

Guernsey Boatowners' Association LBG



GGUERNSEY BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

RULES - 1976 [Amended 2025] Founded 1923

1. TITLE

The Association shall be called and described as "The Guernsey Boat Owners Association".

2. OBJECTS

- (a) To foster and watch over the interests of both amateur and professional boat owners in all parts of the Island.
- (b) To encourage and maintain interest in all aspects of boating.
- (c) Wherever possible to provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with boating.
- (d) To monitor changes in local laws and regulations affecting boatowners and report such changes to the members. Additionally, to represent the interest of members at any meetings convened to discuss proposed changes.
- (e) To arrange lectures, discussions, navigation trips and other meetings which may be of interest to members.
- (f) To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be as decided from time to time by a General Meeting, payable in advance, except in the case of Honorary Life members elected by the Annual General Meeting.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Classes of member shall be Annual and Honorary Life.
- (b) Any boat owner, or person having an interest in boats, shall be eligible for membership, subject to the discretion of the Committee.
- (c) The subscriptions for Members shall become due at the Annual General Meeting, and if a member has not paid within 3 months, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, at the discretion of the Committee.

5. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- (a) The Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and members representing each bay or harbour to form a Committee, with power to co-opt special members.

- (b) All elections of Officers and Committee members shall be held at the Annual General Meeting, and in the event of more than one nomination for the same post, the election shall be by ballot.
- c) The President shall offer himself for election / reelection each year up to a maximum of ten (10) years.

6. CASTING VOTE

The Chairman of all meetings shall have a casting vote only.

7. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend in person. or by deputy. all meetings of the Committee and Association and to take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be entered in the Minute Book and presented for confirmation at the following meeting.

8. DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate books of account of the Associations financial affairs and for having these accounts audited annually prior to the Annual General Meeting. All monies shall be banked by the Treasurer, or other Committee Member as the Treasurer may appoint from time to time, and no disbursements shall be made therefrom except as authorised by the Committee or a General Meeting.

9. MANAGEMENT

The authority and responsibility for transacting the day to day business of the Association shall be vested in the Committee which, in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred on it by these rules, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Association is established.

10. MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the last quarter of each year, the Agenda to consist of the following:

- (a) Reports, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts, duly audited,
- (b) Election of Officers.
- (c) Election of Committee
- (d) Election of Honorary Auditor for the following year Accounts
- (e) Any other business

11. QUORUM

The Quorum for any General Meeting shall be ten. Five shall form the Quorum for all Committee Meetings; a Quorum of the Committee must contain at least two of either, the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

12. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The Committee and / or Members shall have the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting, and the Secretary, on receipt of a requisition, giving notification of the reason[s] for convening the meeting, signed by a quorum of the committee, or a group of not less than ten members, shall within fourteen days send to all members a notice convening an Extraordinary General Meeting. Only the business stated on the convening notice shall be dealt with at the said meeting.

13. ALTERATION OF RULES

Any alteration of or addition to the Rules must be carried by two-thirds of the members present at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting specially convened for that purpose.

14. RESIGNATION

Any member wishing to resign should give notice in writing to the Secretary. Having resigned an ex-member shall cease to have any claim upon the property of the Association or to enjoy any privileges of membership, but he shall remain liable for the payment of any debts due to the club. A member who ceases to be a member by failure to pay his annual subscription shall be bound by this rule.

15. USE OF ASSOCIATION NAME

The name of the Association shall not be given by a member in connection with his trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

16. MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS

(a) In the event of any member being charged with such conduct as, in the opinion of the Committee, is prejudicial to the interests of this Association, the member shall be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee. If after enquiry, the Committee by a majority of two-thirds find that the member charged has been guilty of such misconduct, he may be cautioned, suspended, required to resign his membership or expelled, and the decision of the Committee in the matter may be published in such manner as thought advisable.

(b) Any member so dealt with may appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting if he complies with Rule 12.

17. OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES

(a) Every person being or becoming a member agrees to be bound by the Rules of the Association and also by any modification thereof made in conformity with such rules, and by the terms of any Agreement entered into by the Association.

(b) In the event of any question arising as to the correct interpretation of these Rules, or in the event of a point arising which is not provided for in the Rules, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

- (c) Within the meaning of these rules he is to be interpreted as referring to either male or female persons as is appropriate.

18. COPIES OF RULES

Every member shall be provided with a copy of the rules

19. LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (a) In the event that any member, as a consequence of any boating activity, becomes involved in litigation, such member renders himself personally liable for all legal costs he may incur, and the Association will disclaim all liability thereof.
- (b) The Committee shall take out adequate insurance to cover the public liability of the Association. In the event of the Committee considering it necessary to incur any expense in employing an Advocate, taking legal advice or for any other action in the interest of members, such expense shall be defrayed from the Association Funds.

ADENDUM

- 1a The Chairperson of the GBA will run meetings according to the Agenda and Rules of the Association whether it is a general committee meeting or an AGM or EGM.
- 2b The duties of the GBA committee shall be to run the Association for the benefit of its members' enjoyment of their boats.
- 3c In the event that the GBA is wound up and ceases to exist, any assets from subscriptions or any other source of income, shall be distributed equally between Guernsey Air Search and specifically towards the operating costs of the St. Peter Port Lifeboat.

This is the express wish of the GBA Membership as voted for unanimously at the 2025 AGM and recorded in the minutes of the said meeting.

