



Association Rules

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Rules of the Streaker Class Owners Association

1 Title

The title of the Association shall be the Streaker Class Owners Association. The class flag will be a white rectangle with a diagonal blue stripe.

2 Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to promote and further the interests of the Streaker class throughout the British Isles and to represent the interest of owners of Streaker dinghies as follows:

- 2.1 To maintain the one-design character of the Streaker class dinghy.
- 2.2 To keep members informed of developments concerning the Association and any proposals concerning the Association Rules.
- 2.3 To co-ordinate the programme of championship and open events for Streaker class dinghies in the British Isles.
- 2.4 To encourage National and International competition for Streaker class dinghies.
- 2.5 To maintain the Measurement Rules for the Streaker class dinghy and to keep members informed regarding the technical development of the class.
- 2.6 To ensure that Streaker dinghies comply with the Measurement Rules.
- 2.7 To keep an Association Register.

3 Terms and Definitions

Throughout these rules the following defined terms will be used:

- 3.1 The 'Association' shall mean the Streaker Class Owners Association.
- 3.2 The 'Committee' shall mean the committee of the Association, consisting of duly elected and appointed committee members.
- 3.3 The 'Association Rules' shall mean the rules governing the conduct of the Association.
- 3.4 The 'Measurement Rules' shall mean the rules governing the measurement, construction and racing condition of the Streaker class dinghy as specified in the 'Rules of Measurement and Construction' document.
- 3.5 'Streaker' shall mean the class of sailing dinghy designed by Jack Holt and made in accordance with the Measurement Rules and known under the name Streaker class dinghy.
- 3.6 The 'Association Register' shall mean the register of paid-up members of the Association and their Streakers, to be kept as hereinafter provided.
- 3.7 The 'Registered Number' shall mean the number allocated to the boat.
- 3.8 The 'Class Secretary' shall mean the duly elected Honorary Secretary or duly appointed Secretary of the Association as the case may be.

- 3.9 'Certificate' shall mean a certificate of measurement to be issued, ratified and endorsed as hereinafter provided. The Certificate shall record:
- Registered Number
 - name of builder and date of building
 - name of official measurer and date of measuring
 - hull weight and weight of correctors
 - any endorsement required by the Measurement Rules
 - Owner's name, address and sailing club
 - name of boat
 - validity confirmed by signature of the Class Secretary and date of issue
- 3.10 'Valid Certificate' shall mean a Certificate in which:
- the Owner is a current Full Member
 - the particulars of ownership are correct and entered on the Association Register
- 3.11 'Owner' shall mean any person or organisation entered on a Certificate as owner of a Streaker dinghy.
- 3.12 'Joint Owner' shall mean any persons entered on a Certificate as joint owner of a Streaker dinghy.
- 3.13 'Licensed Builder' shall mean a boat builder approved by the Association to supply FRP or GRP Streakers and FRP or GRP hulls for composite boats.
- 3.14 'Approved Builder' shall mean a boat builder approved by the Association to construct wooden Streakers or to complete the construction of composite Streakers with FRP or GRP hulls supplied by a Licensed Builder. An Approved Builder may also be approved by the Association to supply a kit of parts for amateur construction of a wooden or composite Streaker.

4 Membership and Voting Rights

- 4.1 The following types of membership shall be recognised:
- Single member
 - Family/Joint member
 - Junior member
 - Associate member
 - Honorary member
- 4.2 Single membership shall upon acceptance of the prescribed annual subscription be open to any owner of a registered Streaker or in the case of a Streaker owned by an organisation, to a nominated representative of that organisation.
- 4.3 Family/Joint membership shall upon acceptance of the prescribed annual subscription be open to members of a family or other joint owners of a registered Streaker, who wish to sail a single boat.
- 4.4 Junior membership shall upon acceptance of the prescribed annual subscription be open to any owner of a registered Streaker who is under 18 years of age at the start of the membership year.
- 4.5 Associate membership shall upon acceptance of the prescribed annual subscription be open to any individual or organisation that does not own a registered Streaker and has an interest in the Streaker class.
- 4.6 Honorary membership shall be open to any person having an interest in the Streaker class who is proposed by a Full Member and seconded by at least one member of the Committee and is elected by members of the Association at any General Meeting of the Association.
- 4.7 Members shall be bound by the Measurement Rules.

- 4.8 'Full Member' shall mean a Single member, a Junior member or the nominated person in a Family/Joint membership. A Full Member shall be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting of the Association, or in a postal or electronic vote.
- 4.9 Any Full Member may appoint a proxy to vote in his/her stead, or may vote in writing on any item appearing in the agenda. The appointment of a proxy must be in writing and the appointment must be lodged with the Class Secretary at least 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting.
- 4.10 Associate and Honorary members and non-voting Family/Joint members shall be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting but not vote.

5 Management

- 5.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee.
- 5.2 The Committee shall consist of between four and ten Full Members elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Committee may appoint other Full Members to join the Committee, up to the maximum number, provided that any appointed member is duly elected at the following AGM.
- 5.3 The Class Secretary shall keep correct minutes and records of all Committee and General Meetings and shall be responsible for communicating the decisions of the Committee to members of the Association and when directed by the Committee to Owners and Joint Owners not being members of the Association.
- 5.4 An appointed Secretary shall not have voting rights.
- 5.5 The Committee shall maintain the Association Register.
- 5.6 The 'Honorary Treasurer' shall control the funds of the Association, making such disbursements as the Committee shall direct, and present an annual financial statement at each AGM.
- 5.7 At meetings of the Committee, three members shall form a quorum.
- 5.8 The Committee shall have power to make recommendations to members in General Meetings or by post or by email or alteration in or addition to the Association Rules.
- 5.9 The Committee shall be responsible for the appointment of official class measurers who shall be members of the Association Committee, RYA appointed measurers or measurers nominated by clubs.
 - 5.9.1 The Committee shall also be responsible for the compilation and distribution of measurement forms, provided that no responsibility shall rest with the Committee in respect of errors made by measurers.
 - 5.9.2 A measurer shall not measure a boat, spars, or sails owned or built by him or herself or in which he/she has any personal, family or business interest.
- 5.10 The Committee may liaise with the RYA and World Sailing as appropriate.
- 5.11 At least three weeks' notice of the date, place and agenda for any Committee Meeting shall be given in writing by the Class Secretary to each Committee member.
- 5.12 Acceptance of a Certificate by an Owner or Joint Owner shall ipso facto render person/s subject to the jurisdiction of the Association or the Committee in any matter pertaining to the Measurement Rules.
- 5.13 The Committee shall annually appoint a Technical Committee consisting of the 'Class Chairman', Class Secretary and up to four co-opted Association members or technical advisers.
 - 5.13.1 One member of the Technical Committee, with no business connections with the Streaker class, will be designated 'Chief Measurer'.

- 5.13.2 The Technical Committee may make any minor change to the Measurement Rules in order to bring them into line with current practice.
- 5.13.3 Any changes recommended by the Technical Committee and deemed to be significant shall be put to the membership either by postal or electronic ballot or by a proposal at a General Meeting.
- 5.13.4 The Technical Committee shall determine the criteria for approval of a Licensed Builder and the terms governing their supply of GRP or FRP Streakers.
- 5.13.5 The Technical Committee shall maintain a list of Approved Builders. Professional and amateur builders who have built at least two wooden or composite Streakers may apply to be included on this list.
- 5.14 The Association does not accept any legal responsibility for the quality or condition of Streakers supplied by Licensed Builders or Approved Builders.

6 Power of the Committee

- 6.1 Subject to the provision of these rules, and in particular to the objectives of the Association as laid down in Rule 2, the Committee shall be empowered to perform all functions of management and administration.
- 6.2 The making of payments and receipt of monies shall be validly evidenced by the signature of the Honorary Treasurer or his deputy as appointed by the Committee.

7 Conduct of Meetings of the Association

- 7.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually at a place and time determined by the Committee. Where possible this will coincide with the National Championships but, if appropriate, the meeting may be held at another time and place and it may be held online.
- 7.2 A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Class Chairman or Class Secretary upon receipt by the Class Secretary of a written request, signed by not fewer than fifteen Full Members of the Association.
- 7.3 At least six weeks written notice shall be given to members of any General Meeting.
- 7.4 At any General Meeting or Committee Meeting decisions shall be limited to matters on the agenda, other than those concerning Measurement Rules, and shall be carried by a majority vote.
- 7.5 Any alteration to the Measurement Rules shall be passed initially at a General Meeting (or through a postal or electronic vote) by a majority of two thirds at least of the members voting.
- 7.6 Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by not less than three of the Full Members present. At any meeting the Class Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 7.7 The Class Secretary shall be responsible for circulating to all members, or in the case of Committee Meetings all Committee members, the result of any voting.
- 7.8 In the event of a postal or electronic ballot, all returns shall be made to the Class Secretary within two weeks of the date of posting the ballot paper.
- 7.9 At any General Meeting of the Association, nine Full Members shall form a quorum.

8 Subscription and Registration Fees

- 8.1 Subscription for all types of membership shall be payable annually on the 1st March.
- 8.2 A member joining the Association after the 30th November shall be granted membership for the following membership year, without any further payment being due.

- 8.3 The subscriptions for each type of membership shall be decided by the Association in a General Meeting.
- 8.4 Any member whose subscription has not been paid within three months of the date due may have their name removed from the list of members of the Association by the Committee. A member's name may be restored to the Association Register at the discretion of the Committee on payment of any subscription due.

9 Accounts

- 9.1 The Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept, giving full particulars of:
- monies, assets and liabilities of the Association
 - monies received and expended by the Association, and the reason for such receipts and expenditure
 - sales and purchases by the Association
- 9.2 The Committee shall cause the financial statement to be prepared and presented at every Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 9.3 The Committee shall appoint a financial professional who is not a member of the Committee to review and certify the annual financial statements at least once every three years or more frequently if requested to do so by a majority vote at any General Meeting of the Association.

10 Streaker Class Racing

- 10.1 A Streaker class dinghy must hold a Valid Certificate.
- 10.2 Certificates are issued by the Class Secretary or Chief Measurer in accordance with the Measurement Rules. Change of ownership invalidates a Certificate; on change of ownership the Certificate should be returned to the Class Secretary for replacement.
- 10.3 Any RYA Affiliated Sailing Club may organise an open event for Streaker class dinghies.
- 10.4 If there is an inconsistency between the Association Rules and the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for an event, the NoR and SIs shall take precedence.
- 10.5 The Committee may designate an event to be included in a Streaker class series and shall determine the eligibility and scoring rules for each event in the series.
- 10.6 The Committee may arrange for a Streaker class championship to be organised on behalf of the Association and shall determine the eligibility rules for Association prizes.
- 10.7 To take part in a Streaker class championship the helm must be a Full Member of the Association.
- 10.8 The Committee may arrange commercial sponsorship for any event or series.

Revision History

Revision Date	Paragraph	Description
04/11/2024	4.3, 5.2, 8.2, 9.3, 10	Major revision to improve the wording and align with current practice, as agreed at the 2024 AGM. Significant amendments include Rule 4.3 (previously 4c), Rule 5.2 (previously 5b), Rule 9.3 (previously 5c), Rule 8.2 (previously 8a) and all of Rule 10. A 'track changes' version is held on file with the minutes of the 2024 AGM.