



DF Racing UK Class Association

CONSTITUTION

1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of the Association is the “DF RACING UK CLASS ASSOCIATION” hereafter referred to as “the Association”.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

2.1 To encourage, support and promote DF Dragon class yachts (hereafter referred to as DF Yacht/s) sailing and racing in the United Kingdom.

2.2 To ensure adherence to all class rules so as to maintain the ‘restricted’ concept of each class.

2.3 To promote membership of the Model Yachting Association (MYA).

3.0 ADDRESS

3.1 The Association will be a web based organisation and contact will be made through the website, by email or other electronic media.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership of the Association shall be granted to any DF yacht owner when their yacht is registered through the Association.

4.2 There shall be a single category of membership.

5.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS

5.1 Association membership shall be free of charge to DF yacht owners.

6.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of no more than seven elected persons. Each nominee for the Executive Committee shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member at or before a general meeting of the Association, which meeting shall normally be the Annual General Meeting. They shall retire annually but be eligible for re-nomination and re-election.

6.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of an elected Chair, Racing Officer, Secretary, Registrar/Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Promotion/Web Officer.

6.3 The Executive Committee shall appoint a National Representative to the DF International Class Association (DF ICA).

6.4 A quorum for any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three.

6.5 The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Constitution.

6.6 In the event of a member of the Executive Committee standing down or becoming unable to serve their full term, a quorum of the Executive Committee may co-opt another member of the Class Association to serve in the vacant position until the next AGM.

7.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during each calendar year by electronic communication or by other means communicated to Members via the website.

7.2 60 days' notice of such meeting shall be given on the Association website.

7.3 The Association Committee shall receive all items for inclusion on the agenda for the meeting 30 days prior to the date nominated for the meeting to commence.

7.4 The agenda shall be published on the Association website 14 days before the meeting.

8.0 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

8.1 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or by the Chair at the written request of 6 members.

8.2 Should such a written request for a Special General Meeting be received, the meeting shall be arranged within 60 days of receipt.

8.3 30 days' notice of such meeting shall be given on the Association website. The agenda for the meeting shall be included with the notice of meeting.

9.0 QUORUM

9.1 The quorum for an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be six members.

10.0 CHAIR

10.1 At all meetings of the Association, the Chair shall take the chair.

10.2 In the event of the absence of the Chair, the meeting shall elect a Chair from the Executive Committee.

11.0 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

11.1 Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall appear on the Agenda of the General Meeting at which it is voted on (see 12.6).

12.0 VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

12.1 Only Members of the Association who are in good standing and who are owners of a DF yacht shall be able to vote on any matters of the Association.

12.2 Eligible voters may vote by electronic means set out in the notice of a General Meeting, or as otherwise directed.

12.3 Proxy votes shall be accepted, confirmed by the eligible voter to be received by the Association Committee.

12.4 Votes shall only be accepted if received by the Association Committee by the closing date and time of the Meeting.

12.5 Except for items shown in 12.6 amendments, motions and elections shall be decided by a simple majority. The Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote only.

12.6 Amendments to the Constitution, ratification of expulsion from the Association and matters regarding the dissolution of the Association shall only be passed when at least two thirds of those voting are in favour of the motion.

13.0 FINANCE

13.1 There are no association entry fees or subscriptions; however a race levy may be implemented to assist with expenses such as website, registration and publicity costs. Such income and expenditure detail will be reported to the AGM.

14.0 EXPULSION

14.1 Any member who, after due warning has been given by the Executive Committee in writing or by email, persistently behaves in a manner that brings the Association into disrepute, may, by a unanimous decision of the full Executive Committee, be called upon to resign from the Association and in the event of refusal to resign, shall be expelled.

14.2 In the event of expulsion of the member the member may appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee to a Special General meeting. Such appeal must be received by the Membership Secretary not later than 14 days after the date of the notice requesting the expulsion of the member concerned.

14.3 Any decision by the Executive Committee to expel a member shall be ratified at the next General Meeting of the Association.

15.0 LEGAL STATUS

15.1 The law applicable to this constitution shall be the law of England and Wales.

15.2 The Chair of the Association or their nominee shall execute all legal documents on behalf of the Association.

16.0 DATA PROTECTION

16.1 The Association shall publish its Data Protection Policy on the Association website.

17.0 INDEMNITY

17.1 No member of the Executive Committee or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Association in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto.

18.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND BINDING AGREEMENTS

18.1 In any unresolved dispute the Executive Committee shall consult with the parties in an attempt to resolve the matter by reaching consensus.

19.0 DISSOLUTION

19.1 The Association may be dissolved only at a General Meeting called for that purpose.

19.2 In the event of dissolution, the property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives.

19.3 Upon its dissolution, any property or assets of the Association remaining after the satisfaction of all its liabilities shall be given or transferred to the International DF Racing Association or some other body to be decided at the meeting.

20 ASSOCIATION EVENTS

20.1 The Executive Committee shall be responsible via the Racing Officer for organising a National Championship for each DF Yacht Class.

20.2 The Executive Committee shall be responsible via the Racing Officer for nominating a number of events (minimum 3) in each calendar year to form a Traveller Series.

20.3 The Executive Committee shall determine the rules that shall apply to these Association Events.

20.4 All competitors at the UK National Championships shall be members of the UK DF Racing UK Association and the MYA, or in the case of overseas entrants, their own national body.

20.5 Any club or group of Members may apply to have an event nominated as an Association Event.

21 CLASS RULES

21.1 Members' requests for consideration of changes to the Class Rules may be made only to the Executive Committee in the UK. These will be passed on to the DF Yacht Rules Committee by the National Representative for consideration. Class rules will be the latest available from the Rules Committee published on the Association website.

V1.2 by KC Draft.

V1.3 by WS – 2020 AGM Changes.

V1.4 by JPL/JH 2022 Constitution Changes.

V1.4.1 by JPL 2023 Constitution Changes.

V1.4.2 by JPL 2024 Constitution Update.