

UK DRAGONFORCE 65 ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of the Association is the “UK DRAGONFORCE 65 ASSOCIATION” herein after referred to as “the Association”.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

2.1 To encourage, support and promote DragonForce 65 sailing and racing in the United Kingdom.

2.2 To ensure adherence to the class rules so as to maintain the ‘restricted’ concept of the class.

2.3 To promote membership of the Model Yachting Association (MYA)

3.0 ADDRESS

3.1 The Association will be a web based organisation and contact will be made through the website, by email or other electronic media.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership of the Association shall be open to all Dragonforce 65 boat owners upon application to and acceptance by the Registrar/Secretary.

4.2 There shall be a single category of membership.

5.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS

5.1 Association membership shall be free of charge to Dragonforce 65 boat owners.

6.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of no more than four elected persons. Each nominee for the Executive Committee shall be proposed by one and seconded by another full member at or before a general meeting of the Association, which meeting shall normally be the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairman, Racing Secretary, Registrar/Secretary and Publicity Secretary from amongst its members.

6.3 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per calendar year alternatively as often as is necessary to carry out its duties.

6.4 A quorum for any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three.

6.5 The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt to its membership, temporarily or for the duration of its office, one further Member of the Association.

6.6 The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Constitution.

7.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.1 An annual general meeting of the Association shall be held during each calendar year at a date and at a venue to be decided by the Executive Committee.

7.2 60 days notice of such meeting shall be given on the Association website/or by e-mail to each registered member at his or her last known contact address.

7.3 The Secretary shall receive all items for inclusion on the agenda for the meeting 30 days prior to the date nominated for the meeting.

7.4 The agenda shall be circulated to all members of the Association at his or her last known contact address at least 14 days before the meeting.

8.0 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

8.1 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or by the Secretary at the written request of 6 members.

8.2 Should such a written request for a Special General Meeting be received the meeting shall be arranged within 60 days of receipt.

8.3 30 days notice of such meeting shall be given on the Association website /or by e-mail, to each registered member of the Association at his or her last known contact address. The agenda for the meeting shall be included with the notice of meeting.

9.0 QUORUM

9.1 The quorum for an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be six full members.

10.0 CHAIRMAN

10.1 At all meetings of the Association, the Chairman shall take the chair.

10.2 In the event of the absence of the Chairman, the meeting shall elect a chairman from the Executive Committee.

11.0 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

11.1 Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall appear on the Agenda of the General Meeting at which it is voted on (see 12.6).

12.0 VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

12.1 Only Members of the Association who are in good standing and who are owners of DragonForce 65s shall be able to vote on any matters of the Association.

12.2 Eligible voters may vote in person, by e-mail vote or by proxy,

12.3 Proxy votes shall be accepted if a proxy letter, signed by the eligible voter is received by the Secretary at the Meeting.

12.4 e-mail votes shall only be accepted if delivered to the Secretary before the date of the Meeting.

12.5 Except for items shown in 12.6 amendments motions and elections shall be decided by a simple majority. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote only.

12.6 Amendments to the Constitution, ratification of expulsion from the Association and matters regarding the dissolution of the Association shall only be passed when at least two-thirds of those voting are in favour of the motion.

13.0 FINANCE

13.1 There are no association entry fees or subscriptions, therefore the Association does not intend to have a bank account. Expenses such as website registration and hosting fees shall be paid directly by sponsors or class funders.

14.0 EXPULSION

14.1 Any member who, after due warning has been given by the Executive Committee in writing or by email, persistently behaves in a manner that brings the Association into disrepute, may, by an unanimous decision of the full Executive Committee, be called upon to resign from the Association and. In the event of refusal to resign, shall be expelled.

14.2 In the event of expulsion of the member the member may appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee to a general meeting. Such appeal must be received by the Membership Secretary not later than 14 days after the date of the notice requesting the expulsion of the member concerned.

14.3 Any decision by the Executive Committee to expel a member shall be ratified at the next General Meeting of the Association.

15.0 LEGAL STATUS

15.1 The law applicable to this constitution shall be the law of England.

15.2 The Chairman of the Association or his nominee shall execute all legal documents on behalf of the Association.

16.0 DATA PROTECTION

16.1 The Association shall publish its Data Protection Policy on the Association website.

17.0 INDEMNITY

17.1 No member of the Executive Committee or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Association in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto.

18.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND BINDING AGREEMENTS

18.1 In any unresolved dispute the Executive Committee shall consult with the parties in an attempt to resolve the matter by reaching consensus.

19.0 DISSOLUTION

19.1 The Association may be dissolved only at a General Meeting called for that purpose.

19.2 In the event of dissolution, the property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives.

19.3 Upon its dissolution, any property or assets of the Association remaining after the satisfaction of all its liabilities shall be given or transferred to the International Dragon Force 65 Association or some other body to be decided at the meeting.

20 ASSOCIATION EVENTS

20.1 The EC shall be responsible for nominating one event in each calendar year to be known as the "UK DragonForce Championship" (Nationals).

20.2 The EC shall be responsible for nominating a number of events (minimum 3) in each calendar year to form a "Ranking" series of events.

20.3 The EC shall determine the rules that shall apply to these Association Events.

20.4 All competitors at the UK DragonForce Championship and Ranking Events shall be members of the UK DragonForce 65 Association and the MYA, or in the case of overseas entrants, their own national body.

20.5 Any club or group of Members may apply to have an event nominated as an Association Event.

21 CLASS RULES

21.1 Full Members' requests for consideration of changes to the Class Rules may be made only to the Executive Committee in the UK. These will be passed on to the Rules Committee for consideration. Class rules will be the latest available from the Rules Committee.