



**SAILING FOR THE DISABLED – PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION  
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE AGM, 26 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Committee have considered the revision of the present constitution and recommend that the members support the changes. All the changes have been agreed with the Isle of Man Charities Registrar.

**Membership**

Explanation of proposed changes:

The present constitution does not detail any individuals that sail with us who are not a Personal Member, associated with a Community Group or with a relationship with a Corporate Member. The revised clause will fall in line with insurance requirements and will provide the charity with a more accurate administration.

**PRESENT WORDING**

15. There will be three classes of membership:

- a) Personal Membership:
  - i) 16 years & over
  - ii) 12-15 years for persons with a disability or who is the sibling of a member with a disability.
- b) Corporate
- c) Community Group Membership

A Personal Member 18 or over is eligible to hold any office within the charity, subject to meeting the criteria to hold that office.

Corporate Membership is open to Companies who wish to support the Charity on an annual basis.

**SUGGESTED NEW WORDING**

15. There will be *four* classes of membership:

- a) Personal Membership:
  - i) *18 years* & over
  - ii) *12-17 years* for persons with a disability or who is the sibling of a member with a disability.
- b) Corporate
- c) Community Group Membership
- d) *Day Membership*

A Personal Member 18 or over is eligible to hold any office within the charity, subject to meeting the criteria to hold that office.

*Corporate Membership is open to Companies who wish to support the Charity on an annual basis.*

*Day Membership shall be granted to individuals who are not Personal Members and who wish to sail with the charity on one of the following basis:-*

- i) An individual associated with a Community Group;*
- ii) An individual with a relationship with a Corporate Member;*
- iii) Other persons who will be carried on the Charity’s vessel in connection with recognised situations endorsed by the Committee and consistent with the aims of the Charity e.g.prospective members who are considering joining the Charity.*

*16. The annual personal membership subscription shall be due and payable on the first day of April. The Executive Committee shall determine the amount due; this shall be notified at the Annual General Meeting. Should any personal member default beyond the first day of May each year from paying their subscription, their membership shall cease and they shall have no further claim on the Charity's resources.*

*17. The membership fee and date of renewal for Community Groups and Corporate Members shall be set by the Executive Committee and run for twelve months.*

**NEW CLAUSE:**

*18. Day membership shall be granted at the absolute discretion of the Crewmaster, who will record the names of Day Member. The list of Day Members will be periodically reviewed by the Committee. There will be no membership fee raised for Day Membership.*

*19. All applications for new individual members shall be considered by the Executive Committee who will reserve the right to refuse membership.*

NB – All other clauses to be renumbered

FOR	AGAINST

I am unable to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, and wish to vote as indicated above.

Signature..... Date.....

Name.....Tel No.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

**Please indicate your vote by marking an “X” in the appropriate column and return this form to: Secretary Sailing for the Disabled, 36 Laurel Avenue, Onchan, IM3 3JF by no later than noon Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Votes received after this time, or by email, will not be accepted.**