



CONSTITUTION

Name The Club shall be called **GAIRLOCH BOAT CLUB**

Objects

- To support and, where necessary, to promote all leisure and recreational activities in the waters around Gairloch and landward developments connected with such activities.
- To encourage and instruct all those interested in boating with particular emphasis on aspects of safety.
- To protect and regulate so far as is possible the use of existing facilities in and around Gairloch in the interests of Club members.
- To organise regattas and other sporting events.

Membership

- Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex; sexual orientation, political or other opinion.
- The Club has a Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer who ensures all current & relevant policies are in place and adhered to.
- Membership shall date from payment of the appropriate membership fee.
- Individual and Family Membership shall entitle such member to participate in all the activities of and enjoy the privileges of the Club and to vote at all General Meetings.
- Junior Membership shall entitle young people under 18 years of age to participate in such activities of the Club as shall be decided from time to time by the Management Committee. Such members shall be entitled to attend meetings but shall have no voting powers, unless on the Committee as a Junior Representative.
- Student and Adult Member attending Higher Education shall be entitled to participate in such activities of the Club as shall be decided from time to time by the Management Committee. Such members shall be entitled to attend meetings and have full voting powers.
- Adult Member – person 18 years of age and over. Family Member – family of up to two adults and other family members under 18 years of age. Student Member – Adult Member attending higher education
- Junior Member – any person under 18 years of age.
- Each Adult Member shall have one vote. Proxy votes from one member to another member shall be allowed providing authority is given in writing to the Secretary before a meeting begins.

Subscriptions

- Annual subscriptions shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and shall become due from that date and payable to the Treasurer within one calendar month.
- Members in arrears with their subscriptions one month or more after the Annual General Meeting shall not be entitled to the privileges of the Club nor have a vote at any meeting until all arrears due are paid.

Income

- The income of the Club shall be solely used for the furthering of the Objects of the Club and for no other purpose.

Management

- Responsibility for the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be held in March and consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer & up to a maximum of six Committee Members.

All members of the Club can put themselves forward for election to the Management Committee.

The same person may hold the office of Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for a period of two years, President and Secretary being elected together, and Vice- President and Treasurer being elected together, at alternate Annual General Meetings.

- All other members of the Committee shall be elected for a period of one year. All Officers and Committee members shall be eligible for re-election.

- The Committee may co-opt others members to sit on the Committee for specific activities.

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- Correct Accounts and Books shall be kept showing the financial affairs of the Club and a report of the proceedings at all meetings shall be kept.

- A duly audited Statement of the Club's financial affairs for the year ending 31st January shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. An Auditor will be appointed to Audit the accounts within one month of the AGM.

Powers of the Committee

- The Committee shall have the management of all matters connected with the Club and shall have power to make regulations for the general wellbeing of the interests of members.

- The Committee shall be empowered to make arrangements for the acquisition and holding of land and property and the administration of such assets.

- The Committee shall have the power to elect sub-committees either from their own number or with the addition of other members of the Club.

- The Committee shall meet as often as is necessary, with due notice being given to each member.

- The Committee may fill any vacancy occurring in the Committee during the year.

General Meetings

- Members shall be notified in the local Press or otherwise of the time and place of all General Meetings at least 7 days in advance. The Secretary to make the agenda of the General Meeting available to members prior to the meeting on request.

- Special General Meetings: Such meetings may be called when the Committee deem it necessary or on a petition to the Secretary stating clearly the matter to be raised and such application to be signed by 10 members. 21 days' notice to be given.

Complaints

- Any member wishing to register a complaint must do so in writing to the Secretary who will then submit it to the Committee.

Expulsion of Members

- If the conduct of a member is such as appears to the Committee to endanger the character, interests or good order of the Club, or acts without due regard of the laws and rules of the Club, it shall be in the power of the Committee after calling on the member for an explanation, to suspend such member on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Committee. The Club shall have the power at any General Meeting to pass a resolution to remove the name of such a member from the roll of members if in the opinion of two-thirds of those voting (which shall be by ballot) he/she has by their conduct forfeited the right to remain a member provided notice of such resolution be placed on the agenda of such meeting. At least 7 days before calling such meeting the Committee shall communicate through the Secretary with the offending member to give them an opportunity of withdrawing from the Club.

Alteration of Constitution

- The forgoing shall form the Rules and Regulations of the Club and shall not be altered unless by two-thirds majority of the members present at a General Meeting. Any proposal to alter these rules must reach the Secretary in writing at least 4 days prior to the meeting.

Dissolution

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all the Club's debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects (that is, aims and activities) similar to the objects of the Club, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General meeting at or before the time of the dissolution, and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable objects.

- No portion of the income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, distribution, bonus, honoraria or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the member.

Adoption of the Constitution

Proposed & Seconded at the Annual General Meeting 4th March 2019.

- **Amended February 2019**