



31st June 2019, Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club

## 1. Members Present

Valhalla, Tallulah, More T Vicar, SeaWORD, Rammie, Sharky, Partial Pleasure, Turbulence, AoTW, Baby Beluga, Blue Funk, Mojito, Lola, Jetstream, Black Sheep, A Grand Day out, Talullah

## 2. Apologies

Nil Offered

## 3. Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were circulated amongst members present. Minutes approved unanimously. No ongoing issues.

## 4. Rule Changes

The Class Rules held by the RYA are now up-to-date reflecting decisions made at previous AGMs.

No specific rule changes proposed at this time, however there was a consensus that the both Constitution and the Rules needs careful review as they contain certain Rules and requirements that many members will freely admit to not following. The 707 Class prides itself on being a friendly and inclusive class. We recognise that in order to preserve the current atmosphere, the Constitution and Class Rules should not contain rules that will not typically be adhered to, in order to prevent protests being lodged on grounds of technicality based on irrelevant constitutional rules as this would lead to subsequent deterioration of goodwill within the Fleet. The Chairman agreed to review and present proposals for changes to the Members before the next AGM.

## 5. Treasurer's Report for Year Ending 31.12.18

Report reviewed and accepted.

## 6. Membership

Our current membership structure does not match what is stated in the constitution, which will require updating.

Under present rules, the 'boat' becomes a member for £30 full membership, which grants one vote per vote at the AGM and any EGM. Additionally, regular 707 sailors can optionally become a Crew member (actually an Associate Member in line with the Constitution) for £10, which keeps them in the loop with class developments but does not offer a vote. This Crew Membership category has proved popular, with nearly 30 Crew Members for 2019.

Valhalla suggested a further change to the class membership, in which ANY person can become a full member for £30, with voting rights. This allows interested parties to have a say in how the class runs, even if they are not an owner. This will move away from the current '1 vote per boat' system. The Crew Membership would remain unchanged. As this change was not formally proposed with adequate notice, it could not be voted upon, the proposal found some support and this may be proposed for an EGM later in the year.

## 7. Election of Committee Members

The committee for 2019 is as follows:

Chairman – David Smith  
Treasurer – Julia Batchelor  
Secretary – Mark Robertson  
Press Officer – Greg Southall  
Scottish Rep – Eddie Batchelor  
Northern Rep – Rudi Barman and Micky Early  
Eastern Rep – Debbie De Boltz  
Southern Rep – Vacant

Thanks were given to the outgoing committee.

## 8. Class Rules as Held by RYA

These are now accurate and reflect all current rules as determined by the 707 Class Association. The Chairman agreed to review as an ongoing requirement.

## 9. Deserving Boat Scheme

The Deserving Boat Scheme continues to be a success with AoTW being fully paid off and privately owned. Partial Pleasure is also well on its way to full private ownership.



The Class has already re-invested this money into buying a new 707, Miss Money Penny. Unfortunately a regular team has not been identified as the main user, after talks with Dundee University Sailing Club fell through. Despite this, the boat has been used and has attended nearly every calendar event to date.

A few members highlighted that should a university team be identified for the Deserving Boat Scheme, the boat should be the responsibility of Named Parties within the Club, rather than the Sailing Club as an entity. This is to ensure good care is taken of the boat.

The association is still looking to purchase a further 707, in addition to Miss Money Penny.

#### 10. Additional Sail Manufacturer

Hyde have now been added as a recognised sail maker for the Class, in addition to Elvstrom. Several boats now have Hyde sails. Although these are different to the Elvstrom sails, we are pleased to report they do not appear to offer any competitive advantage.

#### 11. Calendar for 2019

Nationals 2020 – Port Edgar Yacht Club, likely end of June 2020.

Nationals 2021 – Either Scarborough or possibly on the Clyde. Objections were raised to having the Nationals in Scotland two years in a row, however it was also noted that we typically hold the Nationals in England two years in a row so this wouldn't be very different.

Eastern – the Eastern Rep has devised a plan to encourage participation by using a radically different model in which all teams charter boats and therefore do not have to transport their own. Unfortunately there has not been much interest in this so far.

Northerns – Either Hartlepool or Scarborough, TBC.

Other event to be considered are:

Scottish area

Edinburgh Cup – April 2020

Kip Regatta – May 2020

Scottish Series – May 2020

Nationals – see above

Sprints Slam – September 2020

Scottish Championships – To be determined. This may be incorporated into one of the above events or an additional stand alone event.

The above events may change and additional events may be added.

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