



OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The full title of the Association shall be the OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION; this may be abbreviated to the "Osprey Class". The Class Flag shall be "Naval Numeral Zero (0)".

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Osprey Class Association are to promote and further the interests of the Osprey Class and to represent the interest of the Osprey Class Members as follows:

- a. Keep members informed of activities concerning the Osprey Class and any proposals concerning Osprey Class Association Constitution & Measurement Rules.
- b. Facilitate/organise Championships and to co-ordinate the programme of other races for the Osprey Class.
- c. Encourage National and International competition for the Osprey Class.
- d. Ensure and govern conformity on any matters relating to Osprey Class Constitution or The Measurement Rules for anyone sailing an Osprey and for any future Global Association and/or National Associations.
- e. Liaise with national and international yacht racing authorities on behalf of the Class on any matters including the Class Measurement rules and this constitution
- f. Establish and maintain a register of all Osprey Class Association members & their boats and other Osprey boats known to the Association.
- g. To maintain the relationship between the Copyright holder and the membership

3. MANAGEMENT

- a. Subject to the provisions of this Osprey Class Association Constitution and to the objectives of The Osprey Class Association, as expressed in 2, the Osprey Class association shall be managed by the Committee
- b. The Committee shall have the powers to co-opt any person to assist it, whether a full voting member of Osprey Class Association or not, but such person(s) shall have no vote in committee if not a full member.
- c. The Committee shall have powers to appoint sub-committees and delegate them such powers as it deems fit.
- d. The Committee shall consist of not less than six and not more than ten members of Osprey Class excluding the Officers (The Chairman, The Treasurer and The Secretary) and External Representatives including the Copyright holder. They are elected annually at a General Meeting of Members (subject to e. below), or by postal vote. There shall not be more than two members from the same Fleet on The Committee except under special circumstances.



- e. Elected committee members (other than The Chairman, The Treasurer and The Secretary see g. below) shall stand for re-election at each Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- f. The Committee need not fill a vacancy arising in The Committee unless the total number of elected committee members has dropped below the minimum of six. Committee Members appointed to fill vacancies shall remain in office until the expiry of the term of office of the person whose position they have filled.
- g. The Chairman, The Secretary and The Treasurer, known as 'The Officers', shall serve for a term of three years subject to resignation and thereafter may continue to serve in the same capacity only if elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is empowered to vote to insist on the resignation of The Chairman, The Secretary or The Treasurer should it become necessary.
- h. At meetings of The Committee, one-third of the elected members shall form a quorum.
- i. The Committee shall have power to make recommendations to the members in General Meetings, or by post, for amendments to Osprey Class Rules.
- j. The making of payments and receipt of monies shall be validly evidenced only by the signature of The Treasurer, or his deputy as appointed by The Committee. Payments or receipts of monies exceeding the sum of £250.00 (UK pounds sterling) shall require the signature of The Chairman and The Secretary or The Treasurer.
- k. The Committee shall manage the Osprey Class Association Privacy Policy in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations - currently the Secretary undertakes the role of Data Controller.

4. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- a. The following categories of membership shall be recognised: -

Full Members

Members

Associate Members

Honorary members

Student members

Full **Members** - shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to any owner of an Osprey, or in the case of joint owners to both (Two Only) of them (both names must appear on the boat's registration log). In the case of a corporation or association



membership rights shall be vested in a nominated representative of that organisation (One Only).

Full Members are eligible to helm or crew an Osprey in any race, attend and vote at *General Meetings* eg *Annual General Meetings (AGMs)* or *Extra Ordinary General Meetings (EGMs)* and become one of *The Officers* or an elected member of *The Committee*.

A member or corporation owning, or having part ownership, in more than one Osprey shall not cast more than one vote; but this shall not prevent a joint owner from voting, provided that not more than two votes per boat are cast.

Members - shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to any non-owners of an Osprey, total membership of this type shall not exceed the total number of Full Members.

Members are eligible to helm or crew an Osprey in any race but may only do so if the boat belongs to a Full Member. They may attend and vote at *General Meetings* and become an elected member of *The Committee* or one of *The Officers*, providing that they form no more than 40% of *The Committee*.

Associate Members - shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription, be open to anyone who does not own an Osprey or to the second joint owner of an Osprey who has elected not to take up Full Membership. Additionally, this class of membership is open to individuals or clubs interested in *The Osprey Class Association*. Associate Members may attend and vote at *General Meetings* but may not vote on any matter, which affects financial matters or *The Measurement Rules* and shall not become an elected member of *The Committee* or one of *The Officers*.

Associate Members are eligible to helm or crew an Osprey in any race but may only do so if the boat belongs to a Full Member

Honorary Members - shall be bestowed on a person who has given particular service to the *Osprey Class*, in recognition of that service, and who is: -

- proposed by a Full Member or Member of *The Osprey Class Association*
- seconded by at least one member of *The Committee*
- be elected by the members at a *General Meeting*
- Honorary Members have the same rights as a Member



Student Members - shall, upon payment of an agreed % reduction (set by the Osprey Class Association from time to time) of the prescribed annual subscription of any other classification of membership with the exception of Honorary Membership (e.g. Student Full Member, Student Member, etc.), be open to anyone engaged in full time education at the time of annual renewal of membership (e.g. 1st January). The same rules shall apply to a student membership as the appropriate "normal membership category" with the exception that a person under 18 shall have no voting rights nor shall they be eligible to be an elected member of The Committee or become an Officer. Student Union Number or other proof shall be required for those over the age of 18.

- b. All Members shall be bound by the Osprey Class Association Constitution & Measurement Rules.

5. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION

- a. An Annual General Meeting shall be held annually by the Osprey Class Association at a venue judged by the Management Committee to be the most convenient to most of the members of the Osprey Class Association. The precise time and date to be determined by the Committee.
- b. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by The Secretary on the direction of The Committee or on receipt of a written request by at least fifteen members, who have full voting rights, stating the purpose for which such meeting is to be called. All members calling such a meeting shall attend as shall at least one of The Officers. Only that business for which the meeting has been called shall be transacted.
- c. At least six weeks written notice shall be given to members of any General Meeting (NB: Written notice includes written on the Association's social media, or the Association's website, Association Newsletters and/or emails to the members).
- d. At any General Meeting or Committee Meeting, decisions shall be limited to matters on the agenda and shall be carried by a majority vote, except those concerning The Measurement Rules -see f below. Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by not fewer than three of the members present and entitled to vote. At any meeting The Chairman shall have a casting vote.



The Secretary shall be responsible for circulating to all members or in the case of *Committee Meetings*, to all members of *The Committee*, with the result of any voting.

- e. At any *General Meeting* twenty-one members with full voting rights shall form a quorum and shall include at least one of *The Officers*. An exception is made in the case of an *Extraordinary General Meeting* called by a group of members, in that the quorum shall be at least twice the number of members plus one calling the meeting and attending.
- f. At any *General Meeting* a decision to recommend to the *Copyright holder* alterations to, or additions to, *The Measurement Rules* shall require a majority of two-thirds those present and entitled to vote.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REGISTRATION FEES

- a. The *Osprey Class Association* 's year shall be the calendar year.
- b. The rates of subscription for the different classes of membership of *Osprey Class Association* shall be decided at the *AGM* and shall be made known to the members prior to January 1st of the following year, when the subscription shall fall due. A member joining after October 1st, whose subscription has been paid for that year, shall not be liable to pay his subscription for the ensuing calendar year.
- c. Any member whose subscription has not been paid within three months of the date due may have his name removed from the list of members of *Osprey Class Association* by *The Committee*. A member's name may be restored to the list of members of *Osprey Class Association* at the discretion of *The Committee*, on payment of any subscription due.

7. ACCOUNTS

- a. The *Committee* shall cause true accounts to be kept in accordance with consistent accounting policies applicable to non-profit making organisations giving particulars of:
 - (i) All monies, assets and liabilities of the *Osprey Class*.
 - (ii) All monies received and expended by the *Osprey Class* and the reasons for such receipts and expenditure.
- b. The *Committee* shall cause the annual financial statement to be prepared and presented at every *Annual General Meeting* of the *Osprey Class Association*.
- c. A copy of the annual financial statement, verified by an independent party as being in accordance with consistent accounting policies applicable to non-profit making organisations, prepared for presentation at a *General Meeting* shall, not less than twenty-one days prior to such *General Meeting*, be sent to every current paid up member of *The Association*.



8. PROTECTION OF 'ONE-DESIGN' CHARACTER OF THE CLASS

- a. Osprey Class Association and the Copyright Holder shall maintain the one-design character of boat and shall take action on any matter which may appear to violate or threaten the spirit of The Measurement Rules.
- b. Osprey Class Association and the Copyright Holder shall decide matters concerning the number and distribution of builders of the boat.
- c. The Copyright holder shall be responsible for the allotment and issue of Registered Numbers for Ospreys as they are built.
- d. Osprey Class Association provides information on names of boats, names and address of Owners and change of ownership.
- e. Certificates for Ospreys shall be obtainable from The Osprey Class Association, which may delegate its duties to other parties, upon production of a measurement form properly completed by a measurer appointed by The Osprey Class Association or on receipt of a certificate of conformity from the Builder/Copyright holder, showing the boat to be within the requirements of The Measurement Rules.
- f. The Osprey Class Association has the right to inspect Certificates of all Ospreys competing in National Championships and shall arrange that entry forms for such Championships give notice that Certificates shall be inspected and that measurements new or replacement sails are entered on the Certificate.

9. ALTERATION OF THE OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION &/OR MEASUREMENT RULES

Any alterations & additions to Osprey Class Association Constitution &/or the Measurement Rules shall be dealt with at a General Meeting or full ballot of the members and must be carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of members present and entitled to vote. No alteration or addition to be made to either the Constitution or Measurement Rules unless included in the Agenda. If a change to Osprey Class Association Constitution &/or Measurement Rules is to be put to a General Meeting, the Secretary shall receive notice by a formal method of notification eg by email or post and the General Meeting shall not be held earlier than 1 calendar month afterwards.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION

If it shall be necessary to give of any motion to dissolve the Osprey Class Association, then such motion must be passed by a majority of at least three-fourths of those entitled to vote. On such dissolution, the assets of the Osprey Class Association shall be paid or transferred to such person or body as the members entitled to vote shall decide, by a simple majority, and in default of agreement to the RYA.



11. PRINCIPAL EVENTS

The Osprey Class Association shall arrange for and control UK Osprey class championships & the Wilkinson Sword Travellers Event and shall issue to clubs and organisations the Osprey Class Association recommendations for the conduct of such events. Ties for Osprey Class Championship Perpetual Trophies will be broken in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing current at the time.

The Committee may arrange an Annual Championship of the Osprey Class in any country with more than five Ospreys' properly listed on Osprey Class Register.



Amendment History of the constitution

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	Sometime before August 1989

The 2018 Drafts have been compared with the UK RS400 Class Association Constitution, the 'Rules of the National Solo Class Association' for 2014 & the Merlin Rocket 'Owners' Association Rules' for 2013.