

1. Title:

- a. The name of the Club shall be the **Classic Offshore Powerboat Club (COPC)** (hereinafter referred to in as the Club).
- b. The Club was founded in July 2006 to **'save the past for the future'**, to celebrate and record Britain's proud heritage of offshore powerboats during the 20th century.

2. The Objects of the Club are:

- a. To compile a database of historic offshore race-boats, their sister ships and other relevant powered craft, with their current status, locations and owners.
- b. To save photographic, film and written records of the sport.
- c. To ensure the survival of the boats.
- d. To support the boat owners to preserve the original character and to encourage authentic restoration.
- e. To assist in obtaining new owners for the boats if under threat.
- f. To take part in races, rallies and other events suitable for such craft.
- g. To study the design and construction of the boats.
- h. To share and exchange memories, skills and knowledge.
- i. To celebrate, inform and educate members and the public of the club's objectives and activities.

3. Membership:

- a. Membership of the Club is open to any person completing a membership application form and paying the subscription as determined by the Club members in general meeting, subject to the overall discretion of the committee to decline to accept a person as a member.
- b. There shall be three classes of membership:
Full
Honorary (who shall not pay any subscription)
Social (who shall be family or friend nominated by a full or honorary member, who shall not vote nor pay any subscription)
- c. Every member shall provide the Club with an up-to-date postal address and, where available, an email address.
- d. Communication will be by email unless specifically requested otherwise.
- e. Any notice sent to either address will be deemed to have been delivered.
- f. Membership of the Club and acceptance of these rules by the member will be deemed to constitute

- consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Acts.
- g. Membership subscriptions are due for renewal on the anniversary of joining the Club. Membership will lapse if subscriptions are unpaid after ten weeks following the member's renewal date.
- h. Full and honorary members shall be entitled to vote.

4. Officers:

- a. The executive officers of the Club shall be the Commodore, the Vice Commodore, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.
- b. An individual may hold more than one role concurrently.
- c. Non executive officers of the Club shall be Patrons, President and up to three Vice Presidents all of whom shall be created honorary members.

5. Election of Officers:

- a. All executive and non executive officers shall be elected at the AGM of the Club from, and by, the full and honorary members of the Club.
- b. All officers are elected for one year but may submit themselves to be re-elected to the same office, or elected to a different office, the following year.

6. Committee:

- a. The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a committee comprising of the executive officers and five other members elected from, and by, the full and honorary members of the Club at the AGM.
- b. All committee members are elected for one year but may submit themselves to be re-elected the following year.
- c. The committee shall meet not less than twice each year.

7. Duties of the Committee:

- a. To administer the affairs of the Club on behalf of the members.
- b. To prepare a budget and keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer.
- c. To co-opt members to the committee as the committee considers desirable.
- d. To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. The Commodore shall have a deciding vote and co-opted members shall not have a vote in committee.
- e. To make such rules as it shall from time to time

think fit and until approved or set aside by a vote of a general meeting of the Club.

8. Financial:

- a. The Club shall maintain a bank current account, and may maintain a savings account. The mandate for the accounts shall be the Treasurer alone.
- b. The accounts of the club shall be prepared annually and shall be presented at the AGM by the Treasurer.
- c. The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December.
- d. An auditor shall be appointed by the committee to conduct an annual review of the records and annual accounts.
- e. Any member of the Club may inspect the accounting records of the Club at any time on reasonable written notice to the Treasurer and the Commodore.

9. General Meetings:

- a. The AGM of the Club shall be held within fifteen months of the previous AGM.
- b. The date, time and place of the AGM, and agenda for the AGM, shall be circulated to members at least 21 days before the meeting.
- c. Members must advise the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the meeting of matters they wish to raise at the AGM.
- d. The business of the AGM shall be to confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and any General Meetings held since the last AGM, to receive the audited accounts from the Treasurer, to receive the annual report from the Secretary, to elect the officers and the committee members, to fix the annual subscription for the following Club year and to transact such other business, notice of which the Secretary has received in writing in due time.
- e. Special General Meetings may be convened by the committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than five full or honorary members of the Club. At least 21 days notice of such a meeting must be given.
- f. Nominations for election of officers and committee members may be given at the AGM to be proposed by a full or honorary member and seconded by another full or honorary member.
- g. At every meeting of the Club the Commodore or, in his absence, a chairman elected by those present shall preside.
- h. Decisions shall be by majority vote of full or

honorary members attending.

- i. For the avoidance of doubt, social members may attend and speak at general meetings (subject to the absolute discretion of the Chairman to refuse admittance to any person who is not a full member), but only full or honorary members may vote, one vote per full or honorary member.
- j. Voting shall be by show of hands.
- k. For the avoidance of doubt, the Club in general meeting shall have the power forthwith to expel an officer or member. There shall be no rebate of membership fee in the event of expulsion.
- l. The quorum for a General Meeting is twelve full or honorary members including executive officers and committee members.

10 Alterations to the Constitution:

- a. Any proposed alterations to the Club constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting convened with written notice of the proposal.
- b. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a full or honorary member and seconded by another full or honorary member and be carried by not less than two-thirds of the full or honorary members present and voting.

11 Dissolution:

- a. If at any general meeting of the Club a resolution is passed calling for the dissolution of the Club the Secretary shall immediately convene a special general meeting of the Club to be held not more than 28 days thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- b. If at that meeting the resolution is carried by at least two thirds of the full or honorary members present the committee shall proceed within a reasonable time to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.
- c. Any surplus shall be distributed to another organisation with similar aims or to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

12 Effective from:

This constitution was adopted at the general meeting of 20th April 2013, with immediate effect.

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Commodore
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Honorary Secretary