



Newburgh Sailing Club Constitution



NAME The name of the club is **Newburgh Sailing Club**

OBJECT The club is formed to promote and facilitate the sport of sailing.

The club is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the club's facilities. No profits or surpluses to be distributed.

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone whether the owner of a yacht or boat, or not, but who is keen and interested in sailing is eligible as a candidate for membership.

The club may, on the recommendation of the committee, in general meetings elect honorary members.

Applications for membership may, at the request of any one member of the committee, be considered by the committee.

The name and address of each new member to be given to the honorary secretary and the honorary treasurer.

Any member desirous of retiring from the club should notify this intention to the committee before 21st December or be liable for the next year's subscription.

RULES

All members will adhere to the rules anent safety.

All members should participate in the non-sailing activities of the club. This may include maintenance work. Any member who, after a disciplinary hearing (as per the current club grievance procedure), is found to have indulged in unbecoming conduct or otherwise acted in a way injurious to the club or the sport of sailing will be liable to expulsion.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription will be payable on election to the club and by the 31st March in each subsequent year.

There will be several categories of membership:-

- a) Individual membership
- b) Family membership (comprising 2 adults and family members under 18)
- c) Cadet (junior) membership, open to young people between the ages of 12 and 18 as of 1 April each year
- d) Non-sailing membership
- e) Honorary membership
- f) Associate membership
- g) Associated Club membership, this is open to a complementary watersport activity.

The constitution of the associated club must be acceptable to Newburgh Sailing Club (NSC) and the membership reviewed annually. The programme of the associated club shall be approved by the NSC committee to avoid any fixture clashes which would restrict the activities of NSC.

- h) Young Adult membership, open to young people between the ages of 18 and 23 as of 1 April each year.

Rates of subscription will be decided each year at the Annual General Meeting.

CLUB OFFICERS

These will be:- Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer

Officers will be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. On retiring, officers will be eligible for re-election.

COMMITTEE

The committee will consist of the above officers plus two other adult members and one cadet member. The cadet member will have full voting rights in the committee. The committee may nominate one member to act as Sailing Secretary. Should a vacancy occur, the committee may co-opt another member to fill it. The quorum for a committee shall be four.

NOMINATIONS ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

This will occur at the Annual General Meeting.

Only full members have the right to nominate and vote for office bearers and committee members, with the exception of the cadet member, when cadets will have the right to nominate and vote.

All candidates for election must be duly nominated and seconded.

In the case of the office of Commodore, the nomination must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary by 1st October.

If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, election will be by ballot.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This shall take place each year as soon as practicable after the close of the sailing season. Date and place of the AGM to appear in the fixture list, and to be publicised in the clubhouse prior to the end of the sailing season.

AUDITOR

An auditor will be appointed who is not a member of the club. All accounts must be audited before presentation at the AGM.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The committee may, on giving 14 days notice, call a general meeting for a specific purpose, the nature of which must be stated in the summons convening the meeting.

Any six members may require a general meeting to be called by writing to the committee stating the reason for the request.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Only individual members and family members over 18 will be entitled to vote at general meetings, although cadet and honorary members will be eligible to attend. An Associated Club shall have two members' votes only at any general meeting. Should a vote be taken and the number of 'for' and 'against' votes be equal, the person chairing the meeting will have a casting vote.

MINUTES OF MEETING

The proceedings of all committee and general meetings will be minuted. Minutes to be read or circulated before the next meeting of the same sort. Minutes of previous meetings to be signed by chairperson.

ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Alterations to the constitution can only be made at a special general meeting called to consider such a proposal. The proposal can only be carried if voted for by three quarters of the members present who are entitled to vote.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

All meetings to be conducted in standard form, speakers to address the chairperson (normally the Commodore).

SUB-COMMITTEES

The committee may form sub-committees for special purposes. Such sub-committees may co-opt others to assist with the special project. Sub-committees will report back to the full committee.

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body.

TRUSTEES

The Commodore, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer will be the trustees for the club.

For the above reason, the offices of Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer must be held by separate persons.

1. Original Constitution adopted 27 March 1959
2. Revised by Extraordinary General Meeting on 5 July 1998
3. Revised by Extraordinary General Meeting on 1 April 2000
4. Revised by Extraordinary General meeting on 31st October 2001. To add Associated Club Membership.

5. Revised by Extraordinary General Meeting on 28th March 2004. Young Member added and date for subs to be paid.
6. Revised by Extraordinary General Meeting on 12th February 2005. Alteration to vetoing of new members. Alteration to procedure for unbecoming conduct of a member. Addition of procedure following dissolution of the club.
7. Transfer to Word file on 19th June 2023 and update of ICRU to World Sailing.