



Constitution of the ALTO Class Association

1. Title

The name of the class association shall be the ALTO Class Association.

2. Objects

The objects of the Association are to promote and further the interests of the ALTO class and to represent the interests of ALTO owners as follows:

- (a) To keep members informed of developments concerning the class and any proposals regarding class rules.
- (b) To organise championships and to co-ordinate the programme for other races for the class.
- (c) To encourage national competition in the United Kingdom for the class.
- (d) To promulgate information on technical development within the class.
- (e) To promote the maintenance of the one-design character of the ALTO.

3. Terms and Definitions

- (a) The 'National Association' shall mean the ALTO Class Association.
- (b) The 'Committee' shall mean the committee of the National Association, consisting of elected Committee Members.
- (c) The 'Constitution' shall mean the rules governing the conduct of the National Association.
- (d) The 'National Association Register' shall mean the register of owners of ALTOs, with their addresses, and boat number, to be kept as hereinafter provided.
- (e) The 'Class' shall mean the class of sailing dinghy designed by Mike Arnold, and made in accordance with his drawings and specifications, and known under the name ALTO.
- (f) The 'Class Rules' shall mean the rules relating to specification, construction and measurement of the boat, and governing the building of each ALTO and its rating as a recognised boat within the class for racing purposes.
- (g) The 'Registered Number' shall mean the sail number allocated to the boat.
- (h) The 'Secretary' shall mean the duly elected Honorary Secretary of the National Association.
- (i) 'Owner' and 'Joint Owner' shall mean any person or persons, corporation or association entered on the National Association Register as owner or joint owner.

4. Membership & Voting Rights

- (a) There shall be the following categories of membership:
 - i) Full Membership - any owner of an ALTO or, in the case of a corporation or association, to a nominated representative thereof, who shall have one vote.
 - ii) Joint Membership – any two or more owners of an ALTO, who shall have one vote.
 - iii) Associate Membership - any individual or clubs interested in the ALTO class, who

shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the National Association but who shall have no vote.

- iv) Honorary Membership - any person having an interest in the National Association in the United Kingdom who is proposed by a Full Member and seconded by at least one member of the Committee and is elected by the National Association at any general meeting of the National Association, who shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the National Association but who shall have no vote.
- (b) Membership subscriptions are due annually on 1st March. A Member whose subscription has not been paid by 1st June shall be deemed to have resigned. A Member joining the National Association after 1st November, whose subscription has been paid for that year, shall not be liable to pay a subscription for the following year.
- (c) Every Member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and to have agreed to comply with, National Association Rules. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is injurious to the interests of the National Association, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee.
- (d) Before expelling a Member, the Committee shall call upon such Member for a written explanation of the Member's conduct and shall give the Member full opportunity of making explanation to the Committee, or of resigning.
- (e) A Resolution to expel a member shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Committee present. Appeal against expulsion may be made to the Members in General Meeting.

5. Management

- (a) The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and up to six additional Full Members. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- (b) The Honorary Secretary shall keep the National Association Register, conduct the correspondence of the National Association, keep custody of all its documents and minutes of all meetings, and communicate the decisions of the Committee to members.
- (c) The Honorary Treasurer shall control the funds of the National Association, make such disbursements as the Committee shall direct, and present the annual financial statement at each annual General Meeting.
- (d) An Auditor shall be appointed by the Committee who shall certify the annual financial statement.

6. Power of the Committee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration.

7. Meetings of the National Association

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the National Association shall be held not later than the 30th November each year.

- (b) The Honorary Secretary shall at least twenty-eight days before the Annual General Meeting give written notice to Members.
- (c) No business, except the passing of the accounts, and election of officers, Committee and Honorary Auditor, and any business that the Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting shall be discussed, unless notice thereof be given in writing by a member entitled to vote to the Honorary Secretary at least forty-two days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Committee may at any time, upon giving twenty-one days' notice in writing, call a Special General Meeting of the National Association for any special business, or upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary, signed by at least ten Full Members.
- (e) Three members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at the Annual or Special General Meeting.
- (f) Voting shall be by a show of hands with decisions carried by a majority vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8. Dissolution of the National Association

- (a) If, upon winding up or dissolution of the National Association, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst Members of the National Association. The Committee shall dispose of net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - i) to another organisation with similar sports purposes which is a charity and/or
 - ii) to the sport's national governing body.