

BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION TEIGNMOUTH

CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The Association shall be called the Boat Owners Association Teignmouth or B.O.A.T.
2. Objectives: the reasons for which the association has originally been formed are:
 - a. To protect and further the interest of B.O.A.T., it's HQ (both internally and externally) along with mooring holders in the Teignmouth estuary.
 - b. To encourage members to take an active part in preserving the environment of the Teignmouth estuary.
 - c. To tidy up the moorings and prevent damage to craft
 - d. To maintain a Boat Watch scheme in conjunction with Teignmouth police.
3. Membership. All persons who have an interest in boating in the Teignmouth estuary, shall be eligible for membership. All full members should be 18 years of age or over. Types of membership subject to Constitution rules, are as follows:
 - a. Full Individual Membership
 - b. Dual Membership (spouses and civil partners only – both members will have voting rights)
 - c. Joint Membership (spouses and partners only, the first name being the full member with voting rights)
4. Committee. The affairs of the association shall be managed by a committee which shall consist of:
 - a. Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer
 - b. Up to six elected Committee Members
5. Election of Committee and Tenure of Office.
 - a. Members of the committee as listed in Rule 4 shall be proposed and seconded to be elected at an Annual General Meeting to serve in place of retiring members.
 - b. The officers and committee so elected shall serve for a period of one year and shall then retire, but may offer to be re-elected.
 - c. In the event of a vacancy arising, the committee shall have the power to co-opt temporary members who will serve until the next Annual General Meeting. Members appointed in this way will be eligible for re-election.
6. Minutes. All committee proceedings shall duly be recorded and subject to their being accepted at the next committee meeting. These shall be certified as such by the chairperson. Such decisions shall constitute adequate authority to the committee, jointly and severally, to act on behalf of the association.
7. Subscriptions. The annual subscription, payable in advance, shall fall due on the first day of June in every year. This shall be the sum as the committee may be from time to time decided. If subscription of any member remains unpaid by the succeeding 28 days, the membership shall be deemed as lapsed.
8. Bank Account. The committee shall have the power to open a bank account, draw cheques on such an account which are to be signed by two of the following; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

9. New Members. All applications for membership shall be made in writing. Acceptance will be at the discretion of the committee.
10. Compliance with the Constitution. All members, by joining the association, agree to comply and abide by the constitution.
11. Expulsion. The committee shall have the power to expel any member who offends against the constitution, or if their behaviour brings the Association into disrepute. Before any member is expelled from the association the secretary shall give the said member seven (7) days notice to attend a meeting of the committee, informing the said member of the nature of the complaint. No member shall be expelled without the opportunity to answer any said complaints against them. At least two thirds of the committee must vote in favour of any expulsion. If after fourteen (14) days the said member has failed to respond then it will be deemed that they have accepted expulsion from the Association.
12. Alteration of the Constitution. The committee shall have the power to change the constitution of the Association, but no such alteration shall take permanent affect until the same shall be confirmed at the AGM or a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose.
13. Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in July of each year to transact the following business:
 - a. To receive and, if approved, adopt a statement of the Association's accounts to the end of the financial year.
 - b. To consider and, if approved, the sanction of any duly made alteration to rule etc of the Association.
 - c. To appoint officers and other members of the Committee.
 - d. The accounts to be independently audited.
 - e. To deal with any special matters as decided by the Committee.
 - f. Only full members of the Association are permitted to vote on Association business. The AGM will be advertised within the HQ, three (3) weeks before the Annual General Meeting, giving times, dates and location along with a list of nominations for officers and committee members, duly seconded and with candidates consent. The list will be removed on the day of the AGM.
14. Special General Meeting. Special General Meetings may be convened at any time by the Committee. The object of the meeting shall be clearly stated within a notice posted at HQ convening the meeting. Discussion shall be confined to the subject / object.
15. Chair at the Meetings. At all meetings the Chairperson will normally preside. In their absence, the Vice Chairperson shall act as Chair, in this absence a temporary Chairperson shall be elected by those present. The Chairperson or acting Chairperson will have the casting vote in the event of equality of any vote.
16. Quorum. At committee meetings (except for the purpose of rule 10) five shall form a quorum.
17. Disbanding. In the event of the Association disbanding all available surplus funds will be donated to the R.N.L.I.

Revised and updated May 2015

Ratified by : - Chairman Date.....

Witnessed by :-..... Secretary Date