

**THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**  
**PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**MYLOR YACHT CLUB LIMITED (THE "CLUB")**

**AS AMENDED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION DATED 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2022**

**PART 1: INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

**1. DEFINED TERMS**

- 1.1. The regulations contained in the Model Articles for Private Companies Limited by Guarantee set out in Schedule 2 of The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 3229/2008), shall not apply to the Club.
- 1.2. In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

<b>AGM</b>	means an annual general meeting of the Club;
<b>Articles</b>	means these Articles of Association, and <b>Article</b> refers to a particular provision in them;
<b>Associate Member</b>	means a member of the Club who is not a Club Member, and who therefore neither has voting rights at general meetings nor any other rights to which members of companies are entitled under the Articles or the Companies Act, and <b>Associate Membership</b> shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>Boating</b>	means sporting, recreational, and other activities carried out in water-borne craft of any description powered by the wind or by mechanical means;
<b>Bye-laws</b>	means Bye-laws of the Club from time to time proposed by the Directors and approved by the Members in accordance with Article 13.4.2;
<b>CASC</b>	means a Community Amateur Sports Club, as that term is defined by section 658 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
<b>Club</b>	means the Company regulated by these Articles;

<b>Club Member</b>	means every person who agrees to become a member of the Club and whose name is entered in the Club's register of Members, in accordance with section 112 of the Companies Act, and <b>Club Membership</b> shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>Companies Act</b>	means the Companies Act 2006;
<b>Director</b>	means a Director of the Club, and includes any person occupying the position of Director, by whatever name called;
<b>electronic form</b>	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act;
<b>Flag Officer(s)</b>	has the meaning given in Article 6.1;
<b>Member</b>	means all Members of the Club, whether Club Members or Associate Members, and <b>Membership</b> shall be interpreted accordingly;
<b>Officers</b>	has the meaning given in Article 6.1;
<b>ordinary resolution</b>	means a resolution passed by a simple majority of the Club Members;
<b>Secretary</b>	means the company secretary of the Club, if appointed;
<b>special resolution</b>	means a resolution of the Club Members passed by a majority of not less than 75%; and
<b>writing</b>	means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols, or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

1.3. In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.3.1. other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Club;

1.3.2. words in the singular shall include the plural and, in the plural, shall include the singular; and

1.3.3. a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

- 1.4. Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.5. Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it, and any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts.
- 1.6. A **person** includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality) and that person's personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns.
- 1.7. Any phrase introduced by the terms **including, include, in particular** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

## **2. LIABILITY OF CLUB MEMBERS**

- 2.1. The liability of each Club Member is limited to £1, being the amount that each Club Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Club in the event of its being wound up while he is a Club Member or within one year after he ceases to be a Club Member, for:
  - 2.1.1. payment of the Club's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a Club Member;
  - 2.1.2. payment of the costs, charges, and expenses of winding up; and
  - 2.1.3. adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

## **PART 2: OBJECTS & POWERS**

### **3. OBJECTS**

- 3.1. The Club is established for the following purposes:
  - 3.1.1. to acquire and take over all or any part of the assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated body known as MYLOR YACHT CLUB;
  - 3.1.2. to promote and facilitate community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for the sport of Boating; and
  - 3.1.3. to provide social and other facilities for Members as may from time to time be determined by the Directors.

#### **4. POWERS**

- 4.1. In pursuance of the objects set out in Article 3.1, the Club has the power to:
  - 4.1.1. establish, maintain, and conduct a Boating club;
  - 4.1.2. promote and hold, either alone or jointly with any other association, club or persons, meetings, competitions, and regattas for the purpose of competitive Boating and to offer, give, or contribute towards prizes, medals, and awards;
  - 4.1.3. provide advice or information;
  - 4.1.4. co-operate with other bodies;
  - 4.1.5. accept gifts and raise funds;
  - 4.1.6. borrow money;
  - 4.1.7. give security for loans or other obligations;
  - 4.1.8. acquire or hire property of any kind;
  - 4.1.9. let or dispose of property of any kind;
  - 4.1.10. set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure;
  - 4.1.11. deposit or invest its funds in any manner;
  - 4.1.12. delegate the management of investments to a financial expert;
  - 4.1.13. insure the property of the Club against any foreseeable risk and take out other insurance policies to protect the Club when required;
  - 4.1.14. employ paid or unpaid agents, staff, or advisers;
  - 4.1.15. enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;
  - 4.1.16. establish or acquire subsidiary companies; and
  - 4.1.17. do anything else within the law which promotes or helps to promote the objects set out in Article 3.1.

## PART 3: DIRECTORS

### 5. DIRECTORS

- 5.1. The Directors are responsible for the management of the Club's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Club.
- 5.2. Directors are elected by the Club Members or co-opted by the Directors, in accordance with any procedures set out in the Bye-laws.
- 5.3. A Director's term of office automatically terminates if he:
  - 5.3.1. ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
  - 5.3.2. is absent without notice from 3 (three) consecutive meetings of the Directors and is asked by a majority of the other Directors to resign;
  - 5.3.3. is incapable, whether mentally or physically, of managing his own affairs;
  - 5.3.4. resigns by written notice to the Directors (but only if at least three Directors will remain in office); or
  - 5.3.5. is removed by the Club Members.

### 6. OFFICERS

- 6.1. The Officers of the Club are, the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Rear-Commodore, (the **Flag Officers**), the Secretary, and the Treasurer all of whom must be Club Members and must also meet any other conditions and comply with any duties and responsibilities set out in any Bye-laws.
- 6.2. Officers shall be elected by the Club Members at the AGM each year. All Officers shall hold office from the conclusion of the AGM in which they are appointed until the conclusion of the AGM the following calendar year. All Officers shall be eligible to stand for re-election in accordance with any procedure set out in the Bye-laws.

### 7. DIRECTORS' PROCEEDINGS

- 7.1. The Directors shall meet whenever necessary, but not more than 3 (three) months shall lapse between meetings.
- 7.2. The quorum for Directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but it must never be less than three (3), and, unless otherwise fixed, it is five (5).
- 7.3. If the total number of Directors in office for the time being is less than the quorum

required, the Directors must not take any decision other than a decision:

7.3.1. to appoint further Directors; or

7.3.2. to call a general meeting so as to enable the Members to appoint further Directors.

7.4. A meeting of the Directors may be held either in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Directors in which all participants may communicate with all the other participants.

7.5. The Commodore or (if the Commodore is unable or unwilling to do so) the next ranking Flag Officer presides at each meeting.

7.6. Any issue may be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting, but a resolution in writing agreed by all the Directors (other than any conflicted Director who has not been authorised to vote) is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting. For this purpose, the resolution may be contained in more than one document.

7.7. Every Director has one vote on each issue and, in case of equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting has a casting vote.

7.8. A procedural defect of which the Directors are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

## **8. DIRECTORS' POWERS**

8.1. The Directors may exercise any powers of the Club which are not reserved to the Club Members.

8.2. The Directors may delegate any of their functions to Committees consisting of two or more individuals appointed by them on such terms as they think fit. All proceedings of Committees must be reported promptly to the Directors.

8.3. Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by Directors.

## **9. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

9.1. Directors may undertake any services for the Club that the Directors decide. Subject to Article 9.2, Directors are entitled to such reasonable remuneration as the Directors determine for any service which they undertake for the Club.

9.2. Directors shall not be remunerated for providing their services to the Club as directors, provided that the Club may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with the discharge of their responsibilities in

relation to the Club.

## **10. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

- 10.1. The Directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 10.2, authorise any situation in which a Director has or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Club which would, if not authorised, involve a Director breaching his duty under section 175 of the Companies Act to avoid conflicts of interest.
- 10.2. Any authorisation under Article 10.1 shall be effective only if:
- 10.2.1. the matter in question shall have been proposed by any Director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the Directors;
  - 10.2.2. any requirement as to the quorum is met without counting the interested Director; and
  - 10.2.3. the matter was agreed to without the interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the interested Director's vote had not been counted.
- 10.3. A Director is not required, by reason of being a Director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Club for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a conflict of interests which has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with these Articles or by the Club Members in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.
- 10.4. If a proposed decision of the Directors is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Club in which a Director is interested, that Director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes, unless the Director's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest.
- 10.5. Where the number of non-conflicted Directors is less than the quorum for the purposes of approving a resolution authorising any situation or transaction constituting a conflict as anticipated by the Companies Act, the quorum shall be all the disinterested Directors.
- 10.6. When all the Directors of the Club are conflicted, the Club shall pass the conflict to the Club Members for approval by ordinary resolution.

## **PART 4: MEMBERSHIP**

### **11. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- 11.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of Boating, on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of the sport of Boating. The Club may refuse Membership only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or the sport of Boating into disrepute. Appeal against refusal of Membership may be made to the Club Members in general meeting.
- 11.2. No person shall become a Member unless:
- 11.2.1. that person has completed an application for Membership; and
  - 11.2.2. the Directors have approved the application, which approval may be delegated to a Committee in accordance with Article 8.2.
- 11.3. Membership is also subject to any subscriptions or affiliation fees that may be set by the Directors from time to time.
- 11.4. Every person who, at the date of incorporation of the Club, had paid a subscription fee to, and was a member of, the unincorporated Club known as MYLOR YACHT CLUB referred to in Article 3.1.1, and who, on or before 31 March 2021 (or such extension to this date as the Directors may determine) confirms to the Club their agreement to become a Member, shall be a Member of the Club from incorporation. Agreement may be given passively or actively, in the discretion of the Directors, provided that each prospective Club Member is provided in advance with notice of their obligations and responsibilities as a Club Member.
- 11.5. The Club may have different classes of Membership and Fees on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep Fees at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

### **12. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 12.1. A Member may withdraw from Membership by giving 7 days' notice to the Club in writing.
- 12.2. A person's Membership terminates when that person dies.
- 12.3. The Directors may terminate the Membership of any Member without his consent by giving him written notice if, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors:
- 12.3.1. he is guilty of conduct which has or is likely to have a serious adverse effect



on the Club or bring the Club or any or all of the Members and Directors into disrepute;

12.3.2. he has acted or has threatened to act in a manner which is contrary to the interests of the Club as a whole; or

12.3.3. he has failed to observe the terms of these Articles and any Bye-laws from time to time.

12.4. If the Directors wish to terminate a person's Membership in accordance with Article 12.3, they must give notice to that Member and provide the Member with the opportunity to be heard in writing or in person as to why his Membership should not be terminated. The Directors must consider any representations made by the Member and inform the Member of their decision following such consideration. The Member may appeal against removal of his Membership, to the Club Members in general meeting.

12.5. A Member whose Membership is terminated under Article 12.3 shall not be entitled to a refund of any subscription or Membership fee and shall remain liable to pay to the Club any subscription or other sum owed by him.

### **13. GENERAL MEETINGS**

13.1. Club Members are entitled to attend general meetings in person or by proxy. The appointment of a proxy must be in writing and notified to the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting.

13.2. The Club must hold a general meeting as an AGM in each year in addition to any other general meetings in that year and must specify the meeting as the AGM in the notices calling it. The first AGM must be held within 18 months after the Club's incorporation.

13.3. At the AGM Members must:

13.3.1. receive the accounts of the Club for the previous financial year;

13.3.2. receive a written report on the Club's activities;

13.3.3. elect Directors to fill the vacancies arising; and

13.3.4. appoint Reviewers to review the accounts for the Club.

13.4. Members may also, from time to time:

13.4.1. discuss and determine any business put before them by the Directors or set out in a valid request by the Club Members to call a general meeting pursuant to Article 13.5; and

13.4.2. in particular, consider and determine whether to approve any Bye-laws put before them by the Directors, which are consistent with these Articles and the Companies Act, to govern:

- a) classes and conditions of Membership;
- b) the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by Members and guests;
- c) the procedures for dealing with disciplinary action against Members, and/or for the suspension, expulsion of Members;
- d) the procedures for general meetings and meetings of the Directors and Committees of the Directors in so far as such procedure is not regulated by the Articles or the Companies Act;
- e) matters relating to the use of the Club's premises; and
- f) any change to the Bye-laws must be approved by special resolution of the Club Members.

13.5. A general meeting may be called by the Directors at any time and must be called within 21 days of a written request from at least 5% of the Club Membership.

13.6. General meetings are called on at least 14 and not more than 28 clear days' written notice indicating the business to be discussed and if any resolutions are to be proposed setting out the terms of the proposed resolutions.

13.7. There is a quorum at a general meeting if the number of Club Members present in person or by proxy is at least 30 (thirty).

13.8. The chairman at a general meeting is elected by the Club Members present in person or by proxy, and must act in his capacity as a Club Member and not as proxy for another Club Member.

13.9. Every Club Member present in person or by proxy has one vote on each issue.

13.10. The Directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable Club Members to attend a general meeting by electronic means (audio and / or visual) and to exercise their rights to speak and/or vote at it. In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more Club Members attending it are in the same place as each other, and each will be considered to be present in person.

13.11. Except where otherwise provided by these Articles or the Companies Act, a written resolution (whether an ordinary or a special resolution) is as valid as an equivalent

resolution passed at a general meeting. For this purpose, the written resolution may be set out in more than one document.

- 13.12. A technical defect in the appointment of a Club Member of which the Club Members are unaware at the time does not invalidate a decision taken at a general meeting or a written resolution of the Club Members.

## **PART 5: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **14. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS**

- 14.1. The Directors must comply with the requirements of the Companies Act as to keeping records, the independent review of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies of information required by law including:

14.1.1. annual returns;

14.1.2. annual reports; and

14.1.3. annual statements of account.

- 14.2. The Directors must also keep records of:

14.2.1. all proceedings at meetings of the Directors;

14.2.2. all resolutions in writing;

14.2.3. all reports of Committees; and

14.2.4. all professional advice obtained.

- 14.3. Accounting records relating to the Club must be made available for inspection by any Director at any time during normal office hours and may be made available for inspection by Members who are not Directors if the Directors so decide.

- 14.4. A copy of the Club's governing documents and latest available statement of account must be supplied on request to any Director.

### **15. INDEMNITY**

- 15.1. Subject to Article 15.2, a Director or former Director of the Club or former Trustee of Mylor Yacht Club (unincorporated) may be indemnified out of the Club's assets against:

15.1.1. any liability incurred by that Director or former Trustee of Mylor Yacht Club (unincorporated) in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty

or breach of trust in relation to the Club;

15.1.2. any other liability incurred by that Director as an Officer of the Club.

15.2. This Article 15 does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Act or by any other provision of law.

## **16. COMMUNICATIONS**

16.1. Notices and other documents to be served on Members or Directors under these Articles or the Companies Act may be served:

16.1.1. by hand;

16.1.2. by post;

16.1.3. by suitable electronic means;

16.1.4. through publication in the Club's newsletter; or

16.1.5. through publication on the Club's website, provided notice of their publication is given to Members by one of the methods listed in Articles 16.1.1 to 16.1.4.

16.2. The only address at which a Member is entitled to receive notices sent by post is an address in the U.K. shown in the register of Members.

16.3. Any notice given in accordance with these Articles is to be treated for all purposes as having been received:

16.3.1. 24 hours after being sent by electronic means or delivered by hand to the relevant address;

16.3.2. two clear days after being sent by first class post to that address;

16.3.3. three clear days after being sent by second class post to that address;

16.3.4. immediately on being handed to the recipient personally; or, if earlier,

16.3.5. as soon as the recipient acknowledges actual receipt.

16.4. A technical defect in service of which the Directors are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

## **17. AMENDING THE ARTICLES**

17.1. No amendments may be made to this Article 17 or to Articles 3, 18, or 19 without a

unanimous resolution of the Club Members.

- 17.2. No amendments may be made to these Articles that may jeopardise the Club's status as a CASC without a unanimous resolution of the Club Members.
- 17.3. Subject to Articles 17.1 and 17.2, these Articles may be amended by special resolution of the Club Members.

## **18. PROFITS NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED**

- 18.1. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to Members or third parties.
- 18.2. No dividends or bonus may be paid, or capital otherwise returned to the Members, provided that nothing in these Articles shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:
  - 18.2.1. reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member, Officer, or servant of the Club for any services rendered to the Club;
  - 18.2.2. interest on money lent by any Member of the Club or Director at a reasonable and proper rate per annum not above the published base lending rate of a clearing bank to be selected by the Directors;
  - 18.2.3. reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member or Director; or
  - 18.2.4. reasonable out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred by any Director.

## **19. DISSOLUTION**

- 19.1. If the Club is wound up or dissolved and after all its debts and liabilities have been satisfied there remains any property it shall not be paid to or distributed among the Club Members, but shall be given or transferred, at the sole discretion of the Directors, to:
  - 19.1.1. a charity and/or
  - 19.1.2. some other Club that is a registered CASC with purposes similar to those of the Club and/or
  - 19.1.3. the national governing body for the sport of Boating for use by that organisation for related community sports.