

Gaidhealtachd Sailing

(Promoting Dinghy Sailing in the Highlands)

Constitution

The Objectives of Gaidhealtachd Sailing (referred to as "GS") will be:

To promote interest and participation in sailing in the Highland Council Area. (referred to as "the area") by maximising material and financial resources

To promote sailing as an equal opportunities sport, and available to all

To encourage the population of the area to take up sailing. This will be in co-operation with the local education authority and the Highlands and Western Isles Health Board. It will include school pupils and leavers, adults and people with disabilities.

To adopt a co-ordinated approach for the development of sailing clubs and organisations within the area and in relation to specific projects

To assess the available sailing resources in the area and ensure access can be gained at appropriate times

To promote and support regattas and open events in the area as considered desirable

To assist local sailing clubs, organisations and individuals in the area by arranging courses for personal performance improvement and in coach education

To provide a focal point for clubs and individuals to obtain information regarding sailing issues in the area.

To apply for, collect and hold in such bank accounts as may be opened by the committee funds to be used for the benefit of GS and its affiliated members as the committee may direct.

Affiliation

All clubs and organisations affiliated to RYA (and as such bound by their rules) directly involved with sailing in the area, will be affiliated to GS, unless they specifically ask not to be.

Each club and organisation which is a member of GS shall be entitled to one vote at an Annual General Meeting (an AGM), or any Extraordinary General Meeting (an EGM).

Office Bearers and members of GS

The office bearers of GS shall be:

- A Chairman
- A Vice Chairman
- A Secretary and
- A Treasurer (the Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person)
- A Communication Officer

They shall be elected at an AGM. Only one representative from each affiliated club can be elected to an office bearer post Normal term of office shall be 2 years, with re-election annually thereafter.

The members of GS shall be the office bearers and:-

- One representative member nominated by each club affiliated to GS
- One representative nominated by the Chairman of RYA Scotland
- One representative from Coaching Highland

The committee of GS shall comprise the office bearers and each of the above representatives.

Other representatives from external organisations may be invited to attend the meetings as required. These may include local Educational Authority representatives, Highland Council representatives, sportscotland representatives etc. Additional people may be co-opted from time to time to assist and advise the committee on general or specific matters. Representatives from commercial organisations or companies are welcome to attend meetings but not to hold office or vote.

At any meeting of GS in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall be Chairman for that particular meeting.

GS Management and Meetings

An AGM of GS will be held within two months of the end of the financial year of each year. At this meeting, the Secretary and Treasurer shall each submit the statements of the financial and other affairs of GS for the preceding year. The financial year of GS will end on 31st March each year. Correct and complete accounts and books will be kept by the Treasurer showing the financial affairs of GS and reported on by the treasurer at all meetings of GS.

A committee meeting, an AGM, or an EGM of GS shall be called by notice in writing by the Secretary to take place no more than 21 days after the meeting is called on such day and at such a time as he thinks fit during the year or within 14 days of receiving notice in writing from a Committee member requesting the calling of a meeting.

Changes to this constitution can only be made at an AGM, or EGM of GS. Proposed changes must be lodged more than 28 days prior to an AGM in writing with the Secretary who shall intimate the proposal to the members of GS when giving written notice of an AGM. Proposals must have as, proposer and a seconder, members of GS. Alterations to the constitution shall require a majority vote.

The Quorum for any meeting of GS will be 6 members, of which 2 shall be office bearers.

At all meetings of GS, the Chairman will have the casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote. No member will be allowed to vote by proxy, but votes in writing are acceptable.

The Committee will have full powers to use GS funds for whatever purposes that will benefit GS.

Bank Accounts and Funds

Any bank accounts of GS, which shall be managed by the Treasurer for the committee, shall be opened in name of the office bearers of GS in office at the date of such opening and their successors in office ex officio. Transactions on such accounts shall only be carried out under the signature of at least two of the office bearers holding office at the time of the transaction and in accordance with authorisation from the committee contained in a written minute of the relevant meeting of the committee at which the matter is decided.

Winding Up

GS may only be wound up following on a resolution, requiring the winding up of GS, being past by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting at an EGM of GS called by the Secretary, giving due notice to the members of such meeting of the purpose of the meeting, namely, to consider and vote on such a resolution. In the event of such a resolution being past then the office bearers shall forthwith wind up the affairs of GS. In the event that following on such winding up the accounts of GS prepared to the date of winding up show a credit balance, this shall be divided and distributed by the Treasurer, after authorisation by the committee, equally amongst the clubs and organisations affiliated to GS at the date of the EGM at which the vote winding up GS is past.