

RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.

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CONSTITUTION

Aims:

To promote the RL24 Class of trailable yacht for both racing and cruising at a state and national level.

Objectives:

- To promote and support National and State based RL24 Class sailing events.
- To represent the interests and views of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. with State based and National level Sailing Authorities to ensure that the Racing Rules of Sailing - Australian Sailing provide a fair and predictable platform for Class and inter class racing.
- To support the RL24 website and RL24 specific social media.
- To do any other thing that, in the opinion of the committee promotes the RL24 class and sailing generally.

Powers:

- To promote and control the racing and cruising of RL24s as a National Class.
- To set a joining fee, membership fee and raise such levies on members as may be deemed necessary by the Committee.
- To expel or suspend any member by a clear two-thirds majority of members present at a Special General Meeting of the Association called for the purpose of considering an allegation against a member, who, in the opinion of such a majority, shall have been guilty of misconduct or any flagrant breach of this Constitution. Fourteen days notice of any such intended proceedings shall be given to a member who shall be entitled to be heard in relation to the allegation made.
- To make any rules and to do any thing required for the effective operation of the Association.
- To set membership, Registration and other fees from time to time as required.

Governance:

The affairs of the Association will be controlled by the National Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership:

To be restricted to owners or part-owners of an RL24 class yacht.

There are three categories of membership as defined below:

- **FULL** Members. An owner or part owner of an RL24 – provided that only one vote per sail numbers allowed in any matter requiring a vote of members.
- **ASSOCIATE** members. Open to all other persons subject to the approval of the Committee provide that such person shall not hold any voting rights.
- **LIFE** Member. This is a conferred category of membership that is elected upon, and if approved, awarded at an Annual General Meeting. A life member has full membership of the Association.

Office Bearers:

The National Executive Committee of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. will consist of the elected Office Bearers that are described below. Office bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the RL24 Owners Association of Australian Inc.

Office bearers shall be elected in the following order:

- President.
- Vice President.
- Secretary.
- Treasurer.
- Publicity & Media Promotion.

If there is no nomination for a position then the Executive Committee can integrate 2 positions into one elected position, e.g. Secretary / Treasurer.

Additionally, the National Executive shall make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting regarding positions to be filled by appointment.

Appointed positions will include:

- Patron.
- Measurer(s).
- Registrar.
- Auditor.
- Web Master.
- State Organiser.

Appointed positions can vary from a minimum of one year appointment to a maximum of 5 years for appointment. The incumbent person can be re-appointed at the end of the appointment period.

Voting Rights:

Voting rights shall be one vote per registered and currently financial boat owner. The boat owner must hold Full membership of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. The Chairman shall be entitled to a deliberative vote and in the case of a deadlock, a casting vote.

Registration:

- The initial boat registration and sail number allocation are the responsibility of the Registrar. Each boat, upon payment of the once only registration fee, shall be entered in the Association Register and shall receive a sail number.
- Each RL24 yacht must be registered annually to be eligible for entry into the National Championships.

Special Meetings:

A special meeting of the Association shall be called by the Secretary upon a resolution of the financial members in General Meeting or upon the receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than five delegates which shall specify the object(s) for which it is desired to call such a meeting.

The Annual General Meeting:

The AGM shall be held during the current National Championships at the venue of such Championships at a time when a majority of full financial members are likely to be present.

At the AGM the following activities and reports will be presented:

- A report on the previous year's activities of the Association by the President.
- The election of Office Bearers for the Association will occur.
- A financial report of the Association's business will be presented.
- A decision on the venue for the next national titles should be made.
- Notice of Motion(s) for consideration at an Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing 30 days prior to the AGM.

Committee Meetings:

Committee meetings shall be called by the President for the purpose of the Committee to address any matters deemed necessary that have not been able to be resolved via email correspondence.

Notice of Meetings:

Members shall be given 30 days notice of Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings and General Meetings and the thirty days shall be deemed to have been given from the date of posting.

Quorum:

A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall not be less than 50% of the financial members of the Association. A quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be not less than 50% of the elected committee.

Alterations to Constitution and Rules:

Alterations to the Constitution or Rules will require 30 days notice to all members and be carried by a two-thirds majority at a duly constituted meeting. Postal votes will be valid for alteration to the Constitutions or Rules only on the forms supplied by the Association.

Duties of Elected Officers:

All Elected Officers of the Association are honorary positions and that there is no claim to expenses or payment for time spent on Association matters.

1. President

- The President is responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Constitution.
The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association at which the President is in attendance. The President shall take any steps necessary to further the objectives of the Association. He/she may convene meetings for any related purposes at his/her discretion.
- The President may coordinate the efforts of the executive, facilitating good communications and an efficient approach to achieving the objectives of the Association.
The President will summarise the activities of the Association in a short report at the AGM.

2. Vice President

- The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out the duties of his/her office and shall carry out the duties of the President at meetings at which the President is unable to be in attendance.
- The Vice President will be responsible for maintaining current Incorporation requirements with Consumer Affairs Victoria, including lodging annual reports and arranging for the Annual Incorporation Fee.
- The Vice President will be responsible for maintaining current links to Australia Sailing regarding registration, and class promotion.

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Receive correspondence, reply as directed and file copies for the records of the Association.
- Hand all monies for the Association received by him to the Treasurer.
- Keep correct minutes of all meetings.
- Send Notices of meetings and prepare agendas for same.
- Maintain a record of names, addresses and telephone numbers of Officers and Delegates of the Association and Secretaries of all affiliated clubs.
- The Secretary will liaise with the Registrar to maintain a current register of owners of RL24s.
- Maintain a Register of RL24s and issue Sail Numbers when so directed.
- Keep a current copy of the Constitution and Appendices and the Racing Rules of Sailing available for reference at all meetings.
- Keep a petty cash account record and produce as necessary a claim for reimbursement of amounts expended.
- Produce any Association records when required to do so by the Association in General Meeting.

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Receive all monies direct from the Secretary, issue receipts and place such monies direct in the bank nominated by the Executive Committee in the name of the Association.
- Produce a statement of accounts at each General Meeting and produce accounts for payment.
- Pay by cheque all accounts duly passed for payment and ensure that appropriate minutes of transactions have been recorded.
- Produce a Statement of Account and a Balance Sheet at each Annual General meeting of the Association.
- If requested by the Executive Committee, an audited financial statement will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- Cheques shall be signed by any two members of the Executive.
- Where practical, the use of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) can be used to meet payments. Two members of the Executive Committee must authorise and expenditure from the RL24 Owners Association account in writing, using email. All executive members must be notified of any expenditure in writing via the use of email.

5. Publicity and Media Promotion Officer

The Publicity and Media Promotion Officer shall:

- Use a variety of media options to promote the RL24 Association at the State and National level.
- Manage and maintain the Face Book page to ensure promotion of state and National regattas and other Association events and initiatives-
- Provide information to the web site manager to support the www.rlyachts.net website with timely information that captures upcoming events and records issues and the class history.
- Facilitate a contribution to the reimbursement for the maintenance of the web site and its propriety domain name.

6. Amalgamation of Elected Committee Positions

- A financial member of the Association is permitted to hold up to 2 Office Bearer positions at the same time.
- When insufficient nominations for each Elected Office Bearer position at an AGM are received, the Executive Committee has the power to amalgamate the following Office Bearer positions:
e.g. Secretary, Treasurer,

Duties of Appointed Officers:

The Executive Committee of the Association may appoint members of the public or of the Association to the following positions. The term of appointment can be up to a maximum of 5 years. At the conclusion of the Officer's appointment, the Executive Committee can re-appoint the officer for a further 5 years.

Appointed Officers may occasionally require pre agreed payment for specific services or to meet specific expenses. However, these appointed positions should remain fundamentally honorary.

(examples of where a payment may be required: 1. engaging an auditor, or 2. subsidising a measurer to travel across the state prior to a feature race)

The following are Appointed Positions of the Association:

1. Patron(s)
 - The patron of the Association can be appointed by either the Executive Committee or the membership at an Annual General Meeting.
 - The Patron is charged with ensuring that the Aims and Objectives of the Association are being met.
2. Auditor
 - It shall be the duty of the Auditor to audit the books of accounts and Balance sheets of the Association upon request from the Executive Committee of the Association. These audited accounts shall be presented at next Annual General Meeting.
 - Auditors services may be obtained pro bono or paid for by the Association.
3. Measurer
 - It is the function of the Measurer to measure RL24s when called upon to do so by the Executive Committee, to make a report and in the case of a protest involving Class Rules as to measurements and construction, to make a report and a recommendation to the Association.
 - The Measurer shall, if possible, attend all events which are conducted on behalf of the Association. If unable to do so, the Measurer automatically delegates the duties of Measurer under IYRU and this Associations Rules to the Host Club's RL24 Measurer or any other official measurer of an affiliated club nominated by the Executive Committee.
 - The Executive Committee can appoint up to 5 Measurers. At least one Measurer located in each State where RL24 fleet racing occurs is preferred.
4. Registrar
 - The Registrar is responsible for maintaining the current list of owners of RL24s.
 - The Registrar will liaise with Secretary and with the Web Master to assist in keeping the web based Register of Owners up to date by sharing Association membership.
 - The Registrar will issue new sail numbers when directed by the Executive.
5. Webmaster
 - The Web Master will maintain the Association's web presence through the www. Rlyachts.net web site.
 - The Web Master will forward all accounts for payment for the maintaining the web site and its propriety domain name to the Treasurer.
6. State Organiser
 - To promote RL24 sailing events including state based championships within the state.

- To communicate with state based owners of RL24.
- To liaise with the National Executive Committee.
- To assist with owner's inquiries about regattas, tuning and racing their RL24.
- To provide information to the RLYachts website and the RL24 Face Book page.

This Constitution was developed by a sub committee of the RL24 Owners association executive. The Sub Committee consisted of Wayne Hill, Darryn Dyer, Colin Boylan James Shannon and Martin O'Shannessy.

The Constitution was formally adopted by the members present at the AGM held on 9th January 2019 at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly, Queensland