

Association of Yachting Historians



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1. Name and objects.

The name of the Association is (the) **Association of Yachting Historians**. It is instituted primarily to bring the expertise and enthusiasm of all those interested or active in the pursuit of the history of yachting, including those working as yachting archivists on their own, with clubs, museums and other organisations with maritime interests and those interested in the development of yacht racing and yacht design.

The Association will encourage the exchange of information between yacht club archivists and those working in maritime museums. The Association will also encourage exchange of information between members and those working in the media. The information would cover the story of design, construction and the use of small boats, either for racing or cruising.

The Association will encourage research and preservation of records and archives of clubs and private collections. The Association will encourage and help clubs and maritime museums to maintain a database for future generations. In this connection, the Association will support links with organisations e.g. the National Yachting Archive, the Classic Boat Museum and the Isle of Wight Maritime Heritage Centre, and others.

The Association will seek on behalf of its members any funding, grants and advice for the maintenance of yachting archive material. The advice would include coverage of copyright law.

The Association shall be a non-profit-making organisation and any surpluses shall be used to maintain and improve the Association's facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed to members except by the direction of an Annual General Meeting.

2. Membership.

There shall be the following categories of membership.

- a. Full Members. (Individual).
- b. Club Members. (Yacht Clubs, Museums, and Maritime Centres etc)
- c. Honorary Members.
- d. Life Members

3. Qualifications.

- a. Full Members. People who wish to identify themselves with the objects of the Association and have been elected to full Membership.
- b. Club Members
- c. Honorary Members. Holders for the time of distinguished offices and appointments, together with such other persons who may be considered by the Committee to deserve special recognition.
- d. Life Members. Such persons of distinction to whom the Committee decide to offer Life Membership. Life Members are not liable for subscription, but enjoy all the privileges of full membership.

4. Subscriptions.

Subscriptions are due on 1st November each year. The Committee shall recommend a subscription for the following year for confirmation by the General Meeting.

5. Entrance Fees.

Entrance fees are not charged.

6. Election Procedure.

Candidates seeking election must complete the form of application. The completed form will be sent to the Secretary. The election of candidates shall be invested in the Committee.

7. Obligations following Election.

The Secretary shall notify each new member of his or her election and, at the same time send a copy of the current rules of the Association and an invoice for the payment of the subscription.

All members shall notify the Secretary of any permanent change of address.

8. Resignation.

A member intending to resign Membership shall notify the Secretary or Treasurer in writing. The Annual Subscription due for the year in which the member resigns and any monies owed to the Association by that member, shall be paid in full.

9. Management of the Association.

The Association shall have a President and a number of Vice Presidents. The management of the Association shall be invested in a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, and not more than nine other members. The Annual General Meeting shall elect the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer and members of the Committee and they shall hold office for three years. All shall be eligible for re-election for a further three-year term. All shall be Members of the Association and five shall form a quorum.

10. Secretary, Committee Members and Officers.

Any vacancy in the office of Secretary shall be filled by the Committee.

The Secretary shall be responsible to the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, for the administration and organisation of the Association.

Vacancies on the Committee may be filled by members co-opted by the Committee itself, but any such co-option must be confirmed by election at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall also appoint Chairmen of such other sub-committees as it deems necessary for the efficient running of the Association

Proposals for nomination of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and members of the Committee must reach the Secretary in writing not less than twenty-one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

11. Meetings of Committees.

These shall be held as required, being summoned by the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman or the Secretary. Minutes will be taken of the various committee meetings.

12. Audit, Accounts and Chairman's Annual Report.

The Treasurer shall present accounts made up to the previous 31st October for approval at each annual general meeting. Either the Committee or the General Meeting may call for these accounts to be audited by a properly qualified firm of accountants.

13. Liability of the Committee.

In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by members of the Association, members of the Committee are entitled to be indemnified by the members of the Association against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Association wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature and entered into on its behalf. The limit of an individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to a year's subscription at the then current rate for the category of membership unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Association.

14. Routine General Meetings.

General meetings of the members of the Association may be held from time to time. Notice of any proposals to be discussed at a Routine General Meeting shall be given to the Secretary in writing not less than fourteen days before the meeting.. All proposals shall be decided by a majority vote of those attending members present and postal votes.

Eight members are required to form a quorum at a general meeting. The Chairman shall be empowered to exercise a casting vote.

15. Extraordinary General Meetings.

The Committee may at any time call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.

16. Annual General Meetings.

There shall be an Annual General meeting of the Members held at a convenient date each year for the purposes of receiving from the Chairman a report of the general concerns of the Association, electing The President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and members of the Committee. Also for discussing such proposals as require decision of a General meeting. Notice of any proposals to be discussed at an Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Secretary in writing not less than twenty-one days before the meeting.

17. Postal Votes.

Members shall be entitled to a postal vote in respect of all general meetings.

18. Promulgation of Rules.

The rules shall be printed and a copy of them sent to every member.

19. Interpretation.

The Committee shall determine all questions of interpretation or construction, arising from the Rules and such determination shall be final.

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