



Supernova Class Association

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The full title of the Association shall be the Supernova Class Association.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are to promote and further the interests of the Supernova Class and to represent the interests of owners of Supernova dinghies as follows:

- (a) to keep members informed of developments concerning the Supernova Class and any proposals to change, or changes to, the Supernova Class Rules,
- (b) to organise the Open National Championships and to co-ordinate the programme for other races for the Supernova Class in the United Kingdom,
- (c) to encourage National and International competition in the United Kingdom for the class and support any international competitions,
- (d) to promulgate information on technical development within the Supernova Class,
- (e) to keep an Association Register of current Members (and past members to the extent it is possible and reasonable to retain such records),
- (f) to maintain an Association website to facilitate the sharing of information regarding the Supernova Class with members of the Association and non-members of the Association,
- (g) to issue and maintain the Supernova Class Rules to preserve the one design nature of the Class.

3. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Throughout these rules the following defined terms will be used:

- (a) "Adult member" relates to an individual who does not meet the Youth or Family member definition.
- (b) "The Association" shall mean the Supernova Class Association.
- (c) "The Association Register of Members" shall mean the register of members of the Association, with their addresses, name and number of boat (if applicable).
- (d) "The Builder" shall mean Hartley Boats Limited, or such other entity that is appropriately licensed to construct a Supernova. The Builder shall maintain a record of the Builder's Numbers.
- (e) "The Builder's Number" shall mean the unique number inscribed on the hull of the Supernova by the Builder at the point of original construction.
- (f) "General Meeting of the Association" shall mean an in-person and/or online meeting instituted by the Committee for all members of the Association. The meeting may involve online communication and voting where relevant, including in advance.
- (g) "The Class Secretary" shall mean the duly elected Honorary Secretary or the duly appointed Secretary as the case may be, of the Association.



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- (h) "The Committee" shall mean the Committee of the Association, consisting of duly elected committee members.
- (i) "The Designer" shall mean Mark Giles, his heirs or appointees or Supernova dinghy copyright holders.
- (j) "Family membership" shall cover all owners and joint owners of a registered Supernova who are living at the same address. Where additional owners or joint owners (above the main named member in the family membership) do not meet the Youth definition, any additional owners must be in a cohabiting relationship (i.e. partner/spouse) with the main member or be in full time education. There is no limit to the number of owners that can be included in the family membership.
- (k) "Life Membership" shall be awarded to any person who has deemed to have made an exceptional contribution to the Association and will be proposed by a Full or existing Life member and seconded by at least one member of the Committee and is elected by members of the Association at any General Meeting of the Association.
- (l) "Owner" and "Joint Owner" shall mean any person or persons, entity or association being known to the Association as owner or joint owner of a Supernova.
- (m) "The Registered Number" shall mean the sail number allocated to the boat by the Builder.
- (n) "The Supernova Class Rules" shall mean the rules governing the Association and the Supernova Class. This includes rules relating to measurement, construction and racing conditions of the Supernova Class and governing the building of each Supernova and its rating as a recognised boat within the Supernova Class for Supernova Class racing purposes.
- (o) "Supernova Class" shall mean the class of sailing dinghy designed by Mark Giles and made in accordance with his drawings and specifications (as amended between the Builder and the Designer) and known under the name Supernova.
- (p) "In Writing" shall mean correspondence sent or received by letter, e-mail or other appropriate method.
- (q) "Youth membership" relates to an individual who was under the age of 21 on the 1st January of the calendar year to which the membership relates.

4. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- (a) The following types of membership shall be recognised as members of the Association:
 - (i) Full Membership. (Three types: Adult, Family and Youth)
 - (ii) Life Membership.
- (b) Full Membership shall, upon payment of the prescribed annual subscription be open to:
 - (i) any Owner of a registered Supernova, or,
 - (ii) in the case of Joint Owners, to any one of them, or,
 - (iii) in the case of a Supernova owned by a corporation, entity or association, to a nominated representative of that organisation who shall be entitled to one vote.
 - (iv) any individuals interested in the Supernova Class



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- (c) Life Membership does not require payment of an annual subscription but otherwise has the same rights as a full member. Hereinafter, any reference to Full member includes Life membership.
- (d) Members of the Association acting as helm whilst entering a Supernova dinghy in any race organised or facilitated by the Association, or some other form of official race e.g., local club racing, shall be bound by the Supernova Class Rules during the racing event.
- (e) Members of the Association acting as helm of a Supernova dinghy shall comply with the conduct element of the Supernova Class Rules at all times whilst sailing.
- (f) By becoming a member of the Association, the member is providing their consent for the Association to hold relevant personal data for the purposes of the General Data Protection Requirements.
- (g) Each member of the Association (a family membership counts as one member) shall be entitled to one vote at a General Meeting of the Association.
- (h) Every member shall furnish the Secretary and/or Treasurer with up-to-date postal and e-mail addresses which shall be recorded in the register of members of the Association and any notice sent to such an address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.
- (i) Every member shall furnish the Secretary with up-to-date boat ownership information (Registered Number/Sail Number and Boat Name if any) which shall be recorded in the Association Register of Boats.
- (j) For some events, the Association may provide prizes or awards based on members' age. Age categories are determined by the Committee, and a member of the Association's age will be deemed to be fixed for each calendar year based on their age on 1st January in that year.
- (k) **CONDUCT OF MEMBERS.** Every member, upon joining and thereafter, is deemed to have received notice of, and impliedly undertaken to comply with, the Association Constitution and Supernova Class Rules. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Association shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee.

In such circumstance, the Committee shall call upon such member for a written explanation of the member's conduct and shall give the member full opportunity of making explanation to the Committee, or of resigning.

A Resolution to expel a member shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Committee present and voting on the Resolution.

5. MANAGEMENT

- (a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of not less than four and not more than ten Full Members of the Association, elected annually at a General Meeting of the Association. The desired number of Committee members shall be set by the Chair of the Association from time to time.

The Committee shall the power to co-opt any person to assist it, whether a Full Member of the Association or not, but such persons shall have no vote in Committee.



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- (c) The Committee need not fill a vacancy arising in the Committee unless the total number of Committee members has dropped below the minimum of four. Vacancies must be filled such that the Committee retains a minimum of 4 members.
- (d) A General Meeting of the Association will be held at least annually. At the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the voting members shall:
 - (i) Elect one of its Members to act as Chair of the Association for the following year.
 - (ii) Elect an Honorary Secretary or appoint a Secretary, who shall keep correct minutes and records of all Committee and General Meetings, together with the Association Register of Members, and shall be responsible for communicating relevant decisions of the Committee to members of the Association.
 - (iii) Elect an Honorary Treasurer, who shall control the funds of the Association: make such disbursements at the Committee shall direct: present an annual financial statement at each Annual General Meeting. The Secretary or Honorary Secretary may act as Treasurer.
 - (iv) Appoint an Auditor who shall certify the annual financial statement.

Nominations, duly proposed by voting members, for these officers must be made to the Secretary in accordance with the guidance circulated by the Secretary in advance. This condition does not apply for members who already hold these positions of office at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

- (e) At meetings of the Committee, one-third or three (whichever is the greater) of the elected Committee shall form a quorum.

6. POWER OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) Subject to the provision of this Constitution and the objectives of the Association, as expressed in Rule 2, the Committee shall be empowered to perform all the functions of management and administration of the Association.
- (b) The making of payments (and receipt of monies in the form of cash) shall be validly evidenced by the signature of the Treasurer or their deputy (as appointed by the Committee) and payments of monies exceeding the sum of 5 times the annual Full Membership fee shall require the signature of the Chair and, Secretary or Treasurer. The making of payments via electronic payment methods does not require physical signature by any Committee members, but the Treasurer will maintain a record of the payments for audit purposes.
- (c) No member shall enter into any financial commitment on the part of the Association without the express agreement of the Committee.
- (d) The Committee may deny membership to, or remove membership from, any persons or organisation it deems as having objectives contrary to the Association's objectives or whose behaviour is, or may be, detrimental to the Supernova Class.
- (e) In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by members of the Association, members of the Committee are indemnified by the members of the Association against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Association wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Association.



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The limit of any individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate of that category of membership (excluding any late payment charges), plus any member's share of the Association assets, unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Association.

7. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually in any place judged by the Committee to be the most convenient to the majority of members or the Association. The precise date, time and place to be at the Committee's discretion.
- (b) An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called by either: the Chair or Class Secretary as required by the Committee; or upon receipt (by the Class Secretary) of a written request signed by not fewer than fifteen full members of the Association.
- (c) At least four weeks' notice shall be given to members of any General Meeting – notice includes posting on the Association's electronic forum(s), including via email.
- (d) At any General Meeting or Committee Meeting, decisions shall be limited to matters on the agenda and shall be carried by a majority vote. The Chair shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie. The Class Secretary shall be responsible for circulating to all members the result of any voting.
- (e) The quorum at any General Meeting of the Association, shall be a minimum of fifteen Full Memberships.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REGISTRATION FEES

- (a) Subscriptions payable for all classes of membership of the Association shall be payable annually (their amount shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting) and shall become due on 1st January of the following year. A member joining the Association, for the first time, after 1st September and whose subscription has been paid for that year, shall be entitled to a free membership for the following calendar year.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the Association in a General Meeting, the annual subscription levels shall be the same as the subscription set for the previous year.
- (c) Any member whose subscription has not been paid within three months of the date due may have their name removed from the list of members of the Association by the Committee. A member's name may be restored to the Association Register at the discretion of the Committee, on payment of the subscription due.
- (d) No member whose annual payment is in arrears may enter any event run or facilitated by the Association, or to vote any Association meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS

- (a) The Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept, giving particulars of:
 - (i) All monies, Assets and Liabilities of the Association.
 - (ii) All monies received and expended by the Association and the reasons for such receipts and expenditure.



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- (iii) All sales and purchases by the Association.
- (b) The Committee shall cause the annual financial statement to be prepared and presented at every Annual General meeting of the Association.
- (c) A copy of the annual financial statement, duly audited, prepared for presentation at a General Meeting shall. not less than fourteen days prior to such General meeting be made available on request to every member.

10. PROTECTION OF “ONE-DESIGN” OF THE CLASS

- (a) The Association shall assist the Builder to maintain the one-design character of the class dinghy and report to the Designer and Builder any matter which may appear to violate or threaten the spirit of the Supernova Class Rules.
- (b) The Association may inspect all Supernovas competing in Championship events or Supernova Class events to ensure the Supernova complies with the Supernova Class Rules at the time of the event.

11. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (a) This Constitution can only be amended at an Annual General or Extraordinary General Meeting and requires:
 - (i) A proposal from the Committee, and
 - (ii) Agreement of the Builder (who will liaise with the Designer as appropriate), and
 - (iii) A majority agreement of the full members who are present at the Annual General or Extraordinary General Meeting.

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