

# **CAMSAIL CONSTITUTION    date: 12/12/2018 (slightly updated 11/12/2024)**

## **1. The Association**

The name of the Association shall be CAMSAIL. The objects of the Association shall be

- a) to organise meetings of nautical interest
- b) to organise trips of nautical interest from time to time
- c) to assist skippers and crews to come together

## **2. Executive committee.**

The business activity of the Association shall be controlled by the Executive Committee (the Committee) composed of a President, Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and such other officers as the Committee shall decide, together with up to three other persons, all elected by the Association's membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members as appropriate. The quorum for Committee meetings shall be three.

## **3. Membership**

Membership will be open to all those with an interest in sailing. Each member must pay the annual subscription, and will have one vote. A person may be refused membership following a majority vote by the Committee to that effect.

## **4. Subscriptions.**

The annual subscription level shall be determined by the Committee, and shall normally be payable in advance at the commencement of the season's programme. New members shall also be required to pay the current enrolment fee.

## **5. Term of office.**

This shall be 12 months. All Committee members shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

## **6. Finance.**

The Association's financial year shall commence on the first of October. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the maintenance of an appropriate bank account, that all cheques are signed by one of the Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, and that the accounts are subject to an annual independent examination by an appropriately qualified person.

## **7. Meetings**

The Committee shall be responsible for determining the annual programme of events, and for arranging the Annual General Meeting. This shall include receiving the Chairperson's annual report, receiving and approving the accounts, and electing the Committee members for the forthcoming year. The date of each Annual General Meeting will be advertised in that season's programme. A Special General Meeting of the Association may be convened by a majority of the Committee, or by a written proposal from one quarter of the membership forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, who shall be required to call the meeting within 30 days by giving 21 days notice by email (or equivalent means of efficient communication) to members.

## **8. Guests.**

Subject to premises capacity, any person is welcome to attend one meeting as a guest without payment or commitment to join.

## **9. Alterations to the constitution**

This constitution may be altered at any time by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a meeting of the Association, which has been properly convened with notice by email (or equivalent means of efficient communication), giving 21 days notice of the proposed alterations.

## **10. Dissolution**

If at any general meeting a resolution is passed calling for the dissolution of the Association, the Honorary Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If at the Special General Meeting the resolution is carried by two thirds of those who are members of Camsail at that time, the Executive committee shall realise the assets of the Association and discharge all debts and liabilities.

After discharging all debts and liabilities, the remaining assets of the Association shall be given to another voluntary organisation with similar objectives to those of the Association, and shall not be distributed amongst members.