

Constitution 2018

Blackwater Joint Racing Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Blackwater Joint Racing Committee (BJRC) is the facilitation, coordination, development and promotion of sail racing on the Blackwater Estuary

Definitions

Blackwater Estuary – The rivers Blackwater and Colne

Participating Clubs – any RYA affiliated sailing club, based on the Blackwater Estuary which has had a participating boat the previous two years

Registered Boats – boats registered in accordance with the Sailing Instructions to compete in a BJRC race

Registered Owners – owners of Registered boats

Boat Registration Fee – the annual fee charged to Registered Owners to compete in any race series

Registered Participants - club members who have registered their contact details with the BJRC

Sailing Instructions – the rules for participating in a BJRC organised race

Handicap System(s) – the handicap system(s) under which the results for BJRC races shall be calculated

Organising Committee Members

There shall be an Organising Committee made up of Registered Owners and Registered Participants as follows:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Participating Club representatives – a maximum of 2 representatives from each Participating Club, either one of which will have a voting right. Participating Clubs are to decide on their committee members.

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman will be in position for a period of 2 years and will not be members of the same Participating Club

A Committee meeting shall be quorate if three Participating Clubs are represented. Meetings shall be minuted, and the minutes circulated within 14 days. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie at a committee meeting.

Organising Committee Responsibilities

The Organising Committee will have the following responsibilities:

- 1) General management of the BJRC and co-ordination with the Participating Clubs.
- 2) Appointment of any additional committee positions to suit the good administration sail racing
- 3) Nomination of the Chairman and Vice chairman
- 4) Formation of the handicap sub-committee which will be chaired by the BJRC Chairman

- 5) Approval of handicaps
- 6) Approval of events, Notice of Races, Race Officer Instructions, and the Sailing Instructions
- 7) Proposal of the annual Boat Registration Fee for the following year
- 8) Approval of all expenditure over £200
- 9) The committee shall agree on the date of the AGM, which is to be held in November, and inform Registered Owners and Registered Participants at least 28 days before the meeting.
- 10) The Organising Committee shall call an EGM if it so decides or if at least eight Registered Owners from at least four Participating Clubs call for such a meeting.
- 11) The Organising Committee shall maintain a list of Registered Owners and Participants

Chairman Responsibilities

The Chairman shall chair Committee meetings, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM). He/she shall conduct the election of the Chairman and Vice chairman and shall prepare an annual report covering the past year's activities. The Chairman shall ensure that all due subscriptions are collected and all other income and expenditure is recorded. The Vice Chairman shall attend Committee and General Meetings and deputise for the Chairman if required.

Annual General Meeting

- a) There shall be an Annual General Meeting for all Registered Owners and Registered Participants. Only Registered Owners shall have voting rights
- b) At least four Participating Clubs need to be represented in order for the AGM to be quorate.
- c) The adoption of the minutes from the previous AGM
- d) To receive the Chairman's Annual Report
- e) To approve the nominated Chairman and Vice Chairman
- f) To receive the annual account statement
- g) To approve the Boat Registration Fee for the following year
- h) To communicate the Race Event Programme for the following year
- i) To discuss any other business

Boat Registration Fees

Boat registration fees and registration details shall fall due on the 1st March Any boat that has not been registered shall be unable to start a race

Funds and Accounts

The income and property belonging to the BJRC shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives. Significant funds shall be held in a BJRC bank account which shall require the Chairman's or Vice Chairman's signature to make withdrawals. The financial year shall commence on 1st October and end on 30th September.

Dissolution

The BJRC may be dissolved by a two thirds majority vote at an AGM or at an EGM or by the Organising Committee. If, after all its debts and liabilities have been satisfied the remains any property or funds they shall be transferred to

another group or groups with similar objectives. If that cannot be done a distribution shall be made to a suitable charity

Alteration of the Constitution

Alterations can only be made at an AGM or EGM

Availability of the Constitution

It shall be available on the BJRC website

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Approved

BJRC Committee Meeting, January 3, 2018

Approved at AGM, November 21, 2018