



Notice of Extra-ordinary General Meeting

An Extra-ordinary General Meeting of Prestwick Sailing Club will be held on Sunday 26th April at 5.30pm at the Clubhouse.

The business will be to consider and if appropriate pass an amendment to the Constitution.

Reason: the club is making an application for Awards For All funding to purchase four new sailing dinghies, suitable for training of young sailors. The wording of the current Constitution fails to meet Awards For All's criteria re encouraging membership applications from all parts of community, and they have turned down the Club's grant application on these grounds. They are happy to receive a revised application, backed by a satisfactory revised constitution. The club plans to apply as soon as possible, and then hope to add to the club's training fleet.

Members are asked to support the club by attending the EGM. We understand that people will wish to head home quickly, so the committee wishes to make the meeting extremely short. If any member has queries or issues with the change, please contact the Commodore or Secretary well before the meeting.



Prestwick Sailing Club. Proposed changes to the admissions part of the club's constitution.

Current constitution

**7 ADMISSION
(1984)**

Admission to membership shall be by a ballot of a simple majority of the members of the Committee present. Applicants shall be proposed and seconded by Full Members and application forms shall be exhibited in the clubhouse for a minimum period of two weeks before being considered. Objections to any proposed application for membership must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary who will transmit them to the General Committee and request the objector to appear at the appropriate Committee meeting. All application forms will be accompanied by such deposits as the Committee shall from time to time determine. This deposit will be returned to unsuccessful applicants, or if the applicant is accepted count towards the first Annual Subscription. Upon election the Honorary Secretary shall send each applicant written notice thereof and upon

payment of his entry fee and/or Annual Subscription he shall become a member of the Club. Successful applicants who do not pay their fees within two months of notification shall forfeit their deposit and be required to re-apply unless they can satisfactorily account for the delay.

Propose to change to the following

**7. ADMISSION
(2009)**

(a) Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of sailing on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Membership may however be limited according to available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.

(b) Membership subscriptions will be kept at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

(c) An application for membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the Committee, and shall include the name and address of the candidate,

(d) Upon receipt of an application for membership, the Honorary Secretary shall enter such application in a Register of Candidates and the application shall be considered at the next meeting of the General Committee. The election of all classes of members is vested in the General Committee and shall be a simple majority vote of those of the Committee.



(e) The Committee may only refuse any application for membership for good and sufficient reason such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute or on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the club as set out in Rule 3 of this Constitution

(f) The Committee for good and sufficient reason such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute may refuse renewal of any existing membership or terminate or suspend any membership provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the full General Committee before the decision is made. A final appeal against such a decision may be made to the club members and decided by a majority vote.

Rule 3 referred to is as follows

3. OBJECTS

(1994)

The primary object of the club shall be to provide for, foster and encourage participation in sailing. The club will also encourage participation in other water sports activities but excluding those activities, which are primarily centred on motorised craft.