

# **SAIL FOOTY UK**

## ***Constitution***

### **PREAMBLE**

The Class Association is called 'Sail Footy UK', and it is intended to promote the racing and development of Footy Class sailboats within the United Kingdom. It is run in accordance with the International Footy Class Association (IFCA). The Sail Footy UK registrar is the sole representative on the IFCA Committee.

### **1. ABBREVIATIONS**

**IFCA** International Footy Class Association.

**MYA** Model Yachting Association.

**SFU** Sail Footy UK.

**AGM** Annual General Meeting.

**2. DEFINITIONS for the purposes of this constitution** (Note: so as not to be confused with the definition of boats in the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing on which the Footy class rules are based.)

**Boat:** A sailing vessel that complies with the FOOTY class rules.

**Footy:** A registered boat maintained in accordance with the Footy class rules.

**SFU Committee:** The ruling body of SFU.

**Electronic Communication:** A medium for exchanging information, but not limited to the World Wide Web, Internet, e-mail, telephone.

**UK Registrar:** The SFU Committee member responsible for registering Footy boats within the UK.

**Registered Boat:** A boat with a registration number assigned by the UK Registrar.

**Registered Owner:** An owner belonging to SFU.

**Regulation:** Any rule, decision, law, regulation, directive, standard, term, condition, Instruction or policy decreed by the SFU Committee.

### **3. NAME**

3.1 The name of the Association is "Sail Footy UK".

### **4. PURPOSE**

4.1. The purpose of SFU is to:

4.1.1. Create and maintain uniform Footy class rules for racing within the UK and the promotion of the class.

4.1.2. Set up and maintain registers of boat numbers, their owners and contact email addresses and telephone numbers.

4.1.3. Provide a structure for communication within the class and the exchange of information among its owners.

4.1.4. Organize and publicise Footy events.

4.1.5. Promote the general principles of MYA racing and sailing procedure to maintain a consistent approach throughout the sport.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

5.1. Membership is available to an owner of a Footy who applies to the UK Registrar for a registration number by providing the owner's name, telephone number and e-mail address (or a contact e-mail address where messages could be forwarded).

5.2. Membership is available to a new owner of an existing registered Footy who provides the boat registration number, owner's name, telephone number and e-mail address (or a contact e-mail address) to the UK registrar.

5.3. Membership ceases when a member no longer owns a Footy or fails to inform the UK registrar of a change of email address.

5.4. There will be no fees for the membership of SFU.

5.5. Members are encouraged to become MYA Affiliated Club Members, either by joining an existing club or setting up a new one.

## **6. FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

6.1. SFU will be governed by the SFU Committee in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

## **7. SFU COMMITTEE**

7.1. The SFU Committee, who will be MYA Members, will be elected by the class membership at the AGM and consist of:

7.1.1. A minimum of five Members, including the UK Registrar, who shall act as Chairman.

7.1.2. The appointment of the UK Registrar will be published by the MYA.

7.2. SFU Committee members shall be bound by the IFCA charter and comply with its resolutions.

7.3. The work of the SFU Committee will be performed by electronic communication. Every electronic communication will be shared with all committee members.

7.4. Each Member of the SFU Committee will have one vote.

7.5. Resolutions

7.5.1. Proposals to the IFCA to change the Footy class rules will be made by a resolution of the SFU Committee.

7.5.2. Voting at meetings of the SFU Committee for resolutions will be by simple majority of the committee member votes cast.

7.5.3. If the IFCA proposes a rule change by a special resolution of the IFCA Executive Committee, the SFU committee will be required to submit the resolution for voting to all the Registered Owners in the UK and forward the resulting vote totals to the IFCA Chairman. The final result will be based on a simple majority of the votes cast, using a "one member one vote per proposal" basis. The SFU Committee will publish the results to all members.

7.6. Any emergency decisions (but not rule changes) may be made by the Chairman without consulting the SFU Committee, but shall be presented as soon as possible to the SFU Committee for their vote. The result may validate or cancel an emergency decision. In the event an emergency decision is cancelled, the committee will outline corrective action to be taken.

7.7 Notice will be given of an AGM at least twenty eight days notice prior to the event, there will be no Any Other Business. Questions to the AGM need to be forwarded to the SFU committee at least fourteen days prior to the AGM, which may be held electronically.

7.8. Nominations for the SFU Committee will go out to the membership with the AGM notice and returned to the SFU Committee at least fourteen days prior to the AGM.

7.9. The SFU Committee has the power to co opt SFU members to the committee by majority vote.

## **8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

8.1. From time to time the SFU Committee may become or may form a special technical committee, maybe with suitable co-opted members, to discuss rule matters. The SFU committee will comply with the findings of the IFCA Technical Committee.

## **9. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SFU COMMITTEE**

9.1. The UK Registrar will be removed from the SFU Committee if she/he is no longer in good standing with the MYA.

9.2. A member of the SFU Committee can be removed from that committee by a 2/3 majority of that committee for reasons such as:

- 9.2.1. Committing an illegal act concerning SFU, IFCA or MYA.
- 9.2.2. For any non-sporting conduct against the interests of the Footy Class.
- 9.2.3. For intentional violation of the FOOTY class rules.
- 9.2.4. Any fault of compliance with this constitution.

## **10. AMENDMENTS**

10.1. This Constitution can only be amended by a resolution of the SFU Committee to the AGM for voting by members.