

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GP FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL SOUTH AFRICA

OBJECTIVES.

The objectives of the Branch shall be

1 To encourage and develop the use of the Yachting World General Purpose Fourteen Foot Dinghy designed by Jack Holt (hereinafter celled "The Boat") in South Africa as a one design dinghy whilst preserving its character as a racing dinghy.

2 Such other objectives as the GP Fourteen Class Association shall from time to time lay down, with such modifications as the Branch shall consider requisite.

3 To authorise such local deviations and modifications in the specifications of the hull, sail plan, weight, spars, rigging, fittings and cost of the Boat as the Branch shall consider necessary and shall be approved by the Committee of the GP Fourteen Class Association.

4 To encourage Interclub racing and to encourage and sponsor Regional, National and International racing, in association with the South African Yacht Racing Association.

OFFICERS

The Officers of the Branch shall consist of the chairman and a vice chairman who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and who shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

COMMITTEE

The Committee Executive at the Branch shall consist of the officers and three other members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, who shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. Three shall form a Quorum and the chairman shall have a casting vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POWERS.

The conduct of the Branch shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee, which may

1 Appoint any sinecure officers ex honoris cause who shall thereupon become honorary members.

2 Co-opt additional members not exceeding three at any one time who shall become Associate Members If not already ordinary members.

3 Appoint subcommittees and delegate to them such powers as it thinks proper.

4 Recommend the award of National and Provincial Colours in accordance with the rules as laid down by the South African Yacht Racing Association.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership shall be made up of the following classes.

FULL MEMBERSHIP

which shall be boat owners or open to any person approved by the Executive Committee who acts as helmsman in any organised regatta of the Branch.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

which shall be regular crew or other person, wishing to support the objects of the Branch who is elected to such membership by the Executive Committee.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

which may be conferred on such persons for outstanding service to the Branch as the Executive Committee may from time to time think fit

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

which may be conferred or renewed by the Executive Committee for a period of one year on such persons as the Executive Committee may think fit.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

which shall be open to such persons who qualify as Full or Associate Members and will include his / her family under the age of 18 as of the 1st January, and bona fide students subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

which shall be open to any crew or other persons wishing to support the objectives of the Branch who is elected to such membership by the Executive Committee, under the age of 18 as of the 1st of January, and bona fide students subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Any helmsman competing in at National or Provincial regatta shall be a Full Member, Family Member who would otherwise qualify as a Full Member or Honorary Life Member of the GP 14 Class or otherwise as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

All members shall be entitled to attend a General Meeting and to participate therein but only Full Members, Family Members who would otherwise qualify as Full Members and Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to vote on major issues, which shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. (A Family Member shall have one vote irrespective of the number of boats owned by the family, each owner being a Full Member in his own right.)

FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial year for the Branch shall be the calendar year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Executive Committee shall have power to increase the annual subscriptions, as it deems necessary without reference to the Members.

Any such increase shall not be in excess of the current rate of inflation.

Furthermore all Members shall be advised of the amount of increase so decided prior to the 1st October in the year preceding that in which the increase comes into effect.

The annual subscriptions for the various classes or membership shall be in the following proportion:

FULL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

FAMILY MEMBERS

JUNIOR MEMBERS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS and HONORARY MEMBERS shall not be obliged to pay subscriptions to the Branch nor the Association.

All Members may elect to be members of the GP Fourteen Class International Association, and shall pay the overseas subscriptions over and above that referred to above. Such membership shall be for Full or Associate membership as defined in the Association's constitution.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

An Annual General meeting shall be held in every year. Unless the Executive Committee otherwise determines, it shall be held at the venue appointed for the Southern African Championships, not earlier than 6 pm on the eve of the first race nor later than 6 pm on the day of the last race. If so held no notice need be given thereof but if held at any other time or place, 14 days notice thereof shall be given to each member. The business to be transacted shall be:

- 1 To receive the Financial Report.
- 2 To receive the Chairman's Report.
- 3 To Elect Officers.

- 4 To elect the members of the Executive Committee.
- 5 Any other business competent to the meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting on the direction of the Executive Committee or on receipt of a written request signed by the owners of at least five Boats stating the purpose for which the meeting is to be called. Such meeting shall be held within 28 days notice of its being called and 14 days notice thereof shall be given. Only that business may be transacted for which the meeting was called. The Committee may at its discretion substitute a Postal Ballot for an Extraordinary General Meeting, if in its opinion the business for which the Extraordinary General Meeting was requested can be disposed of by such means, and shall give at least 21 days notice of its intention to those members requesting the Extraordinary General Meeting, before putting the machinery of Article 13 in motion.

ALTERATIONS OF BYELAWS

Any alteration of these bye—laws shall be passed at an Annual General Meeting by a majority of two thirds at least of those members present and voting. Notice of motion of any alteration of these rules shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days before any Annual General Meeting and Notice thereof shall be given by the Secretary to each member at least 14 days before such meeting. No alteration passed shall be effective until it has been approved by the Committee of the Association.

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus, or otherwise howsoever, to the members of the association. Provided that nothing herein continued shall prevent the payment in good faith or reasonable remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association or to any member thereof on return for any services actually rendered to the association.

Upon its winding up, deregistration or dissolution, the assets of the Association remaining after the satisfaction of all its liabilities shall be given or transferred to some other Association or institutions having objects similar to its main object, to be determined by the members or the association at or before the time of its dissolution or, failing such a determination, by a court.

POSTAL BALLOT

The Executive Committee of the Branch in general meeting may refer any question to the decision of the members by postal ballot subject to the following conditions

- 1 Voting papers shall be dispatched so as to reach members in the ordinary course of the mail at least 21 days before they are due to be returned.
- 2 Each question submitted shall be susceptible to answer "YES" or "NO".
- 3 When a Postal Ballot is held in substitution of an Extraordinary General Meeting, in accordance with Article 1D the Secretary shall send with the voting papers any memorandum which may have been previously supplied in sufficient quantity by those members who had requested the Extraordinary General Meeting, together with any memorandum directed by the Committee.

The Secretary shall certify the result of the ballot in writing. Any question decided as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been decided at an Annual General Meeting as the case may be subject their having been decided by an appropriate majority of those actually returning ballot papers.

NOTICES

Notices shall be deemed to have been duly served if mailed by ordinary prepaid letter mail to the last known address of the member. In the case of joint owners of boats, notice need only be sent to the one named first in the records of the Branch. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or ballot to, or the non- receipt of notice of meeting shall not invalidate that ballot or the proceedings at any meeting.

CORRESPONDENTS AND MAILING ADDRESSES

The South African Yacht Racing Association shall maintain a postal address and all correspondence shall be directed to that address.

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

For the purpose of representation on Provincial Bodies, Regional Associates may be required to be formed, when these will be recognised as sub—committee under Article 5(c) of these byelaws.

APPROVED at Langebaan, Cape for the SOUTH AFRICA BRANCH on the 7th of APRIL 1996

HONORARY SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE