

# ***SALCOMBE YAWL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION***

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **1. Name**

The name of the Association shall be The Salcombe Yawl Owners' Association.

### **2. Objectives**

The objectives of the Association shall be to administer the affairs of Salcombe Yawl Class and to ensure that it develops on sound lines, subject to the final jurisdiction of the Royal Yachting Association.

The Association shall hold and maintain the Building Specification and Rules for the Salcombe Yawl and be responsible for ensuring that newly built and rebuilt boats conform to the Specification. The Association shall issue a number to each newly completed boat and, on payment of the appropriate fee, arrange its measurement.

The Association shall maintain a Register of Yawls and Owners.

### **3. Membership**

Full membership of the Association shall be available to all owners and part owners of Salcombe Yawls. Full membership may be retained by ex-owners for one year after the year in which they ceased to own a Salcombe Yawl.

Associate membership shall be available to persons interested in the Class, such as crews, builders and former owners, on application to the Committee.

Honorary Life Membership – may be offered at Annual General Meetings to persons who have given notable service to the Class.

### **4. Officers**

The Officers of the Association shall be as follows:-

A Chairman, who shall be a full member of the Association. He/she shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for a maximum period of four years.

An Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Measurer and an Honorary Technical Adviser who shall all be full, associate or honorary members of the Association. They shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election. One individual may hold more than one of these offices. Should any of these offices fall vacant during the year they shall be filled by the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

### **5. Committee**

The Association shall be administered by a Committee. This shall comprise the above officers and four other full members of the Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and whose term of office shall not exceed four years.

Any Committee member who has completed a term of office (however long) shall not seek re-election for two years.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members as it sees fit to further the affairs of the Association. Co-opted members shall not enjoy voting rights at meetings of the Committee.

## **6. General Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the Committee, if possible during the week of Salcombe Yacht Club Regatta. It shall be held within 14 months of the previous Annual General Meeting.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Committee within two months of the receipt of a written request from not less than 10% of the Full Members of the Association, stating the business of the proposed meeting. Extraordinary General Meetings may also be called by the Committee. The business of Extraordinary General Meetings shall be limited to matters listed in the Notice convening the Meeting.

## **7. Conduct of Meetings**

Attendance at General Meetings shall be restricted to members of the Association – Full, Associate and Honorary.

Full members only are entitled to propose and second motions and to vote at General Meetings, with the proviso that not more than one owner of a boat in multiple ownership shall have the right to vote. A member owning more than one boat shall still have one vote only.

The Secretary must be informed in writing of any proposals from members relating to the Association's Constitution and the Yawls' Specification, for inclusion on the Agenda of an Annual General Meeting at least two months before the date of the said meeting. The proposed changes will be circulated to all members for consideration and the possible submission of amendments. The Secretary must be advised of any such amendments at least one month before the AGM. A final Agenda and ballot paper will be sent to all full members before the meeting.

Members will be informed of similar such proposals from the Committee when the same procedure shall apply.

Voting shall be confined to Proposals and Amendments on the Agenda. Members unable to vote in person may do so by post or may appoint the Chairman to serve as a proxy on their behalf. Non-receipt of Notices and ballot papers by the Membership or postal votes by the Committee shall not invalidate the proceedings of a Meeting nor the result of a ballot.

Decisions relating to the Association's Constitution and the Yawls' Specification shall be subject to a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. For other matters a simple majority shall suffice.

## **8. Racing**

To be eligible for racing, a Yawl must be owned by a Full Member or Members of the Association who hold/s a valid Certificate for the boat in question.

The owner is responsible for ensuring that his/her Yawl conforms to the Class Specification. The Committee should be informed, through the Secretary, of any major alterations (consequent, for example, upon severe damage) and the boat will, if necessary, be re-measured.

## **9. Subscriptions**

The Annual Subscription is due on 1 April and is payable to the Secretary/Treasurer at the rate set at the previous Annual General Meeting.

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