



RS TERA OWNERS CLUB AND CLASS ASSOCIATION

Constitution Of The RS Tera South Africa Owners Club And Class Association

1 Name

The name of the Association is the RS Tera South Africa Owner's Club And Class Association (the Association).

2 Object

The Object of the Association is to promote sailing, including training and racing, in RS Tera class dinghies and to encourage young people to participate in sailing.

3. Membership

Individual membership (a Member) is open to any person upon approval of registration with the Association. Associate Membership is available for any organisations interested in supporting the RS Tera Class. A membership subscription may be levied if agreed at a General Meeting.

4. Voting and Age of Members and Quorum

Members of any age may attend and vote at General Meetings. Only Members over the age of 18 may be Committee Members. A quorum at any General Meeting shall consist of all those present.

5. Rule compliance

Members shall comply with these rules and shall ensure that RS Teras are raced in accordance with the Racing Rules of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and relevant South African Sailing (SAS) prescriptions and in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules as approved by ISAF and SAS.

6. RS Tera Fleets

A group of Members from a sailing club, school or other organisation may be recognised as a RS Tera Fleet. A Member who is prepared to act as the Fleet Leader or Club Representative shall provide the Association secretary with his/her name and contact details. The Fleet Leader or Club Representative shall promote RS Tera training and racing at the club or school and encourage other RS Tera owner's and sailors at the club/school to register as members of the Association.

7. Committee

The Association shall be administered by a Committee which shall maintain the Register of Members and the Class website in cooperation with RS Sailing South Africa, LDC Racing Sailboats, ISAF and SAS.

The founding members shall elect an interim Committee from amongst their own number to administer the Association till such time as the first general meeting is held at which they shall stand down but remain available for re-election if so nominated.

The Committee to be elected at the first general meeting of the Association shall comprise a Chairman, Treasurer, Development Officer, Secretary and a non-elected representative who shall be nominated by RS Sailing South Africa.

Following the first general meeting future committee members shall be elected at the Association AGM's, when the positions are vacant or are otherwise appointed from within the Committee if nominations are not made at the AGM.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall serve for two-years and may be re-elected after they have served a full term of office.

Other Committee Members including a Vice-Chairman, Training Officer (Class Coach), Technical Officer, Publicity Officer, Social Representative, Website Manager, Events Coordinator and sub-committees may be appointed as required.

Regional Representatives to cover SAS regions shall be appointed by the Committee and shall become Committee Members. Regional Representative shall try to keep in contact with RS Tera Fleets in their region and encourage open competition and training for RS Teras in the region.

8. Funds

The RS Tera South Africa Owner's Club And Class Association is a non-profit making association. The Committee in cooperation with RS Sailing South Africa shall endeavour to ensure that the association has adequate funds via sponsorship, subscriptions, contributions from event entries or other means to cover the cost of meeting its objectives including maintaining a web-site. A bank account shall be held in the association's name and payments shall be made by the Treasurer, Secretary or other nominated Committee Members. The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the finances and an independent auditor may be appointment to audit the accounts.

9. General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting shall be held at the RS Tera National Championship or an alternative time and place if otherwise notified one month in advance.

The Agenda of the AGM shall include previous Minutes, Chairman's report, election of officers, financial statement, the next National Championship and matters raised by Members and submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

The AGM shall be chaired by the Chairman or if not available a person nominated by the meeting. Voting at the AGM shall be based on a majority show of hands of Members present. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

Regional Representatives, Fleet Leaders or Club Representatives present at the AGM may report on regional developments and if possible shall meet separately during the National Championships to discuss regional and local development of the RS Tera Class.

10. Rule changes

Rule changes may be proposed by Members to the Secretary in writing at least one month before the AGM. A majority vote at the AGM shall be required for the rule change proposal to be approved. For Class Rule changes the proposed change will then be submitted to the International RS Tera Owner's Club as well SAS for ratification and subsequent approval by the Copyright Holder, RS Racing, LDC Racing Sailboats, SAS and ISAF.