

# CATAMARAN CRUISING ASSOCIATION

## RULES 2016

### 1. NAME AND CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a. The Association shall be called The Catamaran Cruising Association and its objectives shall be to promote and encourage participation in sailing and maintaining Cruising Catamarans and such other sailing catamarans as the committee consider synonymous with the association, through the Association Website containing information, articles, accounts and advertisements likely to be of interest to members; to encourage and popularise seamanship in every way.
- b. The Association shall be a non-profit making organisation. Any profits made from Association activities may only be used to maintain or improve the related facilities or for non-profit making purposes e.g. a charitable body. In the event of a winding up or dissolution of The Association such profits or surpluses shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 10.
- c. The Association shall consist of a Commodore, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, A Management Committee, Such Regional Sections as the committee may from time to time determine as viable and Members.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP (There shall be three classes of membership)

- a. Fellows
  - i. Any fully paid up member as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016, shall be considered a "Fellow".
  - ii. Only "Fellows" shall have rights to, or any claims upon, The Association, its property or funds.
  - iii. "Fellows" are entitled to attend and vote at Annual or Special General Meetings
  - iv. Only "Fellows" may hold the offices of Commodore, Secretary, Chairman or Committee Member.
  - v. "Fellows" may participate in website activities.
- b. Associate Members
  - i. Persons applying to join the Association through the Website shall be granted "Associate" Membership status.
  - ii. "Associate" Members shall have no rights to, or claim upon, The Association, its property or funds.
  - iii. "Associate" Members are entitled to attend General Meetings, but may not vote.
  - iv. "Associate" Members may participate in website activities
  - v. "Associate" Members may apply to the Management Committee for "Fellow" Membership, which will be granted provided the applicant meets such conditions that the Management Committee may from time to time set.
- c. Honorary Members
  - i. The Management Committee is empowered, at its discretion, to grant "Honorary" Membership to certain persons. These persons may become "Honorary" Members by name or ex-officio "Honorary" Members on account of exceptional experience or positions they hold or have held in this or any other Association.
  - ii. Honorary" Members shall have no rights to, or claim upon, The Association, its assets or funds.
  - iii. "Honorary" Members are entitled to attend but not vote at General Meetings.
  - iv. "Honorary" Members may participate in website activities.

### 3. ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- a. Control of The Association shall be vested in a committee to be called the “Management Committee”, consisting of the Officers (Secretary, Treasurer & Commodore), and up to ten elected members plus one member from each of the Regional Sections.
- b. There shall be a quorum at committee meetings when four “Fellows” are present.
- c. The Commodore shall act as chairman at committee meetings and any Annual or Special General Meetings.
- d. Each year the Management Committee shall nominate a “Fellow” to take on the post of Commodore for the ensuing year, whose name shall be circulated to all members in the Notice of The Annual General Meeting. Any “Fellow” wishing to propose an alternative candidate for Commodore may do so at The Annual General Meeting, provided that the name of such candidate, together with the name of the proposer, the seconder and six other supporting “Fellows” has been notified in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.
- e. All the Management Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election at that Meeting, along with any other nominations or delegates from Regional Sections.
- f. Any two “Fellows” of The Association may nominate a “Fellow” to serve on the committee provided the candidate has consented and the nomination has been sent in writing to The Honorary Secretary so as to reach him not less than fourteen days before The Annual General Meeting.
- g. Should the position of any of the officers or committee member become vacant during the year the “Management Committee” may appoint a Fellow to fill the position until the next Annual General Meeting.
- h. The Association shall set up regional sections that shall continue to further the aims and objectives of the association at a local level, organising local events and recruiting members to the Association.
- i. Each Regional Section shall be responsible for the nomination of a delegate to the Management Committee.

### 4. HONORARY SECRETARY, HONORARY TREASURER & COMMODORE

- a. The Commodore, The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected each year by The Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election thereafter.
- b. Each of the Officers shall serve for a term of one year. The Term shall commence from the conclusion of The Annual General Meeting at which the election has taken place and end following the election of a successor.
- c. The Management Committee has the power to authorise the payment of expenses incurred by the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and the discretion to grant an honorarium to either officer.
- d. The Management Committee may appoint a “Fellow” to fill any office in the event of a vacancy arising, such appointment to continue until the next Annual General Meeting.

### 5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a. Meetings of the Management Committee shall be held as and when The Commodore and the Honorary Secretary deem necessary after due consideration as to the availability of other members of the Management committee, provided that there shall not be less than one such meeting in any calendar year and that all executive actions taken by the officers are submitted to the committee for endorsement.

- b. The Management Committee shall be empowered to determine any Membership Entrance fees and to set the level of subscriptions; any increase of either shall become effective as at the 1st January in any year.
- c. The Management Committee may only consider matters previously circulated on an agenda two days prior to a meeting.
- d. The "Management Committee" shall from time to time set conditions for membership and consider and if appropriate grant applications as "Fellows"
- e. The "Management Committee" may, at its discretion remove any member who is found to act in any manner that is thought by the Committee likely to bring the Association into disrepute. Such membership may only be restored following a decision by the Management Committee to do so.
- f. The Management Committee shall submit a report of the year's activities together with a statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

## 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. There shall be an Annual General Meeting in every calendar year for the appointment of Officers and other general business.
- b. The date of the Annual General Meeting shall be communicated to all classes membership on the Association website and through e-mail at least one calendar months before such date.
- c. All resolutions shall be carried or otherwise by a bare majority. The chairman shall have and only use a casting vote in the event of a tie and in that event shall cast it in favor of "Status Quo".
- d. In the absence of the Commodore a Chairman for the meeting shall be elected from members of The Management Committee present.
- e. There shall be a quorum when four "Fellows" are present.
- f. An Annual General Meeting may only formally consider matters previously circulated on an agenda.

## 7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting on giving fourteen days notice to the members, such notice specifying in the form of a resolution, or resolutions the subject or subjects to be discussed, and the discussions and voting shall be strictly confined to such resolutions or resolution amendments.
- b. The Management Committee shall also call a Special General Meeting on the written requisition of any ten "Fellow or Honorary" Members under restrictions similar to those set out in 7(a).
- c. The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be four "Fellow or Honorary" Members.
- d. "Associate" and "Honorary" Members and may attend any Special General Meeting, but may not vote.
- e. No alteration or addition shall be made to any Rule of The Association except at a Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.
- f. The Commodore shall preside at the meeting. If The Commodore is not present the meeting may appoint another "Fellow" as Chairman.
- g. A Special General Meeting may only consider matters previously circulated on an agenda circulated fourteen days prior to the meeting.
- h. The Chairman of the meeting shall in the event of a tie have a casting vote and in that event shall cast it in favor of "Status Quo".

## 8. ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

- a. The Association website [WWW.catamarancruising.org](http://WWW.catamarancruising.org) shall be main locale for Association news, discussions and organisation of events.
- b. All Association Members are eligible to apply for a username to access the website and participate in website activities.
- c. On completion of the on line application form and approval by the Honorary Secretary or an appointed delegate, new members may be granted access to the website as “Associate Members” and may immediately participate in website activities.

## 9. THE ASSOCIATION BURGEE

- a. The Association Burgee shall be of triangular shape depicting a red Cat riding the waves.

## 10. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a. If, at any General Meeting, a resolution for the dissolution of The Association shall be passed by the requisite majority as specified in these rules, The Management Committee shall thereupon at the date specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of The Association and after discharge of all liabilities divide the same equally between all current paid up “Fellows” and upon completion of such division The Association shall be dissolved.