

BARBADOS J24 CLUB (Sept 2007) CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

1.1 The club shall be called The Barbados J 24 Club Hereinafter called the Club.

2. OBJECTS

2.1 The objects of the Club shall be to encourage and facilitate racing for J 24 boats in Barbados.

3. AFFILIATIONS

3.1 The Club shall be affiliated to the Barbados Sailing Association, and is a Non – Profit Organization.

4. RULES

4.1 The activities of the Club, its Officers and members shall be governed by:-

a) The Barbados J 24 Club class Rules b) The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Yacht Racing Rules

c) The Rules and Regulations of the Barbados Sailing Association

d) This Constitution

e) Any resolutions passed at a General Meeting or Committee Meeting of the Club.

4.2 Only J 24 boats/yachts meeting J24 International class standards shall be sailed.

4.3 When using the rescue boat members shall wear a buoyancy aid at all times when on the water.

4.4 All members shall pay due regard to the wildlife on and around the water.

4.5 Members shall not leave litter of any kind after use of the water.

4.6 Members, their guests or visitors using the facilities provided by the Club shall do so entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors.

5. MEMBERSHIP-VOTING RIGHTS

5.1 A Member = Any J 24 Boat and ONE representative of its owners. Each boat shall represent ONE vote for any decisions to be made.

6. OFFICERS

6.1 The officers of the Club shall be:- The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two other committee members.

6.2 Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

6.3 Officers shall comply with the rules of the Club and comply with their duties.

6.4 The committee can appoint a temporary committee member to be in position on the committee until the next AGM. The Committee will send out an advisory to all members of the appointment.

7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

7.1 The President. To preside over all Annual General Meetings, General Meetings and Committee Meetings and ensure that the officers deal with such matters that fall within their remit. To ensure that when no rules exist the officers act in the best interest of the Club.

7.2 Secretary. To call all Meetings taking due account of the Notice required and keep the minutes thereof. To hold other records of the Club. To deal with all correspondence and bring matters to the attention of the Committee when necessary.

7.3 Treasurer/Membership Secretary. To receive and account for all monies due to the Club. To make any payments necessary to defray the costs of running the Club. To maintain proper accounts of all such receipts and payments. To ensure the accounts are produced for inspection at the Annual General Meeting. To maintain accurate Membership records.

8. GOVERNMENT

8.1 The government of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the officers and two other members.

8.2 The Committee shall be responsible to the Club for the conduct of its affairs and shall make such arrangements as may be necessary to exercise its duties.

8.3 The Committee may co-opt any persons for a meeting or meetings or to assist any of the officers in their work.

8.4 The Committee shall meet at regular intervals.

8.5 The quorum for any Committee Meeting shall be five Committee Members, at the first call, and three members at the next meeting.

8.6 Each officer and other committee member may exercise one vote but the President may exercise a casting vote only. All motions shall be decided by simple majority of those present.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Annual subscriptions shall be paid in advance and become due on September 1 in each year or on joining the club.

9.2 Members joining 6 months into the year shall pay half the appropriate subscription.

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9.4 No member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of Club membership whilst his/her subscription remains unpaid.

9.5 All monies raised by the Club shall be deemed to be the property of the Club and deposited in a bank or building society in the name of the Club. Withdrawals shall be made with the signed authority of not less than 2, signatories.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS

10.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held in September or within the following 30 days, every year.

10.2 Nominations for officers and other committee members shall be made in writing at least two weeks before the date of the Meeting, but can also be made at the Meeting.

10.3 Motions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting shall be made in writing at least two weeks before the date of the Meeting.

10.4 Formal Notice for the Annual General Meeting shall be forwarded to the membership at least four weeks before the Meeting. The agenda shall be sent one week before the Meeting.

10.5 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time on written request by two thirds of the members of the Club. The request shall be accompanied by a detailed resolution.

10.6 Attendance at Meetings.

a) Meetings shall be open to all members of the Club. The quorum for a Meeting shall be 60% of the current membership.

b) The President shall preside at all Meetings or, in his absence; he shall nominate an Officer to preside. In the absence of both a chairman shall be appointed from those present.

c) The chairman shall determine all questions of procedure not otherwise catered for.

10.7 Voting at Meetings.

a) A simple majority shall decide motions, amendments and elections.

b) Each officer and member may exercise one vote but the Chairman may exercise a casting vote only.

10.8 – Any Rule change requires a Two-thirds majority approval of the membership.

11. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

11.1 Every Member is deemed to have notice of and implicitly undertakes to comply with the Club rules. Any refusal 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 Club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee.

12. DISSOLUTION

12.1 On dissolution of the Club the assets of the Club shall be donated to a charity selected by those present to dissolve the Club.