

GBR IRC OWNERS' ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Association is the GBR IRC Owners' Association.

2. Members

The members of the Association are the owners of all GBR boats holding a current IRC Rating Certificate.

3. Objectives

- 3.1 To support the objectives of the International IRC Owners' Association.
- 3.2 To provide GBR representation and input to the International IRC Owners' Association.

4. Governance

- 4.1 The GBR IRC Owners' Association shall be governed by the GBR IRC Committee.
- 4.2 The GBR IRC Committee shall consist of:
 - 4.2.1 Ordinary members who shall be current IRC certificate holders at the time of nomination, and who shall be proposed and seconded by current IRC certificate holders.
 - 4.2.2 Two members nominated by the RORC.
 - 4.2.3 One member nominated by the RYA.
 - 4.2.4 Co-opted members nominated by the Chairman and approved by the Committee.
 - 4.2.5 The RORC Rating Office may be represented by up to four non-voting members, one of whom shall act as the Committee Secretary.
 - 4.2.6 Honorary Members proposed to the committee and elected by simple majority. Honorary members shall receive all Committee papers and be entitled to attend and speak at meetings of the committee, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 4.3 Ordinary members shall serve a term of three years and may be re-nominated for two further successive terms. Honorary members shall serve a term of three years and may be nominated for further successive terms.
- 4.4 With the exception of RORC Rating Office members, each member shall have a single vote.
- 4.5 The Committee shall take decisions by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Votes may be cast by those present or by proxy, post or email. A quorum shall be 50% of the total members of the committee, including those voting by proxy, post or email.
- 4.6 A Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen shall be elected. Each shall hold office for three years and may be re-elected for two further successive terms. The Chairman, or if he is unavailable one of the Vice-Chairmen, shall be the GBR representative to the IRC Congress.
- 4.7 The Committee shall meet once each year and at such other times as the Chairman may decide. The duties of the members of the Committee are:
 - 4.7.1 To report to the Committee on IRC activity in their areas.
 - 4.7.2 To discuss proposed IRC Rule changes.
 - 4.7.3 To discuss any other IRC matter.
 - 4.7.4 To advise and make recommendations to the IRC Technical Committee.
 - 4.7.5 To provide guidance to the GBR representative to the IRC Congress.
5. The Committee holds no budget. Members are responsible for their own expenses.
6. Changes to the GBR IRC Owners' Association Constitution may be made by the Committee. A majority of least 75% of the votes cast is required.

7 National and Regional Championships

- 7.1 The IRC national championships will normally be organised each year by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.
- 7.2 Organising Authorities wishing to run IRC regional championships shall obtain approval from the GBR IRC Owners' Association.

7.3 Applications shall be made through the RORC Rating Office by September 1st of the preceding year. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the association committee. Applications shall include the event title, location, dates, and the name of any sponsor known at that time.