

**AMENDED CONSTITUTION WITH INCREASED DURATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE AS
APPROVED AT THE AGM HELD ON SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023**

CONSTITUTION OF THE GOREY BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

1 Title:

The title of the association shall be The Gorey Boat Owners Association, hereafter called the Association.

2 Aims and Objectives:

- 2.1 To represent the interests of the membership as they pertain to the ports of Gorey and St Catherine.
- 2.2 To provide, for the exclusive use of members of the Association, such items of equipment as may be made available.
- 2.3 To ensure that facilities in Gorey harbour and St Catherine are maintained and enhanced for the benefit of the membership.
- 2.4 To promote good seamanship and safety at sea.

3 Membership:

- 3.1 Open only to owners or part owners of boats of any size with moorings in Gorey harbour or St Catherine (a partnership will be interpreted as two shareholders only).
- 3.2 Open to any person not falling within the above category who may wish to apply to the Association for membership. Membership in this category will be determined by the Committee of the Association only.
- 3.3 Each member shall be entitled to one vote only regardless of the number of boats an individual may own.
- 3.4 Persons over the age of sixteen shall be eligible to be elected as a member of the Association.
- 3.5 Life membership shall be granted to persons at the age of 65 and over upon the payment of a one-off membership fee which shall be twice that of the prevailing annual membership subscription.
- 3.6 The Committee shall have the power to expel any member who offends against the Constitution, or whose conduct in the opinion of the Committee renders that person unfit to continue as a member of the Association.
- 3.7 The Committee shall have the power to invite persons to be Patrons of the Association. The maximum number of patrons at any one given time shall not exceed four.

4 Administration:

- 4.1 The Association shall have as Officers a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer with a committee of not more than eight members. Other office bearers may be appointed should the necessity arise.
- 4.2 A quorum shall consist of two Officers and three committee members.
- 4.3 The Association's financial year-end shall be 30 September each year.
- 4.4 A newsletter will be sent to members in Spring each year.
- 4.5 A report from the Chairman will accompany the convening notice of the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.6 The Committee shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the Aims and Objectives and may make any expenditure it deems necessary, including charitable donations, not exceeding £1,000 in each case, without the prior approval of an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 4.7 The Treasurer shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to:
 - 4.7.1 all sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place.
 - 4.7.2 the assets and liabilities of the Association.

5 Annual General Meeting:

- 5.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Autumn, at which officers and committee members will be elected.
- 5.2 Officers and committee members shall be eligible for re-election each year at the AGM but no Chairman shall serve for more than five years unless otherwise unopposed.
- 5.3 An Honorary Auditor shall be elected at each Annual general Meeting.

6 Extraordinary General Meeting:

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the request of the membership. The written request for such a meeting, duly signed by a minimum of seven members, shall be addressed to the Chairman who will convene the meeting at the earliest possible date, giving two weeks' notice to members.

7 Subscription Fees:

The Annual Subscription Fee shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting.

8 Alteration to the Constitution:

An alteration to the Constitution will be made only at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose.

9 Disclaimer:

9.1 Whilst the Association shall take every precaution to protect its members, it will not accept any responsibility whatsoever for any accident or mishap which may occur from any cause whilst its members, their friends or guests, are participating in any of the Association's activities or whilst availing themselves of the facilities of the Association. Membership of the Association will only be accepted on the terms contained in this rule.

9.2 The members of the Committee and other representatives of the Association shall:
9.2.1 be indemnified by the Association against all liabilities properly incurred by them or arising as a result of duly authorized acts as a result of acting as representatives of the Association.
9.2.2 not be liable for any loss suffered or for any claim made by reason of any act or omission made in good faith by them, or for any act of any other person in connection with the affairs of the Association or any matter or thing, except willful and individual fraud and wrongdoing on their part.

10 Dissolution:

10.1 If at an Extraordinary General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Association shall be voted for and is passed by two-thirds of the members present, a subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held not less than one calendar month thereafter, at which not less than half the current membership must be present.

10.2 If the membership at such a Meeting confirms the resolution before it, and votes by a majority for the dissolution of the Association, then the Committee shall, at a date prescribed by those at the meeting, proceed to realise the monies and property of the Association, firstly discharging all liabilities then dividing the remaining property of the Association between not more than three charitable organisations.