
THE SEAMASTER CLUB CONSTITUTION

Issue 9

1. **TITLE**

The organisation to which the following constitution applies shall be called The Seamaster Club.

2. **ADDRESS**

The recognised address of The Seamaster Club shall be:-

1 The Rise, Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 7BB Tel: 01494-814040

3. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aim of The Seamaster Club is to bring together people who love boating, with a special reverence for vessels built on Seamaster hulls.

The objectives of The Seamaster Club shall be:-

- i. To provide a forum to give support and assistance for owners of vessels built on Seamaster hulls.
- ii. To encourage members to help other members, by means of information and/or practical help.
- iii. To encourage ownership of vessels built on Seamaster hulls.
- iv. To encourage owners of vessels built on Seamaster hulls to use, maintain and enjoy their boats.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

- i. FULL MEMBERSHIP is open to all owners of vessels built on Seamaster hulls, such membership to be by boat
- ii. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (without voting rights) shall be available at the discretion of the Committee to persons who actively support The Seamaster Club, but who do not own vessels built on Seamaster hulls. Associate memberships shall be reviewed annually by the Committee.
- iii. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP shall be available to persons elected by a majority at an Annual General Meeting. This membership may be terminated at an AGM or EGM.

5. **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- i. Subscriptions shall be reviewed annually and any change must be approved at an AGM or EGM.
- ii. Subscriptions shall be payable annually from the month of enrolment.
- iii. Subscriptions more than two months overdue, without good reason, shall render the membership terminated.

6. **THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall comprise a President, Vice President(s), Officers and Committee Members. The Officers and Committee Members shall be subject to election / re-election each year at the AGM. The President and Vice President(s) shall not be subject to annual re-election but may be reviewed at a General Meeting.

President & Vice President :

President

Vice President (conferred on members who have rendered conspicuous service to The Club)

Officers:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Secretary

Membership Secretary

Members:

A number of Committee Members.

- i. The Committee shall consist of up to twelve members including the President, Vice President(s), Officers and Members listed above. It shall have the power to fill any vacancies occurring during the year and may co-opt members, when necessary.
- ii. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote and, when appropriate, the Chairman shall exercise a casting vote.
- iii. The Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to properly conduct the business of the Club but not less than four times a year excluding the AGM. The quorum for Committee meetings is six of which at least two must be officers.

7. **SIGNING POWERS**

Cheques may only be drawn against The Seamaster Club account when signed by the Honorary Treasurer and another Committee Member approved by the Committee and duly registered with the bankers. When the Honorary Treasurer is unavailable the Committee may nominate one of the other registered signatories to act as the Treasurer.

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8. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- i. The AGM shall be held annually in November at a venue decided by the Committee; a quorum shall be ten (10) members.
 - ii. Nominations for the Committee, proposed, seconded, and signed by the nominee, should be notified to the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the AGM, so that they can be incorporated in the calling notice.
At the discretion of the Chairman, nominations may also be accepted at the AGM.
 - iii. At least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting, the Honorary Secretary shall send the AGM calling notice to all members. It shall include the agenda, the annual report, the audited financial statement for the year ended 30th September, a list of nominations and proposals received and a Proxy Voting form.
 - iv. Any Full Member may make suggestions to the Committee at any time for persons to be recommended by the Committee to the AGM for the office of President, Vice President or Honorary Membership.
9. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**
- i. An EGM may be held in the following circumstances
 - If called by the Chairman or two other Officers of the Committee.
 - On receipt by the Honorary Secretary or Chairman of a written and signed request, supported by at least ten (10) members, stating the reason for calling the meeting.
 - ii. The calling notice for an EGM shall be issued as soon as possible and give at least twenty-one (21) days notice of the meeting.
 - iii. A quorum for an EGM shall be (10) members.
 - iv. Only such business as stated on the request for the meeting shall be discussed.
10. **VOTING**
- Voting at an AGM or EGM will be based on one vote per boat by Full Members, and Associate Members who serve on the Committee, and may be in one of two forms:
- i. In person at the meeting.
 - ii. By proxy vote. Signed nominations for proxy (who must be a Full Member) must be with the Honorary Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
 - iii. Votes to alter or amend The Constitution must be carried by at least 2/3rds of Members present and proxy votes. All other votes will be determined by a straight majority.
11. **ALTERATION OF, OR ADDITION TO, THE CONSTITUTION**
- i. Any alteration of, or addition to, the Constitution of The Seamaster Club must be discussed at an AGM or EGM.
 - ii. The Honorary Secretary must be notified of any such proposed changes at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be discussed, so that so that they can be incorporated in the calling notice issued twenty-one (21) days before the meeting. Such proposals must be seconded by another club member.
12. **GENERAL**
- i. The details of the membership will be kept in computerised files. The data held therein shall be freely available to all members, but no person outside the Club, other than an abbreviated list containing surnames and membership numbers only. These abbreviated lists may be supplied to an insurer, or trade outlet, offering favourable terms to Club members. No member, Full or Associate, shall benefit financially by their association with the Club. Knowledge of data relating to members personal details shall not be used for profit or gain or be disclosed outside the Club for such purposes. This data must be registered with the Data Protection Registrar.
 - ii. Any member who acts in a manner prejudicial to the Club's goodwill shall, by Committee decision, be expelled from the Club.
 - iii. The monies and chattels of the Club shall belong equally to the individual members of the Club as represented by membership number. In the event of the Club being dissolved, the chattels shall be sold and the total monies shall be equally divided between fully paid up Full and Associate Members of the Club, after outstanding obligations have been met.