

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

NAME

- 1 The Club shall be called Oban Sailing Club.

OBJECTS

- 2 The promotion and development of marine and water sports.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3 Membership is open to all. We do not discriminate on any grounds including age, sex, race or religion. Membership of the Club shall be in one of the following categories, namely:
 - (a) Full membership, which shall entitle the holder to take part in all Club activities;
 - (b) Associate membership, which shall entitle the holder to the privileges of Full membership, apart from participation in racing held under the auspices of the Club unless the event is run as an open event;
 - (c) Student membership, which shall be open to persons over 18 who are undertaking full time education or are in training or apprenticeship and shall entitle the holder to the privileges of Full membership;
 - (d) Junior membership, which shall be open to persons under 18 years of age, and shall entitle the holder to take part in all Club activities. No Junior member shall be eligible for election as an Officer of the Club, nor to vote at meetings of the Club;
 - (e) Family membership, which shall entitle the parent(s) to all the privileges of Full membership and any children to the privileges of Junior membership as defined above;
 - (f) Honorary membership, which shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of Full membership. This category shall only be awarded to person(s) who have given special service to the Club or who have accomplished some notable feat in the field of sailing. Election shall be by resolution of the Committee, passed by a majority which shall be in the proportion of not less than four fifths of the complete Committee.
- 4 All members of the Club shall be elected by a simple majority decision of the whole body in General Meeting, or by the Committee of the Club. The Club shall have power to expel any member by ballot at a special meeting, seven days' notice of which shall have been given by circular, and the majority shall be in the proportion of four fifths, and no ballot shall be valid unless ten members have voted.
- 5 The Committee shall have the power on a vote by two thirds majority of its entire number, upon their being satisfied that any member has infringed any rule, or whose conduct appears to endanger the character, interests or good order of the Club, to suspend such member from exercising his or her privileges as a member of the Club for such period as the Committee may determine.
- 6 The name and address of any person proposed as a member of the Club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least seven days before his or her election and a period of at least two weeks shall elapse between the nomination and election of an ordinary member.
- 7 The Committee shall have power to admit to temporary membership, with privileges of Clubhouse, persons who are taking part in events and activities in furtherance of the Objects. These temporary members may be admitted at special rates or without payment, at the discretion of the Committee. Temporary members shall be subject to the Rules and By-Laws of the Club; shall have no

right or interest in the property of the Club; and shall have no voice in the management of the affairs of the Club.

AFFILIATION

8 The Committee shall have the power to admit other clubs and organisations whose activities are within the Objects of the Club and that wish to use the facilities of the Club to affiliation to the Club at a fee which the Committee shall determine. When taking part in the affiliated club's activities members of the affiliated club shall be admitted to Temporary membership of the Club as defined above.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

9 The annual subscription payable by a Full member shall be £88.00, by a Family membership £125.00, by an Associate member £20.00, by a Student member £35.00 and by a Junior member £30.00. The subscription will be due after the Annual General Meeting each year in respect of the year to the Annual General Meeting following.

10 Any member whose subscription shall remain unpaid as at 1st January, automatically shall cease to be a member of the Club and shall have to re-apply for membership in accordance with Rules 4 and 6 above.

11 There shall be no entrance subscription.

COMMITTEE

12 The Officers of the Club shall be a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Club in Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall demit office unless re elected.

13 The business and affairs of the Club shall be under the management of the Committee.

14 The Committee of the club shall comprise the Officers of the club and four to six other full members who shall be elected by the club in annual general meeting. Half rounded down of such members shall retire by rotation and having retired shall be eligible for re-election.

15 In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Committee, the remaining Committee members shall have power to fill such vacancy until the first Annual General Meeting thereafter.

16 No member of the Committee and no manager or servant employed by the Club, shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquor therein or in the profits arising from such sale.

17 The Committee shall meet not less frequently than once per quarter and otherwise as the senior Flag Officer shall require.

18 At any meeting of the Committee, a quorum shall consist of not less than half of the available Committee, always provided that at least one Flag Officer and three other members are present. The senior Flag Officer present shall take the chair.

POWERS OF THE CLUB AND COMMITTEE

19 The Club may acquire lands or houses by way of purchase, feu or lease and may sell, feu, excambe or lease any part of the Club on the security of any heritable or other property by Bond, Standard Security, Bill, Debenture or otherwise. All heritable property of the Club shall be vested in the Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer and their successors in office in trust for the purposes of the Club and, in the event of the said Officers at any time being called upon personally to implement obligations undertaken or liabilities incurred by them on behalf of the Club, the members of the Club shall relieve them and their successors in office of such obligations or liabilities.

- 20 The Committee shall have power to borrow money on behalf of the Club, and on the security of the property of the Club, and may vary such loans or obtain new or additional loans, either by granting Bonds and Assignations in Security, or Personal Bond or Bills or other habile security which deeds shall bind the whole members of the Club, present and future, jointly but not severally as if they had subscribed the same, but the Committee shall not exercise the above power in respect of a sum exceeding £2,500 in any one year without first obtaining authority to do so from the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club.
- 21 The property, effects and funds of the Club, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to the members of the Club. If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be given and transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 22 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on or prior to 15th November each year, and notice thereof shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Club at least seven days before the meeting. At the Annual General Meeting the Officers of the Club and new members of the Committee shall be elected, and an Auditor appointed.
- 23 An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called by decision of the Committee, or by a requisition to the Secretary signed by at least seven members of the Club. The Secretary will give each member of the Club seven days' clear notice of such meeting.
- 24 At any General Meeting of the Club ten members present shall form a quorum.

FINANCE

- 25 Correct accounts and books shall be kept by the Treasurer showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club. A statement of income and expenditure and of the assets and liabilities of the Club shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

CONDUCT OF THE CLUB

- 26 The hours during which the Clubhouse shall be open for the sale and supply of excisable liquor shall be as determined from time to time by the Committee and shall, in any event, be in accordance with the Licensing (Scotland) Acts.
- 27 A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless upon the invitation and in the company of a member, and such member shall, immediately upon such visitor being supplied with liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for the purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.
- 28 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises for consumption off the premises except to a member of the Club in person for consumption by him or to a person holding an excise licence for the sale of such liquor.

RULES FOR ELECTIONS

- 29 The names of all candidates for election to any office or to the Committee shall be intimated in writing to the Secretary not more than thirty days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Every such intimation shall bear the name and address of and be signed by the proposer who shall certify that the candidate has given his consent to the nomination. Except in the case of the office of Auditor, all candidates shall themselves be members.
- 30 There shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting a list of candidates for election, and if there shall be more than one candidate for any Office the election shall be decided by a show of hands or, at the request of any member present, by ballot. Each member present shall have one vote and the candidate securing the larger number of votes shall be elected.
- 31 If there shall be more candidates for election to the Committee than there are vacancies thereon, the election shall be by ballot wherein each member present shall be entitled to give one vote each to as many candidates as there are vacancies and the candidates securing the largest number of votes shall be elected.
- 32 If, owing to a tie in the voting, it shall be impossible to determine the successful candidate or all the successful candidates in any election, the matter will be decided by drawing lots between the candidates who have tied.

ALTERATION OF RULES

- 33 The constitution and rules of the Club may be altered by Resolution passed by a majority of two thirds of the members present at any General Meeting on a motion of which not less than fourteen days' notice has been given to the Secretary and not less than seven days' notice to the Club membership.

