



ALDERNEY SAILING CLUB RULES 2000

1. **The name of the Club is “The Alderney Sailing Club”** and the burgee of the Club shall be a pennant of equal-sized white, blue, white vertical strips the centre blue stripe being defaced with a Golden Alderney Lion Rampant, facing the hoist.

2. **The objects for which the Club is formed are:-**
 - (a) To promote the sport of sailing and cruising
 - (b) To encourage and foster dinghy and yacht racing

3. **Membership. The Members of the Club shall consist of:**
 - a. Life Members
 - b. Full Members
 - c. Overseas Members
 - d. Junior Members
 - e. Honorary Members
 - (i) A candidate over 18 may apply for the appropriate membership and must be proposed and second by a Life or paid-up Full or Overseas Member
 - (ii) Every candidate for membership shall be a person interested in the objects of the Club
 - (iii) A person over 18 who is resident in Alderney for less than 90 days per annum, or is not resident in Alderney at all, may apply for Overseas Membership.
 - (iv) Junior membership may be applied for if the applicant is under 18 years of age on November 1st of the current Club year.
 - (v) Honorary Membership may be offered to a suitable person or persons at the discretion of the General Committee but this membership can be limited in duration or to the appointment held. The number of Honorary Members should not generally exceed 6 persons. However, in special circumstances the General Committee may exceed this number (such as membership by crews of HM or similar ships)
 - (vi) Life Membership can be applied for by Full or Overseas Members of long-standing but it is a privilege and is completely at the discretion of the General Committee.
 - (vii) Candidates for membership shall complete an application form which shall include details of their interest in the objects of the Club and extracts of this shall be displayed on a Notice Board in the Clubhouse for at least two weeks before the General Committee can consider the application. The Committee can accept or reject or defer the application or call for further information at its discretion.
 - (viii) Members desirous of retiring from the Club shall notify the Honorary Secretary on or before the beginning of the Club year, whichever is appropriate, otherwise they may be liable for the next year's subscription.
 - (ix) Temporary Membership. A person applying for temporary membership shall apply to the Secretary with the appropriate fee and form. Granting of Temporary Membership shall not entitle the person to any rights, privileges or notification – beyond the right to use the Club for the period of Temporary Membership which shall not exceed 30 consecutive days. Temporary Membership may be granted by two Officers of the Club who shall sign the application form as approving the application. This membership is not available for local residents.
 - (x) Every person on becoming a Member of the Club undertakes to comply with these Rules and any amendments and any refusal, or neglect of them or any conduct which in the opinion of the General Committee is unworthy of a Member, or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render the member liable to expulsion provided that, before expelling any Member, the General Committee shall call upon the Member for any

explanation and shall give the member the opportunity of defending him or herself or of resigning

4. Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription

- (a) There shall be an Entrance Fee as prescribed from time to time for each class of membership as set out in Rule 3.
- (b) On Application for membership the applicant shall remit with his/her form the appropriate entrance Fee and Subscription for the Class of membership. If the applicant is not elected the Entrance Fee and Subscription will be returned.
- (c) The General Committee shall propose each year at the Annual General Meeting the appropriate subscription and entrance fees for the following year for approval by members.
- (d) These subscriptions, if passed, shall come into force at the beginning of the following Club year and continue until changed by another General Meeting.
- (e) The General Committee may call a Special General Meeting to change subscriptions if circumstances warrant it. In this case the decisions of the Special General Meeting will supercede those of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (f) A Life Member shall pay 25 times the current annual subscription of a Full Member.

5. Officers and Committee

(a) The Officers of the Club shall be:-

- (i) Commodore
- (ii) Vice-Commodore
- (iii) Rear-Commodore
- (iv) Honorary Secretary
- (v) Honorary Treasurer

These Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election, except that the Commodore shall not serve for more than three years in succession. A person who has been Commodore may not hold any position on the General Committee for one year after having given up the post of Commodore.

(b) No candidate for election to any office shall be considered unless the name of such candidate and of the proposer and seconder shall have been sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The General Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Club and any 7 elected Member from the Meeting, of which 4 shall be:-

- (i) Assistant Secretary (Sailing)
- (ii) Assistant Secretary (Bar)
- (iii) Assistant Secretary (Membership)
- (iv) Assistant Secretary (House)

These Members shall be elected from the floor of the Annual General Meeting and shall be for the post specified. A person might, if suitable, hold more than one post.

(d) If the number of candidates duly proposed exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled at an election then the election shall be by ballot.

(e) If a vacancy occurs the General Committee may co-opt a Member to fill the vacancy. The person so co-opted shall have the full rights of a General Committee Member.

- (f) The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and apply the funds of the Club to the furtherance of the objects of the Club and to the benefit of its members.
- (g) The General Committee shall make such bylaws, rules and regulations as they think fit as to the management of the Club premises and equipment; these shall be posted on the Notice Board.
- (h) The General Committee may form such sub-committees as may be necessary for the running of the Club and its activities but at all times these committees shall be subject to the General Committee, especially in matters requiring finance.
- (i) It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Club's finances.
- (j) The Club Bar Licence may be held under the law by the Commodore, the Honorary Secretary or an Assistant Secretary.
- (k) The General Committee shall be empowered to negotiate with the Club's bankers an overdraft facility not exceeding a sum agreed annually at the Annual General Meeting for general purposes.
- (l) The General Committee shall be empowered to borrow from time to time for a purpose specifically agreed at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting a sum not exceeding a sum agreed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting by means of a bank overdraft or loan or private advance or loan. The General Committee may pledge as security such of the Club's assets as may be required or ask individual members to guarantee the loan or overdraft.
- (m) The overdrafts or loans referred to in sub-paras (k) and (l) may be in addition to any bond issue which may be outstanding.
- (n) Either the Commodore, Vice-Commodore or Rear-Commodore, plus either the Treasurer or the Secretary of the Club – two signatories acting together – are authorised to execute documents on behalf of the Club. They shall be indemnified out of Club property as directed by the General Committee.

6. Auditor

At an Annual General Meeting members shall appoint an Auditor or Honorary Auditor, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Club for the current year. In the event that there is an unwillingness to act, the General Committee shall appoint a substitute. If the Auditor is professional, then fees shall be paid.

7. General Meetings

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of February at some place in Alderney to be fixed by the Commodore. The Honorary Secretary shall, at least 14 clear days before the date of such a meeting of 14 days before a Special General Meeting, post or deliver to each Member a notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward.
- (b) A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 24 voting Members inclusive of the General Committee. After two meetings without a quorum it shall be deemed unnecessary to have a quorum.
- (c) Business to be discussed at an Annual General Meeting shall be as notified in the Agenda. This shall include the Passing of Accounts, Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor, and any other matters that the General Committee may order. Members wishing to raise matters at Annual General Meeting must notify the Honorary Secretary before 15 January so that these may be included on the Agenda. Notifications must be in writing.
- (d) The General Committee may, on giving 14 days' notice, call a Special General Meeting for a specific purpose, the nature of which shall be stated in the convening notice and discussion confined to that subject.

- (e) The General Committee shall call a Special General Meeting at the written request of twelve members who shall state the purpose of the meeting together with the draft resolution for discussion.
- (f) At any General Meeting of the Club each Life, Full and Overseas Member shall have one vote. Honorary and Junior Members shall be entitled to attend and may speak but shall have no vote. Temporary Members may not speak or vote. In case of need the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a second casting vote.

8. New Rules and Amendments and Alterations

- (a) All such proposed alterations or additions or any amendments to the Rules which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to the vote of the meeting and, provided that on a show of hands or, if demanded, a ballot, a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the Members present and voting shall be cast in favour of any proposed alterations, additions or amendments then the same shall be deemed carried.
- (b) No amendment to a proposition or proposal put at any General meeting shall be put to the vote if such amendment or resolution departs materially from or broadens too much in the opinion of the Chairman, the original amendment, alteration or proposal set out in the notice convening the meeting.

9. Sailing Rules

The Sailing Rules shall be the Rules of the International Yacht Racing Union modified by the Royal Yachting Association prescriptions unless otherwise ordered by the General Committee/Sailing Committee and such special regulations as may be from time to time framed by the General Committee/Sailing Committee.

The Committee shall expect the Sailing Committee to keep the Rules up to date.

10. The Club year shall be from November 1st in each year to the following October 31st.