

THE TRIDENT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

RULES

NAME AND OBJECT

1. The name of the Association is 'The Trident Owners' Association and the house burgee of the Association shall be a dark blue trident on a light blue background.
2. The object for which the Association is formed is to promote and facilitate the sport of yachting, particularly in standard Trident yachts.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Application for Full Membership may be made by any person being the owner of a Trident yacht. On relinquishing the ownership of a Trident Yacht the member ceases to be a Full Member but may continue as an Associate Member. Application for Associate Membership may be made by any person who is not the owner of a Trident yacht. The committee, after making such enquiries as are necessary and practicable, may elect him or her to Membership. Candidates may, and on the request of any one Member shall, be elected by ballot and one black ball shall exclude.
4. The Association upon the recommendation of the Committee may in General Meeting elect Honorary Members.
5. Any Member desirous of retiring from the Association shall notify his intention to the Honorary Secretary on or before 21st December, otherwise he or she will be liable for next year's subscription.
6. Any Member on joining the Association impliedly undertakes to comply with these rules and any refusal or neglect to do so or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a Member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Association shall render a Member liable to expulsion by the Committee, provided that before expelling a Member the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his or her conduct and shall give him or her an opportunity of defending himself or herself or resigning his or her Membership.
7. The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot and the resolution shall only be carried if not less than three quarters of the Committee shall vote in favour of the resolution.

ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION

8. There shall be no entrance fee. The annual subscription, payable on 1st January each year, shall be at the rate currently in force as agreed by a General Meeting of the Association. The annual subscription shall be payable by Bankers Order except by special arrangement.
9. Any Member who has not paid his subscription by 1st March shall be requested in the name of the Committee to pay the same within fourteen days and if his subscription is not paid by 31st March his name shall be removed from the List of Members by the Committee, the Member's name may be restored at the discretion of the Committee.
10. No Member shall in any year be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of Membership until his subscription for that year and all arrears if any, are paid.

11. A Member elected after 1st October in any year who shall have paid his subscription for that year shall not be required to pay any subscription for the following year unless the rate of subscription is increased, in which case he or she will only be required to pay the amount by which the subscription is increased.

OFFICERS

12. The Officers, being Full Members of the Association, shall consist of Commodore, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Editor of the Newsletter. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. As required, Past Full Members of the Association will be allowed to hold office and posts on the Trident Owner's Committee with the exception of the Commodore's position. The retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.

13. Nominations for election to any office shall be made to the Honorary Secretary in writing, at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting. In the event of no nominations for a particular vacancy being so received, nominations made at the Meeting shall be valid.

COMMITTEE

14. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and up to four Members (including one from the East coast and one from the South coast) elected by the Association at the Annual General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the next A.G.M.

15. Candidates for election to the Committee shall be those Members of the retiring Committee who shall offer themselves for re-election and other such Members of the Association whose applications or nominations shall have been made to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least seven days before the A.G.M. In the event of no nominations for a particular vacancy being so received, nominations made at the Meeting shall be valid.

16. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt such Members, including Associate Members, as they think fit from time to time.

17. If the number of candidates for the Committee exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, election shall be by Ballot.

18. Out of pocket expenses necessarily incurred by Committee members in the carrying out of Association business may be claimed against Association funds on production of appropriate receipts. Expenses incurred by the Commodore in attending Association functions in his official capacity may be claimed against Association funds where significant travelling and/or an overnight stay is involved. Any such claim is subject to approval by the Committee and neither the AGM nor any sub-committee meeting shall be a qualifying function. The Commodore explained the reason for the amendment to Rule 18, which was to encourage any member to accept the post of Commodore knowing that the additional expenses occurring whilst attending various regional functions in his capacity as Commodore not including Committee meeting or AGM would be covered by the Association.

19. It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Association's finances.

HONORARY AUDITOR

20. At the Annual General Meeting each year an Auditor shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to audit the Accounts of the Association for the then current year. In the event that he is unwilling or unable to act, the Committee shall appoint a substitute.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

21. An Annual General Meeting will be held at any place on the first Saturday in March, to be named by the Commodore. The Honorary Secretary shall post or deliver to each Member at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat.

22. The Committee may, on giving fourteen days notice, call a General Meeting of the Association for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stipulated in the summons convening the meeting and the discussions at such meeting shall be confined to that business only.

23. The Committee shall also call a General Meeting upon the written request of twelve Members.

24. At the Annual General and any General Meeting of the Association each Full Member shall have one vote. Associate Members and Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend but shall have no vote. In the case of an equality of votes the Commodore shall have a second or casting vote.

NEW RULES, AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

25. Notice of any alteration or addition to the Rules intended to be proposed by a Member of the Association shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing before 1st November if the same is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting or at least one month before any Special General Meeting at which the same is to be brought forward and full particulars of any such proposed additions or alterations shall be set out in the notice convening the meeting.

26. All such proposals, alterations or additions or any amendments to them which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to a vote of the Meeting and provided that on a show of hands or, if demanded on a poll, a majority of two-thirds of the votes of those Members present and voting shall be cast in favour of any of the proposed alterations, additions or amendments, then the same shall be deemed to be carried.

NOTES

NOTE 1. At the Annual General Meeting held on 5th March 2022 a resolution was passed increasing the subscriptions payable with effect from this date to:-

Full Member £15.00 per annum

NOTE 2. Rule 18 Amended 2nd March 1996

NOTE 3. These Rules are amended up-to-date as at 8th March 2008.