpits, 18" minimum height.

Lifelines shall be a minimum of 1/8" stranded stainless wire or 5/32" single braided UHMWPE line (e.g., Dyneema), be continuous and shall not sag more than 4" with a 5 lb. load applied halfway between the stanchions.

Forward (V-Berth) bunk cushions shall not be required to remain in place while racing.

X. Sails and Spars

Sails and spars shall be measured according to the IASF procedures.

Maximum dimensions, except as noted, are:

- Foretriangle Height = 32.7'
- Foretriangle Base = 10.9'
- Spinnaker Pole Length = 10.9'
- Mainsail Hoist = 28.2'
- Mainsail Foot = 8.7'
- Mainsail Headboard = 0.5'
- Mainsail Three-Quarter Width = 3.7'
- Mainsail Half Width = 6.3'
- Jib Luff = 32.7'
- Jib Luff Perpendicular = 16.9'
- Spinnaker Luff = 32.8' (and leach)
- Spinnaker Half Width = 19.6'
- Spinnaker Foot = 19.6'

Sail measurement instructions identified in Attachment A may be used by sail makers and Class measurers.

Staysails, bloopers and spinnakers of less than 90% mid-girth (17.6') are illegal.

Headsails must be attached to the headstay at all times.

No restrictions shall be placed on the number or length of mainsail battens.

The weight of any spinnaker material shall not be less than .5 oz. actual weight per sailmaker's yard (28" x 36").

The mast shall be a Sparcraft S-107 or Ballenger 5740 extrusion, and shall be a standard Santa Cruz 27 mast as manufactured by Sparcraft or Ballenger. Santa Cruz 27s #16 and #28 do not have standard masts, but are considered legal until replacement may be necessary.

Headstays shall not be adjusted while racing.

XI. Optional Equipment

Outboard motor, baby-stay, kelp skeg, extra winches and three halyards on the front of the mast are optional.