

YEOMAN/KINSMAN CLASS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

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1. General

- 1.1. The name of the Class Association is the Yeoman Kinsman Association (YKA) and the class flag shall be international 'Y'.
- 1.2. The object of the YKA is to: act as a communications hub between members, promote the interests and administer the affairs of the Yeoman/Kinsman Class.

2. YKA Structure

- 2.1. The YKA membership is open to all Yeoman and Kinsman owners and crew, past and current, plus others who have an interest in the class.
- 2.2. The YKA shall be managed by a committee (see 5.0).
- 2.3. The Association shall control the measurement rules.
- 2.4. The Association shall maintain a register of boats and members, which they will share with appropriate parties, including the NSBA, and will also be displayed on the YKA website
- 2.5. An annual membership fee to finance YKA activities shall be charged (see 4.0).

3. Data Protection

- 3.1. Potential members need to make a one-off request to join the Association, in order to agree to be included in the mailing list.
- 3.2. Full information on Data Protection Compliance will be contained on the website.

4. Membership Fee

- 4.1. Upon joining and subsequently annually in January, members are required to pay a membership fee electronically.
- 4.2. The suggested rate shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 4.3. Any new member joining the Association after the 1st of September or the National Championships, whichever comes last in any given year, shall be deemed to have paid their membership from the 1st of January in the next year. A new member shall be defined as someone who has never been a member of the Association, or whose membership has lapsed for 3 or more consecutive years.

5. YKA Committee

- 5.1. The Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Communications Secretary and a Treasurer (also responsible for membership). The quorum shall be all Committee members currently holding posts.
- 5.2. Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). All Committee members shall hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM.
- 5.3. Candidates for the Committee shall put their names forward to the Communications Secretary at least 28 days prior to the AGM.
- 5.4. If a Committee member is unable or unwilling to act, the remaining Committee members shall appoint a suitable replacement to act until the next AGM. If there is more than one change of Committee Member (between AGMs) than an EGM will be called.
- 5.5. If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled the election shall be held by ballot.
- 5.6. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the YKA according to the Constitution and shall apply the funds of the YKA at their discretion to the objectives of the YKA.
- 5.7. Additional members, or those with appropriate expertise, can be invited to the committee at the discretion of office holders if specialist knowledge is required.

6. Treasurer

- 6.1. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Class Association's finances.
- 6.2. The Treasurer shall report upon the financial state of the Class Association at the AGM each year.

7. Class Builder

- 7.1. Any change to the Class Builder will be agreed by vote at the annual AGM.
- 7.2. The boat moulds owned by the Association will be loaned to the Class Builder for their time holding the position. If members require work on their boat that requires use of the moulds it is up to members to make appropriate arrangements with the Class Builder. The YKA will not be held liable for the use thereof.

8. Annual General Meetings (AGM)

- 8.1. The AGM of the Association shall be held at the place, date and time decided by the Committee
- 8.2. At least 28 days before the meeting, the committee will circulate electronically a notice convening the meeting, the agenda and a copy of the accounts to each member on its mailing list. Public documents will also be placed on the Association Website
- 8.3. All proposals and alterations to the constitution and rules which are to be put to the AGM shall be put in writing to the Communications Secretary eight weeks before the AGM and shall be distributed in the Agenda of the meeting. No proposal on any new subject will be accepted at an AGM, but amendments to properly proposed motions will be allowed at the discretion of the Chair.
- 8.4. Voting will be on the basis of one vote per boat, all Yeoman and Kinsman class yachts being counted. All proposals will be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast except those proposing changes to the Constitution and Measurement Rules, which shall require a majority of two thirds of those voting.
- 8.5. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

9. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

- 9.1. An EGM of the YKA may be called at the request in writing of the Association Committee or any one or more fleets (a fleet is defined as a group of 5 boats sailing in the same water), or on request in writing of at least 12 eligible 'voting' members (as defined by 8.4).
- 9.2. Those seeking such a meeting shall notify the Communications Secretary in writing of the motion of matters for discussion.
- 9.3. The Communications Secretary shall within 21 days of such a request, notify all members concerned of the time and place of the meeting and the matter or motion giving at least 28 days (but not more than 42 days) notice of the meeting.
- 9.4. The rules of voting shall be as for an AGM.

10. Winding up or dissolution of the YKA

- 10.1. After the satisfaction of all the YKA's debts and liabilities any remaining net assets will be donated by the Committee to charity.

As agreed at YKA 2022 AGM held 25 June 2022