

**Solent Cruising and Racing Association**  
**Memorandum of Association**

1.

The Association shall be called "THE SOLENT CRUISING AND RACING ASSOCIATION" (SCRA).

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The object of the Association shall be the promotion of the interests of yacht racing and cruising in the Solent.

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The Solent Classes shall consist of the international and national classes, and any affiliated classes, which may from time to time be racing on the Solent.

4. The Association shall consist of:

(a)

One representative from each affiliated Solent yacht or sailing club or corporate sailing body and one from each Solent class; the affiliation of any club or class or corporate sailing body to be approved by the Council or by a General Meeting

(b) Any member of an affiliated club, who pays the individual subscription to the Association

(c) Any other individual elected by the Council

The above groups shall hereafter be referred to jointly as "members".

5. The subscription from each affiliated club, corporate sailing body, Solent class and individual member under Rule 4 (b) and (c) shall be set by the Council, subject to confirmation at the next

Annual General Meeting, and shall be payable on the 1st January each year.

6. Each affiliated club, corporate sailing body or Solent class shall communicate to the Hon. Secretary no later than January of each year the name of its representative. Should an appointed representative be unable to attend a meeting, a substitute may attend instead.

7. Any member whose subscription for the current year has not been paid shall not be entitled to vote or take part either in the proceedings of a general meeting or in the management of the Association.

8. A Council shall be appointed to carry on the affairs of the Association, subject to the decisions of general meetings, and in the manner set forth in the Rules for the Guidance of the Council.

Five to form a quorum.

9. The Council shall consist of the President, the Chairman of the Council, the Vice-Chairman of the Council, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and up to ten members.

10. The Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year. Members wishing to nominate any member for the Council should notify the Hon. Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual Meeting and a ballot will be held if necessary.
11. Any member of the Council who does not attend a Council or General Meeting in a period of three years shall cease to be a member of the Council.
12. The Council shall have power, after notice of not less than 2 months has been given, to remove from the list the name of any member whose subscription is more than one year in arrears
13. A vacancy in any of the offices of President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer or of an ordinary Council member occurring between the Annual General Meetings may be filled by the Council.
14. The Annual General Meeting shall be held alternately on the mainland and in the Isle of Wight on a Saturday morning during the first quarter of each year. Ten to form a quorum. Notice of the Meeting, together with the agenda, report from the Chairman and, when available, reports from SASAC and RYA Southern Region shall be forwarded to each member so as to be received at least 14 days before the date of the Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall include the following business:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of the previous AGM.
- (b) Invite questions on the report from the Chairman
- (c) Invite questions on the report from the RYA Southern Region.
- (d) Invite questions on the report from Solent Area Safety Advisory Committee.
- (e) Receive a report on the fixtures planned for the year.
- (f)

Consider, and if thought fit, pass the accounts for the year ended on the previous 30th September.

- (g) Consider, and if thought fit, confirm subscription rates for the forthcoming year.
- (h) Elect the officers and councillors for the year.
- (i) Appoint reporting accountants.
- (j) Fix the date, time and place for the next AGM.
- (k) Any other business of which due notice has been given in accordance with Rule 18.

(l)

Any other business of which notice has not been given, provided that its discussion is approved by three-quarters of those present and voting.

15. The President, Chairman, or Council may call a general meeting whenever they may think necessary, and shall call a general meeting on the demand in writing of at least 10 members of the Association, such demand to be accompanied by the proposals to be brought before the meeting.

Notice of the meeting, together with the agenda, to be sent out to members so as to be received at least 7 days before the date of the meeting. No business other than that on the agenda to be transacted at the meeting. Ten to form a quorum. No proposal can be passed, except by the majorities specified in Rule 17, and any proposal so passed shall be brought up for confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting.

16. The chair at all general meetings to be taken by the President, or the Chairman, or the Vice-Chairman, or in the case of their absence, by a member of the Council nominated by the meeting.

17. No alteration may be made to any of the General Rules of the Association unless carried at a general meeting by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting, except in the case of  
an alteration being unanimously recommended by the Council, in which case a simple majority shall be sufficient. An addition to the Rules may be carried by a simple majority.

18. Notice of any motion to be brought before a general meeting must be sent to and received by  
the Secretary, with names of proposer and seconder, at least 28 days before the date of the meeting.

19. On a day prior to the Annual General Meeting, a meeting of the Council will be called to consider  
the matters to be brought before the Annual General Meeting.

20. Each affiliated club, Solent class and corporate sailing body shall submit its proposed fixtures for the following season as early as possible (target date 30th June) and these proposed fixtures  
will be displayed on the SCRA website fixtures list. Clubs, classes and corporate sailing bodies  
will liaise with each other to minimise clashes between fixtures.

21. The representative of each affiliated Solent class is requested at the end of each season to send  
to the publishers of the Solent Book a record of the racing for that class. Clubs are asked to assist representatives of classes in compiling this information.

## **RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE COUNCIL**

1.

The Council shall meet at such times and places as they may appoint. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman may call a meeting of the Council at any time.

2. It shall be the duty of the Council to:

(a)

Consider all proposals to be brought before a general meeting, and in the case of alteration to the Rules to recommend the proposal or not to the general meeting

(b)

To approve the affiliation of clubs, corporate sailing bodies and Solent classes and to elect members under Rule 4 (c)

(c)

To set the annual rates of subscription

(d) To take such steps as they may think fit to carry out the objects of the Association

3.

The Hon. Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Association or Council, and shall send out notices of meetings and generally conduct the business of the Association under the direction of the Council.

4.

The affiliation of clubs, corporate sailing bodies and Solent classes, election of individual members, and any minor matter may be dealt with by a postal or email vote of the Council, with the approval of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.