

## **RS Sailors Club Constitution**

### **1. Participating Classes**

The classes which participate in the RS Sailors Club are shown in schedule 1. There are two types of class participation – Administered and Self-administered. All members of the UK Class Associations of the participating classes shall be members of the RS Sailors Club and shall be RS Sailors.

### **2. Objects**

The RS Sailors Club will act on behalf of, and as directed by, the participating UK Class Associations, and shall never act in its own right.

The objects of the RS Sailors Club are:

- (a) To arrange member benefits for the RS Sailors.
- (b) To arrange and maintain sponsorship opportunities covering all the UK Class Associations.
- (c) To coordinate all the UK Class Associations involvement at the London Dinghy Show with RS Sailing.
- (d)
  - (i) For the Administered Classes, to arrange activities and services for all the classes together and separately, as agreed with the UK Class Associations.
  - (ii) For the Self-administered Classes, to provide a menu of activities and services which the UK Class Associations can choose to opt into.
- (e) To support good governance and administration of the Administered Classes through:
  - (i) ensuring resources and financial spend are allocated appropriately across the RS Classes.
  - (ii) supporting good governance of the constitutions of the UK Class Associations.
  - (iii) To be final arbitrators in disputes within or between UK Class Associations.

### **3. Management and The Management Committee**

- (a) The Management Committee shall consist of a representative of each of the UK Class Associations, a representative of the licensed builder, one from RS Admin and up to a maximum of four other members; the Chairman, the Treasurer and other members shall be elected by the UK Class Associations.
- (b) The Management Committee shall have powers to co-opt any person to assist it.

- (c) Voting shall be one member one vote, except that RS Admin and co-opted members do not have a vote on the Management Committee.
- (d) At least two weeks notice of the date, place and agenda for any Management Committee Meeting must be given in writing by RS Admin to each Committee Member. Any business conducted by correspondence shall always be circulated through RS Admin and any Committee Member not answering a motion communicated to him in writing within three weeks of the date of sending shall be deemed to have agreed to such a motion. RS Admin shall be responsible for circulating all Committee Members with the result of any voting.
- (e) The Management Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration of the RS Sailors Club in accordance with these rules.

#### **4. Conduct of General Meetings of the RS Sailors Club**

- (a) A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Chairman or by RS Admin upon receipt by RS Admin of a written request, signed by not fewer than five chairmen of the UK Class Associations of the Administered Classes. The meeting shall be at a place judged by the committee to be the most convenient to the majority of the UK Class Association representatives or shall be by electronic/postal ballot. The precise date, time and place to be at the committee's discretion.
- (b) At least two weeks written notice shall be given to members of any General Meeting.
- (c) At any General Meeting five shall form a quorum.
- (d) At any General Meeting decisions shall be limited to matters on the agenda and shall be carried by a majority vote of the Administered Classes UK Class Association representatives present. Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded by any of the UK Class Association representatives present. At any meeting the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- (e) Votes in electronic/postal ballots shall be cast by the Administered Classes UK Class Associations. Each UK Class Association's vote will be counted in proportion to that Association's Full membership number as a percentage of the total number of Full members of the member UK Class Associations in the previous calendar year. All returns shall be made to RS Admin within two weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.
- (f) RS Admin shall be responsible for circulating the result of any voting.

#### **5. Income and Expenditure**

- (a) The RS Sailors Club will have no assets or liabilities, income or expenditure of its own – it will always act on behalf of the Administered Classes UK Class Associations.
- (b) The RS Sailors Club shall collect subscriptions for the Administered Classes UK Class Associations and make expenditures on their behalf.
- (c) Cash and other assets shall be held on behalf of the Administered Classes UK Class Associations.
- (d) RS Admin shall make all payments and receipts of monies. For payments and receipts of over £500 prior authorisation shall be obtained from the Treasurer or his deputies. Supporting paperwork for all payments and receipts shall be presented to the Treasurer after they have been made for counter-signature.

## **6. Accounts**

- (a) The Management Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept for the Administered UK Class Associations in accordance with their requirements.
- (b) The Group is a non profit making organisation. Any profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the RS Sailors Club's services/facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making organisation or to the Administered UK Class Associations on winding up or dissolution of the RS Sailors Club.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### Administered Classes

Class

RS100

RS200

RS300

RS400

RS500

RS700

RS800

RS Vareo

### Self-administered Classes

Class

RS Feva

RS Tera

RS Aero

RS Elite

2000

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