



Lochgoil Watersports Club



CONSTITUTION

1 NAME:

The Club shall be known as "Lochgoil Watersports Club".

2 OBJECTS OF THE CLUB:

To further the interests of water activities on the loch and the safety thereof.

3 STRUCTURE OF THE CLUB:

The club shall be managed by an elected committee, who shall have the option to allow the formation of separate sections for specialised activities as may become desirable and who shall interpret and apply the "GENERAL CONDITIONS OF MOORING AND STORAGE ASHORE" rules.

4 MEMBERSHIP:

There shall be the following classes of membership; (a) General Members; (b) Junior Members, being persons below the age of 18 years; and (c) Honorary Members. The club, on recommendation of the committee, may in general elect to honorary membership, those rendering exceptional services to the Club, but the total number of such honorary members shall not exceed 5% of the total number of members. The total number includes allowing for two family members over eighteen years having voting rights. Honorary members do not need to pay the annual membership fee, but would need to pay for boat yard storage and produce evidence of boat insurance if applicable.

5 SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The subscriptions shall be fixed for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting

6 GENERAL MEMBERS MEETINGS:

The Annual General Meeting is to be held no later than 31st March, to receive the committee's reports and accounts, these accounts to have been checked by an Independent Qualified Accountant who has examined books, records and prepared presentable accounts; and also to elect Officers and Members of the Committee. Special General Meetings of the Club shall be held at the request of not less than 10% of voting members. The Committee shall decide when Special General Meetings of the Club shall be held and shall give at least 28 days notice of such meetings.

7 VOTING:

At any meeting, any resolution shall be put to a show of hands and each General Member shall have one vote. Family Members are allowed two votes and these votes are available for members over 18 years of age. Any eligible member may vote on any issue by post.

8 CLUB COMMITTEE:

Nominations for the election of the members of the committee shall be notified to the Club Secretary at or before the Annual General Meeting. The Club committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and six other members. A Quorum for the committee shall consist of five members.

9 FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year be a calendar year.

10 APPEALS:

The committee shall have the power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvas monies for the carrying out of the objects of the Club.

11 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:

The Committee shall, out of the monies received by the club, pay all proper expenses of administrating and management of the Club and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for, or towards, the objects of the Club. The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club's facilities. No profit or surplus shall be distributed.

12 INVESTMENT:

All monies at any time belonging to the Club, and not required for immediate application for its objects, shall be invested by the committee upon such investments or securities as it may think fit.

13 AMENDMENTS:

The Constitution may be amended by the approval of two thirds of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, provided that 28 days notice of the proposed amendment has been given.

14 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY:

The Club acknowledges discrimination exists within society and agrees to redress discrimination in the running and operation of the Club. Membership is open to all, irrespective of gender, race, colour, creed, mental or physical disabilities, religious beliefs or any other forms of differentiation.

15 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:

Dissolution of the Club may take place only at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting provided that no less than 10% of paid up members have requested a Special General Meeting (see clause 6). The Club can only be dissolved upon the approval of two thirds of paid up members. Voting may be done by post. Upon dissolution, all surplus assets or funds of the Club will go to some other non-profit making organisations or charitable body, as agreed by the committee and will not be distributed among the members, past or present.