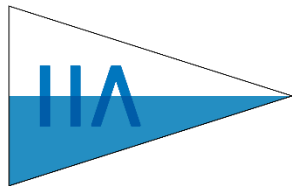


THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION



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1 Name and Objective

- 1.1 The Name of the association shall be "The Hunter Association".
- 1.2 The Hunter Association shall also be referred to as "The Association".
- 1.3 The Hunter Association aims to be an informal, internet based association where members can share their knowledge, experiences and find inspiration.
- 1.4 The Hunter Association shall be open to anyone, national or international, who owns; part owns or is associated with a British Hunter boat.
- 1.5 The Hunter Association shall be open to previous owners and anyone who has a genuine interest in British Hunter Boats.
- 1.6 To keep an online library of technical information and original instruction books.
- 1.7 To keep members informed of developments concerning The Hunter Association.
- 1.8 To promote and encourage fun sailing and social events.

2 Terms and Definitions

- 2.1 The committee shall mean the committee of The Hunter Association.
- 2.2 "The Hunter Association Register" shall mean the register of owners of Hunter boats with their addresses and boat details, to be kept electronically in accordance with the data act of 1998.
- 2.3 A Hunter boat shall mean a British Hunter boat.

3 Membership

- 3.1 **A Full member** - Any registered member who owns or part owns a Hunter boat or any member as defined in paragraph 1.5.
- 3.2 **Associate member** - Any crew associated with a Hunter boat, or part owner of a Hunter boat not having paid full subscription.
- 3.3 **Honorary member** - Any person having an interest in the Hunter Association who is proposed by a Full Member and seconded by at least one member of the Committee and is elected by the committee in recognition of service to Hunter Boats or the Association. An honorary member shall not pay any entrance fee or annual subscription and has no vote.
- 3.4 Only full members and honorary members shall receive printed communication.
- 3.5 All members shall have access to the Association website, and shall be entitled to post and comments on the website within the Association rules.

4 Membership fee, entrance fee and retirement of membership

- 4.1 The Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription Fee for membership of the Hunter Association shall be reviewed by the Committee each autumn. Any changes must be agreed by the majority of the committee. Members will be advised of any changes by email. Any agreed new rate or conditions shall become effective the first day of January the following year.
- 4.2 Upon joining the Hunter Association every member shall pay the entrance fee (if any) and their first annual subscription and thereafter an annual subscription on the anniversary of joining.
- 4.3 Every member shall provide the secretary with an up to date address, which shall be electronically recorded in the Hunter Association register, in accordance with the law and any communication, electronic or otherwise, to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.

- 4.4 Application for membership shall be in the form prescribed by the committee and shall include all information requested either online or by post.
- 4.5 Members shall accept that any information, technical or otherwise, whilst given in good faith is the opinion of the member providing that information. It is up to member themselves to seek professional advice to be sure that the information is suitable, safe and up to date and within current regulations.
- 4.6 The Hunter Association online library stores certain original documents relating to Hunter boats. Members shall accept that regulations may have changed since originally produced and therefore members shall at all times ascertain current regulations.
- 4.7 Members accept that posts they submit online may be moved or, after a period of time, be removed by the administrator or the moderator.
- 4.8 A member wishing to retire from membership shall give notice by email or in writing to the Hunter Association Secretary before the 31st of December and shall not then be liable to pay the subscription for the following year.
- 4.9 The Committee may cancel, without notice being given, the membership of any member whose annual subscription is more than 2 months in arrears. The Committee may, at its discretion, re-instate such member upon payment of the arrears.
- 4.10 Upon re-application by a past member the Committee may, at its discretion, excuse payment of an Entrance Fee.
- 4.11 No member whose annual payment is in arrears may join any Hunter Association event or regatta nor attend or vote at any meeting.

5 Conduct of members

- 5.1 The website is designed to post and communicate with other Hunter owners on matters relating to Hunter boats. Members may not use the website to post any abusive, obscene, threatening and sexually-oriented or any other material that may violate any applicable laws. If doing so this will result in immediate and permanent exclusion from the Hunter Association and may be reported to the authorities.
- 5.2 The committee reserves the right to exclude or refuse entry to membership.

6 Committee and Management

- 6.1 The affairs of the Hunter Association shall be managed by the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the officers, ex officio, and not less than four nor more than eight full members elected at the Annual General Meeting Meeting.
- 6.2 Candidates for election to Committee shall be those members of the retiring Committee and any full member willing to stand.
- 6.3 If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if majority at the meeting vote in favour.
- 6.4 The committee will conduct the affairs via email, but shall meet at least once a year in addition to the AGM. The Association Chairperson, or in his/her absence, a Chairperson elected by those present, shall preside.
- 6.5 Voting at committee meetings shall be in person or via the internet. 50 % of committee members attending meetings shall form the Quorum.
- 6.6 If less than the required quorum attends the meeting, then any proposals that need a vote shall be emailed to all committee members. Votes shall be returned within 7 days. Motion shall be carried by the majority of votes cast within the time limit.

7 Officers

- 7.1 The Officers managing the Hunter Association shall be Full Members of the Hunter Association.
The roles are a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Magazine Editor, Technical Coordinator.
Officers shall hold office for one year, retiring at the termination of the Annual General Meeting in each year. All Officers of the Hunter Association shall be eligible for re-election.
- 7.2 Officer's roles may be combined

7.3 The Hunter Association Secretary shall:

- Keep the Hunter Association database in accordance with data protection act 1998.
- Keep an up to date register of Hunter Association members' names and addresses.
- Keep custody of all Hunter Association documents.
- Keep full minutes of all meetings of the Hunter Association and the Committee, which shall be confirmed and signed by the appropriate Chairman upon the agreement of the Hunter Association or the Committee at the next meeting of the Hunter Association or the Committee as appropriate.
- Administer such insurance policy or policies as may be deemed necessary by the Committee fully to protect the interests of the Hunter Association, its Officers and its members.

7.4 The Hunter Association Treasurer shall:

- Cause such books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the current state of the finances of the Hunter Association.
- Cause all returns as may be required by law in relation to such accounts to be rendered at the due time.
- Make such payments on behalf of the Hunter Association as the Committee shall direct.
- Prepare an annual financial statement each year, approved by the deputy treasurer, and same send to all members at least 14 days before Annual general meeting for acceptance by vote at said AGM
- Present the annual financial statement to the Hunter Association at its Annual General Meeting.

8 Regional Coordinators

8.1 Regional Coordinator shall be full members of the Hunter Association and elected by members in their region.

8.2 In the absence of such election in the regions, coordinators may be nominated and then elected by the committee until the following AGM. If at the AGM the appointed regional coordinator is not opposed by members of the region, the regional coordinator shall be deemed elected for a further year.

8.3 Regions are:-

- South Coast
- West Country Bristol Channel, South Wales
- Irish Sea including Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- North East
- East Coast
- Republic of Ireland
- Mainland Europe

9 The Moderators

9.1 Moderators of the website forums shall be appointed by the committee, but shall have no other managerial role unless elected to the committee by the members.

10 Annual General Meeting

- 10.1 The AGM shall be held once a year and the date and the agenda must be announced online and by email with at least 28 days' notice together with proposals and details of voting.
- 10.2 Any proposals from members for the agenda must be received by the secretary, at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The secretary shall inform members at least 7 days prior to the AGM
- 10.3 Voting at the AGM, shall be either in person, a returned voting paper or by proxy. Motion shall be carried by the majority of votes.
- 10.4 All members are entitled to attend and speak at General meetings, but only full members shall be entitled to vote.
- 10.5 An Extraordinary General meeting may be called by the committee giving a minimum of 21 days' notice, or may be called by a minimum of 15 members, giving at least 21 days' notice in writing or by email to the Secretary.

11 Winding up of the Association.

- 11.1 Upon winding up or dissolving the Hunter Association all debts and liabilities shall be paid. Any remaining assets shall be distributed by the committee to one or more charitable organizations with an interest in sailing.

The constitution is not exhaustive and the committee may from time to time vote on bylaws that shall be in force until the next AGM. Such bylaws shall be e mailed to members, or in case of members without e mail, posted to address given, with minimum 21 days notice before such bylaw can take effect.