

ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

The name of the club shall be The Annandale Sailing Club, hereinafter referred to as "The Club". The Club Burgee shall be a red pennant with a yellow castle in the centre.

2 OBJECTIVES

The object of the Club shall be to promote and facilitate the sport of sailing and, more particularly, to provide facilities for dinghy sailing, launching and parking at Castle Loch and to organise racing throughout the season.

3 OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, a Vice Commodore and a Rear Commodore (the Flag Officers), an Honorary Secretary, a Membership Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and a House Convenor who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.. The retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election

4. COMMITTEE

The conduct of the Club's business shall be in the hands of a Committee (referred to hereafter as "The Committee") which shall consist of the Officers, the previous Commodore and not more than six members of the Club elected at the Annual General Meeting, to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. Candidates for election to the Committee shall be those members of the retiring Committee who shall offer themselves for re-election and such other members of the Club who are duly proposed and seconded, and have agreed to the nomination, either in person at the Annual General Meeting or prior thereto, in writing. Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the election shall be by ballot.

The Committee are empowered to co-opt up to two additional members to fill a casual vacancy. A quorum shall consist of not less than 50% of the members entitled to be present.

The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the rules and shall apply the funds of the Club to the objects of the Club.

For the management of Club premises, the Committee may make such regulations as they think fit.

The Committee is empowered to purchase and administer property on behalf of and for the purposes of the Club. The Committee may appoint sub-committees for any particular purpose.

5. HONORARY AUDITOR

At the Annual General Meeting in each year a member or other appropriate person shall be appointed as Honorary Auditor, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Club in the current year. In the event that he is unable or unwilling to act, the Committee shall appoint a substitute.

6. SAILING COMMITTEE

For the purposes of organising the regattas and racing events promoted by the Club in the pursuance of the object of the Club, the Flag Officers of the Club and the Sailing Secretary shall form the Sailing Committee, who may co-opt members to assist. The supervision of the racing shall be the responsibility of the Sailing Committee who shall appoint Officers-of-the-Day to conduct the racing on their behalf.

7. MEMBERSHIP

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

The Club, on the recommendation of the Committee, may, at an Annual General Meeting, elect Honorary Life Members. Every candidate for membership shall be nominated by one member and seconded by another, and his or her name and address, and any other particulars the Committee may require, shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary. Members, other than Honorary Members,

may be elected at any meeting of the Committee. Candidates may, on the request of any member of the Committee, be subject to election by ballot requiring a majority vote in favour.

In the event of the Committee deciding not to elect a candidate, the proposer of such a candidate may, with the written consent of such candidate, call for the matter to be reconsidered at the next General Meeting of the Club, when a majority decision by ballot of the members present shall decide the matter. A member desirous of resigning from the Club shall so inform the Honorary Secretary. No refund of any subscription already paid shall be made in respect of any unexpired portion of the Club year.

Every member, on being elected to the Club, impliedly undertakes to comply with the rules, and any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee provided that, before expelling a member, the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct, and shall give him an opportunity of defending himself, or of resigning his membership.

Any motion for expulsion shall be brought before a Committee Meeting and shall be voted on by ballot and the motion shall only be carried if not less than three-quarters of the members of the Committee present vote in favour. In the event of the expelled member feeling aggrieved at the decision of the Committee, he shall be entitled to insist on the matter being reconsidered at the next General Meeting.

There shall be several forms of membership: Ordinary, Family, Intermediate, Junior, Training, Non-Sailing, Honorary, Group, and Temporary.

- Ordinary Member:- Individual member, not included in other categories.
- Family Member:- Parents and their children under the age of eighteen years or, if in full time education, under the age of twenty-four years and living at the same address.
- Intermediate Member:- Individual member aged between eighteen and twenty one years or, if in full time education, twenty four years.
- Junior Member:- Individual member under the age of eighteen including those joining for short term training courses.
- Training Member:- Individual member over the age of eighteen years for the duration of a training course only.
- Non-Sailing Members :- Individual members who do not sail and who do not keep a boat at the Club but who have an interest in sailing.
- Honorary Life Members :- Persons recommended for election by the Club Committee at an Annual General Meeting and duly elected.
- Group Membership:- Groups with objectives similar to the Objectives of the Club may be allowed membership at the discretion of the Committee on an a year to year basis. Organisations such as school sailing clubs whose membership greatly exceeds the number of their boats would qualify.
- Temporary Membership:- For example, available to holiday makers for up to two weeks in consideration of a donation to the Club.

The Committee shall decide on the amount of the annual subscriptions, after consideration of the circumstances. Special regulations for safety are in force and shall be revised from time to time.

On application to the Honorary Secretary, visitors to the district desirous of using the Club's facilities for sailing their own craft on the loch, may be accepted as Temporary Members in consideration of a small donation to Club funds.

8. ENTRANCE FEE

Newly elected members may be required to pay an entrance fee of such sum as the Committee may prescribe.

9. SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription shall be payable on election and on 1 January each subsequent year. In addition, a charge shall be made in respect of each boat accommodated in the dinghy park. Any member who has not paid his subscription by the first day of April shall be requested, in the name of the Committee, to pay the same within fourteen days, and if his subscription is not paid by 30 April, his name will be removed from the list of members by the Membership Secretary. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the Committee on payment of the outstanding subscription.

No member shall (in any year) be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership until his subscription for that year and all arrears (if any) are paid.

A member elected after 1 September in any year, who shall have paid his subscription for that year, shall not be required to pay any subscription for the following year.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held at some place in Dumfriesshire to be named, and on some day in November or December, to be fixed by the Commodore. The Honorary Secretary shall, at least 14 clear days before that date, post or deliver to each member notice thereof. The Committee may, on giving 14 days notice, call a General Meeting of the Club for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to that business only.

The Committee shall also call a General Meeting on the written request of 12 members.

At a General Meeting of the Club, each Ordinary Member shall have one vote. In the case of Family Membership, the adults personally present shall each have one vote. In the case of Group Membership, two adult representatives shall each have one vote. Honorary, Temporary or Junior Members shall be entitled to attend a General Meeting but shall have no vote. In the event of an equality of votes in respect of any issue, the Chairman shall have a second, or casting vote.

11. DISSOLUTION

It shall be necessary to give notice of motion as aforesaid of any action to dissolve the Club and such motion must be passed by a majority of at least three-quarters of those present and voting. On such dissolution, the assets of the Club shall be paid or transferred to such person or body as the meeting by a simple vote shall decide and, in default of agreement, to the Royal Yachting Association.

12. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OR RULES

Notice of any alteration or addition to the Constitution or Rules to be proposed by a member of the Club at an Annual General Meeting, shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing, in sufficient time to permit its inclusion in the agenda of the said meeting.

All such alterations or additions which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to the Meeting and, if two thirds of the voting members present are in favour, shall be adopted.

13. INSURANCE

It is a condition precedent to the use of members' boats on the Castle Loch, Lochmaben, that there is in existence adequate insurance cover in respect of such members' liability to the general public, other members of the Club and to the Club, in respect of such boats.

14. MEMBERS' FRIENDS

Members may introduce their friends (for whom they will accept full responsibility) to the Club for the purpose of crewing or ascertaining their attitude to, or aptitude for, sailing. Such friends, if regular attenders and still enthusiastic, after a reasonable period (deemed normally to be after two weeks) will be expected to apply for membership.