

# **BFSLYC CONSTITUTION**

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### **1. Name**

The British Federation of Sand and Land Yacht Clubs

### **2. Objectives**

To promote and develop the sport of Sand and Land yachting throughout the United Kingdom.

To represent the participants of the sport at national level.

To act as an advisory body on all matters appertaining to sand and land yachting, in the United Kingdom including training and licensing.

To organise and regulate the sport in the United Kingdom.

To encourage and assist pilots to represent the United Kingdom in international competition.

### **3. Membership**

Membership shall consist of:

Sand and Land Yacht Clubs in the U.K. with at least three active pilots.

Associate Members open to individuals unable to join a club.

Honorary President and not more than six honorary Vice Presidents.

Commodores and Life Members appointed in recognition of services to the Federation.

Commodores, Honorary Members, Life Members, and Vice Presidents must be elected by a two-thirds majority of the voting strength.

#### **4. Admission**

Two Member Clubs shall sponsor new Members.

#### **5. Voting**

Voting at Federation Meetings will be restricted to one representative of each club. Voting strength shall be in proportion to the number of paid up licensed pilots in each Club. No voting rights for other classes of membership.

#### **6. Management**

The Management of the Federation shall be vested In a Management committee consisting of the officers.

The officers shall be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, & Publicity Officer. Each may co-opt assistants subject to the approval of the Federation Committee. An Assistant Officer may only vote as a proxy for the Officers. All posts are honorary.

The Management Committee may appoint a person to fill any vacancy until the next A.G.M. Any person so appointed shall retire but be eligible for election at the next A.G.M.

The Management Committee shall meet not less than twice a year.

#### **7. Management Committee Powers**

Selection of representatives to National and International Organisations.

The Management Committee may enter into negotiation, make agreements, obtain licenses or execute leases with third parties in furtherance of the objects of the Federation and the Members.

The Management Committee shall expend Federation funds in furtherance of the Federation objects.

The Management Committee shall have power to suspend rights and privileges from any member whose subscription is in arrears.

A quorum for a Management Committee shall be three Officers.

#### **8. Federation Committee Meetings**

Meetings shall be held at least twice in any calendar year.

The Committee shall consist of not more than three representatives from each Club and the Officers but only one representative shall cast the Clubs vote.

Minutes of meetings shall be prepared and circulated to Club representatives within two months by the Secretary.

A quorum for a Federation Committee Meeting shall be four persons representing different Clubs.

A two-thirds majority of votes represented at a Meeting shall be required to change the constitution and details of proposed changes must have been circulated at least 21 days before the meeting.

### **9. Annual General Meeting**

The A.G.M shall be held in October or November on a date fixed by the Federation Committee for the purposes of:

Approving minutes of previous A.G.M.

Receiving Officers Reports and Treasurers audited accounts.

Electing Officers and appointing Auditors.

Arranging the Regatta Programme.

Transacting other Federation business.

Fixing the date of the next meeting.

Notice of the AGM shall be circulated by the Secretary to all affiliated clubs, not less than three weeks in advance. Items for inclusion in the agenda shall be notified to the Secretary not less than 4 weeks before the meeting. The agenda shall be circulated not less than two weeks before the meeting.

### **10. Special General Meeting**

A Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary at the written request of one-third of the Member Clubs. Club Secretaries shall be notified at least 2 weeks in advance, the reason for the special meeting being stated.

### **11. Subscriptions**

The Federation year shall be commenced on 1st January and subscriptions shall become due on that date.

The amount of subscriptions shall be decided by a majority vote at a Federation Committee meeting.

Additional levies may be authorised by a two-thirds majority of the votes represented at a Federation Meeting.

### **12. Registration**

A resigning member shall be liable for the subscriptions due up to 14 days after receipt of resignation by the Secretary.

### **13. Expulsion**

A member shall be expelled only by a majority of the Federation total voting strength.

#### **14. Liability to Members**

Any Member who resigns or is expelled shall have no claim on any funds or property of the Federation.

#### **15. Dissolution**

The Federation may be dissolved by a two thirds majority of votes represented at a special meeting called for the purpose by notice served on all Club Secretaries at least 6 weeks in advance. The dissolution shall take effect not less than 8 weeks after such meeting.

Following dissolution the Management Committee shall realise the property of the Federation and after discharge of all liabilities, divide any surplus rateably in proportion to the amounts paid in the previous 2 years between member Clubs.

The Member Club shall be responsible for any deficit in proportion to their voting rights.

#### **Rules**

The Federation Committee shall be empowered to formulate any rules or byelaws relating to land sailing or regulation of the sport as may be decided upon from time to time.

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