

**THE ATALANTA OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
RULES**

**Adopted at the Annual General Meeting
13th January 2001**

1 NAME

The name of the Association shall be the "Atalanta Owners' Association."

2 OBJECTS

- 2.1 To maintain a register of all Fairey Marine Atalanta, Atalanta 31, Fulmar and Titania boats and their owners,
- 2.2 To further the interests of all owners in cruising and racing their boats,
- 2.3 To provide assistance, help, advice and encouragement to owners in the repair and restoration of their boats, and
- 2.4 To receive donations and gifts and to otherwise raise funds for the Association through the receipt and sale of drawings, papers, equipment and other materials, in the furtherance of these objects.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Application for membership shall be in a form determined by the committee and shall include the name and address of the applicant.
- 3.2 Full membership of the Association is open to all owners and former owners of Atalanta, Atalanta 31, Fulmar, Titania and Fisherman boats, upon payment of the appropriate subscription.
- 3.3 Honorary membership of the Association is granted on the recommendation of the Committee and agreed by members in general meeting.
- 3.4 Associate membership of the Association is open to all other persons having an interest in the objects of the association, by virtue of being potential boat owners or of any other legitimate interest, upon payment of the appropriate subscription.
- 3.5 The number of associate members shall not exceed one third of the total membership.
- 3.6 Any member desirous of retiring from the Association shall notify their intention to the Honorary Secretary on or before the 21st December, otherwise he shall be liable for the next year's subscription.
- 3.7 Every 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 objects of the Association shall render a member liable to expulsion by the committee provided that before expelling a member the committee shall call upon the member for an explanation of their conduct and shall give the member the opportunity of defending themselves or of resigning their membership.

The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot and the resolution shall only be carried out if not less than three-quarters of the members of the committee present vote in favour of the resolution.

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- 3.8 On joining the Association, all members shall fully and absolutely indemnify the Association, its officers and committee, against any claim whatsoever, or howsoever arising, to the extent of each member's share of the membership.

4 SUBSCRIPTION

- 4.1 The annual subscription is payable on joining the Association and on the 1st January in each year. The subscription rate shall be determined at the annual general meeting and will be applied from the 1st January next following the annual general meeting.
- 4.2 Any member who has not paid their subscription by the 1st March shall be requested by the committee to pay the same within fourteen days. If the subscription is not paid by the 31st March, the member's name may be removed from the list of members by the committee. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the committee.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Members elected after the 1st October in any year who shall have paid their subscription on joining, shall not be required to pay any subscription for the following year.
- 4.5 Honorary members are not required to pay subscriptions.

5 OFFICERS

- 5.1 The officers of the Association shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer.
- 5.2 No candidate for election to any office (other than the retiring officers) shall be proposed unless the name of such candidate (properly proposed and seconded) is received, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary before the 1st December. Except that in any year this date may be changed by decision of the committee and the members advised in writing of this change not later than 3 calendar months before the changed date.
- 5.3 If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled the election shall be by postal ballot of all members.

6 COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The committee shall consist of the officers and not more than seven other members of the Association. At least six members of the committee shall be full members.
- 6.2 No candidate for election to the committee (other than retiring members) shall be proposed unless the name of such candidate (properly proposed and seconded) is received, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary before the 1st December. Except that in any year this date may be changed by decision of the committee and the members advised in writing of this change not later than 3 calendar months before the changed date..
- 6.3 If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the election shall be by postal ballot of all members.

7 TENURE OF OFFICE

- 7.1 Officers of the Association and other members of the committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting in each year to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.

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- 7.2 If a casual vacancy occurs by death or resignation the committee may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting.

8 HONORARY AUDITOR

At the annual meeting in each year, a member shall be appointed as Honorary Auditor whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Association for the then current year. In the event that they are unwilling or unable to act, the committee shall appoint a substitute.

9 MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 9.1 The management and direction of all matters pertaining to the Association shall be vested in the voting members, expressed by their vote at general meetings, provided that this rule shall not debar the committee from taking any action permitted to them under these rules.
- 9.2 The committee shall manage the affairs of the Association according to the rules and shall cause the funds of the Association to be used solely to further the objects of the Association.
- 9.3 The committee shall make such byelaws, rules and regulations as they think fit as to the management of the Association. Such byelaws, rules and regulations shall remain in force until approved or set aside at a general meeting of the Association.
- 9.4 Decisions taken at committee meetings will be decided by simple majority. In the case of an equality of votes the Commodore (or the member deputising for the Commodore) shall have a second or casting vote.
- 9.5 The Association shall in no way undertake or enter into any trading or commercial activities deemed by the committee to be detrimental to the objects of the Association.
- 9.6 In pursuance of the authority vested in the committee by members of the Association, members of the committee are entitled to be indemnified by the members of the Association against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Association wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Association. The limit of an individual member's indemnity shall be the sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Association.

10 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 10.1 An annual general meeting shall be held each year, the time and location to be fixed by the committee. No more than 14 months shall elapse between successive annual general meetings. The Honorary Secretary shall at least 14 days clear before the date of such meeting post or deliver to each member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat.

No business (except the passing of the accounts, the election of officers, committee members and the Honorary Auditor, and any business that the committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting) shall be discussed at such meeting unless notice thereof be given, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st December prior to such meeting.

- 10.2 The committee may, on giving 14 days' notice in writing, call a general meeting of the Association for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting. The discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the summons.
- 10.3 The committee shall call a general meeting on the written request of twelve or more members.

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- 10.4 At all general meetings of the Association each member shall have one vote. Other than voting on changes and amendments to the rules of the Association, the outcome of any vote will be decided by simple majority. In the case of an equality of votes the Commodore (or the member deputising for the Commodore) shall have a second or casting vote.

Voting at general meetings shall be by show of hands, provided that voting may be by secret ballot at the request of any member present.

Other than for the election of officers and committee members, there shall be no postal voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

11 CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 11.1 Notice of any changes or amendments to the rules of the Association intended to be proposed by a member of the Association shall be given, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st December (except that in any year this date may be changed by decision of the committee and the members advised in writing of this change not later than 3 calendar months before the changed date) 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. Full particulars of any such proposed changes or amendments shall be set out in the notice convening the meeting.
- 11.2 All such proposed changes or amendments to the rules of the Association which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to the vote at the general meeting, and provided a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be cast in favour of any proposed changes or amendments then the same shall be deemed to be carried.

12 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The winding up of the Association's activities, shall only be effected at a general meeting called for the purpose, provided that the proposal shall be approved only if three quarters of members present vote in favour. The disbursement of the Association's assets shall be decided at that meeting.