

LOCH VENACHAR SAILING GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY - CONSTITUTION

OBJECTIVES

The object of the Loch Venachar Sailing Group for People with a Disability hereinafter referred to as the Group shall be: To promote the art and skills of sailing for people with a disability and through sailing to promote the physical and mental well being of those who suffer from a learning, physical or sensory disability.

To provide experience of sailing.

To provide teaching, coaching, cruising, competition and social activities associated with sailing.

To promote local competitions and encourage members to participate in championships, invitation events and where pos-

sible, in events open to all sailors.

The Group shall affiliate to Loch Venachar Sailing Club, the Scottish Disabled Sailing Association and to such other bodies as shall be of assistance to the Group.

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership of the Group.

Full membership which shall be open to any person with a learning, physical or sensory disability recognised by any of the international sports bodies for disabled people, wishing to participate in recreational sailing.

Associate membership which shall be offered to any person willing to teach, coach or otherwise assist with the running of

the Group or its boats on a regular basis.

Honorary membership which shall be offered to any person donating a significant sum of money or equipment to the Group or to persons who have given distinguished service to the Group.

The committee shall have the power to refuse membership where the applicant is deemed unsuitable for sailing.

COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Group shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of:

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer,

Two representatives from the management committee of Loch Venachar Sailing Club.

Office bearers shall be elected at each AGM to serve for three years and may be re-elected, with the exception of the LVSC representatives who shall be nominated by the LVSC management committee and will therefor be co-opted mem-

bers.

At least half the committee shall be full members of the Group. Honorary members shall not be eligible to serve on the

committee.

The committee will undertake the business of the Group at regular meetings and shall have control over the income and

expenditure of the Group.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of November each year. The business of the meeting shall include:

Chairman's report.

Financial report.

Election of office bearers.

Determination of annual subscription.

Appointment of an independent examiner.

Matters shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and voting. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairper-

son shall have a second or casting vote.

All members of the Group shall be entitled to attend but only Full and Associate members may vote.

Written notice calling the Annual General Meeting shall be given at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. Fifty percent of the total Full and Associate membership shall form a quorum.

FINANCE

At the Annual General Meeting there shall be determined the amount of the subscription to be paid by members. Such subscriptions shall become immediately payable and if unpaid by 31st May following, the member shall be excluded from

membership.

The funds of the Group shall be kept in an interest bearing account at any bank or building society in the name of the Group, any one of the three officers may operate the account up to £1 00.00 and any two thereafter.

Proper books of account shall be kept by the Treasurer who shall present a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet for the year ending on 30th September at each Annual General Meeting in the November following, such statements to be examined by the independent examiner appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.

BY-LAWS

The committee has the power to make and enforce by-laws. Each member shall receive a copy of the by-laws.

ALTERATION TO THE RULES

The committee shall have the authority to recommend amendments or deletions of any of the foregoing constitution and rules. The same rights shall extend to any voting members. 21 days notice must be given to the secretary in writing specifying the alterations proposed in order that they may be included in the agenda of a General Meeting. At least two thirds two thirds of the voting members present at such a meeting must agree to these alterations.

WINDING UP

If at any time it appears to two thirds or more of voting members that the Group is no longer viable, then it shall be wound up. Any money or assets belonging to the Group after the settlement of all debts at that time, shall be handed over to the Scottish Disabled Sailors Association to be used by that charity for the development of sailing for people with a disability in

Scotland.

BY-LAW:- MEMBERSHIP

The Group shall be open to people who have a learning, physical or sensory disability recognised by any of the international sports organisations for disabled people who would not be independently capable of participating in sailing; subject at the present time to the following practical restrictions:

Due to the limitations posed by the physical nature of the loch side members must have a level of physical mobility to enable them to board boats in safety.

All participants must be able to swim a minimum of fifty metres.

All Full and Associate members of the Group participating at Loch Venachar shall be members of LVSC and abide by its constitution and by-laws. Entry shall conform to that of LVSC with appropriate joining and annual subscription fees.

Individuals applying for membership of LVSC specifically to become a member of the Group will first be approved by the Group, to ensure the applicant meets the above criteria. The membership application shall then be passed on to LVSC for approval in the normal way.

A membership fee will also be payable to the Group. (in addition to the membership fees payable to LVSC). This sum will be used to meet the running costs of the Group and shall be determined at each AGM.

If the conduct of a member either in or out of the clubhouse shall in the opinion of the committee be injurious to the character or interest of the Group, the committee shall have the power to censure, suspend or other wise deal with such members.

Should any property belonging to or on loan to the Group be damaged or lost by any member or his guest due to inappropriate conduct, the expense of repair or replacement shall be the responsibility of the member **DISCLAIMER NOTICE:**

The Group and LVSC advise all members, that no responsibility will be taken for any injury, illness or loss or damage to persons, boats, gear, vehicles or any property or possessions whatsoever.