

## SHROUD LEVER REFERENDUM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Enclosed with this mailing are several items which pertain to the Referendum on Shroud Levers. In the Shackles and Cringles are two articles on the subject which set out the arguments for both the affirmative and negative sides. You are encouraged to read the articles and to discuss this issue with your fellow sailors.

- Also enclosed are the:
- 1) Referendum ballot
  - 2) Referendum ballot envelope
  - 3) Referendum mailing envelope

In order for your vote to be counted you must observe the following rules and regulations:

1. Only paid-up 1981 Full members of the Association are entitled to cast a ballot. Associate members or complimentary members are not allowed to vote.
  2. Each Full Member will be entitled to one vote only. Any duplicate votes will be considered to be a spoiled ballot.
  3. Only official ballots distributed by the Association will be counted. If you should misplace your ballot and the required envelopes please contact the Assistant-Secretary Treasurer, Judy Whitfield by telephone (416) 767-4447 afternoons and evenings only or by mail at her address:  
285 Durie Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M6S 3G2
- a replacement Referendum Ballot and the required envelopes will be forwarded by return mail.
4. Should additional ballots be required for members who join the Association after the date of this mailing, they may be obtained from the Assistant-Secretary Treasurer at the above noted address.
  5. No additional ballots will be distributed after Friday, March 13, 1981.
  6. The Ballot must be enclosed in the envelope provided which is marked "BALLOT". No other markings should be made to the face of that envelope.
  7. All Ballots must be returned in the mailing envelope provided. The member's name, address and signature must appear on the envelope in the place provided. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the ballot being declared "spoiled". This is required in order to verify the eligibility to vote. The actual ballot in the sealed "Ballot" envelope will be separated in order to ensure the secrecy of your vote.

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8. Only ballots received at the CANADIAN ALBACORE ASSOCIATION'S postal box by 5:45 P.M. on Friday March 20, 1981 will be counted.
9. All ballots will be counted on Saturday March 21, 1981 and the results will be announced immediately thereafter. Official announcement of the results will appear in the next issue of SHACKLES AND CRINGLES in order to give all sailors an opportunity to conform to the decision.
10. The decision of the membership will be binding upon the Canadian Albacore Association and will be effective as of March 21, 1981.

If you have not already renewed your membership in the C.A.A. for 1981, you may enclose your Cheque in the amount of \$15.00, together with a completed 1981 Membership Application form and mail it along with your referendum Ballot in the enclosed mailing envelope. Please remember, only Full Members of the Association whose membership application and required payment are received by Friday March 21, 1981 are entitled to vote in this referendum.

Please return your ballot in the required envelopes as soon as possible in order to avoid delay in its receipt due to the postal system. In the event that there is a postal disruption prior to March 21, 1981, the date for return of the ballots will be extended to 14 days after the end of the postal dispute.

If you have any questions on the Referendum procedure please contact the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Judy Whitfield at:

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Toronto, Ontario  
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Telephone: (416) 767-4447 (afternoons and evenings only)

N.B. Community sailing clubs and private sailing clubs are entitled to cast one vote per Full Membership (\$15.00) paid.

### SHROUD LEVER REFERENDUM RESULTS

The final results have now been tabulated in the Canadian Albacore Association's Referendum on the question: "DO YOU FAVOUR AMENDING THE RULES OF THE CANADIAN ALBACORE ASSOCIATION TO PERMIT THE USE OF MECHANICAL DEVICES TO ALTER SHROUD LENGTH?"

The results are as follows:

In favour:	54
Opposed:	128
Spoiled ballots:	<u>4</u>
Total:	186

Therefore, effective immediately, in all regattas sanctioned by the Canadian Albacore Association, it will be illegal to use any mechanical device to alter shroud length while under way. Those having boats equipped with such devices will have to satisfy the Race Committee in each regatta that the devices have been rendered inoperative while racing, either by wiring the devices, or by any other method satisfactory to the Race Committee.

Due to problems in distributing the referendum question through the postal system, actual counting of the ballots was delayed to March 31, 1981 and all ballots received to that time were counted.

The Executive wishes to thank all members of the Association who took the time to indicate their preference. Your interest and support is gratifying.