

Constitution of the Laser 4000 UK District Association

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1 Title

1.1 The full title of this district of The Laser 4000 Class Association shall be "The UK District of the Laser 4000 Class Association" (herein after known as the "UK District Association").

2 Objects

2.1 The object of the UK District Association is to uphold the objects of The Laser 4000 Class Association within the UK District.

3 Jurisdiction and Organisation

3.1 The UK District Association shall have the authority delegated to it by the World Council of The Laser 4000 Class Association over any matter of any nature affecting the Laser 4000 in the UK mainland and islands, subject to and in accordance with The Laser 4000 Class Constitution and Bye-Laws.

4 Committee

4.1 The affairs of the UK District Association shall be managed by a committee as prescribed by the Class Association.

4.2 The UK District Association may appoint such committees as may be deemed appropriate from time to time to carry out functions and duties as are prescribed by the UK District Association; and the Chairman shall be a member ex officio of any committees so established.

5 Conduct of Meetings

5.1 The committee shall hold an Annual General Meeting at such time as they may determine, but not later than fifteen months from the date of the last Annual General Meeting.

5.2 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the District Chairman or upon receipt by the District Secretary of a written request signed by at least twenty Full Members of the UK District Association, or upon direction of the World Council.

5.3 Notice of any General Meeting shall be sent to all members of the UK District Association not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting and such notice shall include:

5.4 an agenda for said meeting;

5.5 a notice of any special By-Law to amend this Constitution or to amend or enact any By-Laws;

5.6 a summary of the annual reports of the Chairman and the Treasurer; and

5.7 details of nominations, and election of officers.

5.8 A majority of Full Members present at a General Meeting voting in favour of a resolution will be sufficient. Matters shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by no fewer than three of the Full Members present. At any meeting the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

5.9 The committee may call for a postal vote of members on a specific issue and the matter shall be decided in the same way as if it were a vote at a General Meeting.

5.10 At any General Meeting, ten Full Members shall form a quorum.

5.11 Officers elected at an Annual General Meeting shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

5.12 The Officers shall all retire annually and, being eligible, may be nominated for re-election. Nominations for vacancies must be sent to the Secretary not less than twenty-one days before the Annual General Meeting. If there is more than one nomination for a vacancy, the election will be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting.

6 Personnel

6.1 The Chairman shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all activities of the UK District Association within the District, shall represent the District at any meetings of the Regional Association or World Council, shall chair all meetings of the UK District Association, and shall otherwise perform the normal functions of the senior officer in the District.

6.2 The Vice-Chairman shall act in the place of the Chairman in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act and in addition shall be the Sailing Secretary and be responsible for the development of Laser 4000 racing programmes of all kinds, the supervision of sanctioned events, and co-ordination with other Sailing Secretaries of all inter-District racing.

6.3 The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining all membership and other records and correspondence of the UK District Association, the preparation of the District Newsletter, if any, and shall otherwise carry out such responsibilities as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman.

6.4 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of fees to be levied for membership in accordance with paragraph 10 of this Constitution, the maintenance of all accounts and the preparation of the annual financial statements.

6.5 The District Measurer who meets the requirements of Class Measurement Rules By-Law 1, shall carry out the duties prescribed in Class Measurement Rules By-Law 1 and in accordance with instructions from the Chief Measurer.

6.6 District Measurers, with the approval of the District Chairman, may appoint assistant District Measurers from time to time, who meet the requirements of Class Measurement Rules By-Law 1, for the purpose of attending a sanctioned event designated as requiring the presence of the District Measurer. Such appointment shall be just for one specific event.

6.7 The UK District Association may appoint such additional officers to perform such duties or carry out such special projects as may from time to time be determined by the UK District Association and they shall hold office for such term as it may determine.

7 Fleet Charters

7.1 A fleet may be granted a Fleet Charter upon application to the UK District Association by three or more persons who are individual owners of Laser 4000 sailboats, or by direction of the UK District Committee within an area or sailing club deemed appropriate having regard to locality where regular racing activity is easily accessible to members of the Fleet.

7.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 7.1, a special Fleet may be granted a Charter in any locality for the purposes of accommodating specific members of the armed forces, an educational establishment, a junior programme or any other non-profit organisation.

7.3 A Fleet Captain, and any other such officers as the Fleet may deem necessary, shall be elected annually from the members in such a manner as is prescribed by the Fleet, and shall be responsible to the UK District Association for the organisation of the Fleet and the due compliance by the members of the Fleet with the provisions of the Class Association Constitution and By-Laws.

8 Membership - Types, Qualification and Voting Rights

8.1 Membership Types, Qualification and Voting rights are subject to the Constitution of the Class Association. All Membership Types shall be bound by the constitution of the Class Association and this Constitution.

9 Fees and Application

9.1 The annual fees of a member of the UK District Association shall be due for the twelve month accounting period ending on 31 December. The fees shall be due on the first day of that accounting period and shall be paid not later than two months after the due date.

9.2 Any person elected to membership of the UK District Association within three months prior to the commencement of the next accounting period shall not be liable to pay a further subscription until the commencement of the next but one accounting period.

10 Racing

10.1 No person shall race a Laser 4000 in any event after the last date for payment of the annual subscriptions unless they have been fully paid.

11 By-Laws

11.1 The UK District Association may make By-Laws for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the District Constitution. The creation and amendment of these will be controlled as if an amendment to the Constitution itself

12 Amendments

12.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be submitted by the UK District Association for the approval of the World Council, provided that at least two thirds of the UK District Association members present at a General Meeting have approved the proposed amendment.