

CONSTITUTION OF  
**SPACESAILER 27 ASSOCIATION  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**

---

1. TITLE

- 1.1 The full title of the Association shall be the SPACESAILER 27 ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)
- 1.2 The Class shall be known as the SPACESAILER 27 CLASS. A Spacesailer 27 Class Yacht is a yacht that conforms to the standard as set out in the Rules in the Appendix to the Constitution.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be;

- 2.1 To encourage and promote Spacesailer 27 Class racing under uniform rules within Western Australia.
- 2.2 To encourage and organise the participation of Spacesailer 27 yachts in cruising and social functions of all kinds.
- 2.3 The organisation of The State Championships and other events for the Spacesailer 27 Association.
- 2.4 To act in liaison with other yachting organisations in Western Australia.
- 2.5 To ensure that all racing takes place under the current rules of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of Yachting Australia, and Special Regulations of the Yachting Authorities of the States of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Rules and Constitution of this Association

3. NON-PROFIT

The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association. No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or employee of the Association or to any person other than a member, in return for services rendered to the Association.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association shall be open to anyone interested in the Spacesailer 27 Class yacht.

The following classifications of membership shall exist:

- (i) Sole owners,  
(ii) Part owners where ownership is registered in more than one names,  
(iii) Non-owners of Spacesailer 27 yachts.

5. VOTING

- 5.1 Only financial members may vote at general meetings. Decisions are by simple majority unless otherwise provided herein. Part owners will have only one vote between them per yacht.
- 5.2 Only registered yacht owners and part owners may vote on matters involving alterations to the Spacesailer 27 Constitution and/or Class Rules. Such alterations may be carried only with a 75% majority at a General or Special General Meeting when there is a quorum of nine.
- 5.3 Members who are unable to attend a General meeting of the Association may record their vote in writing by proxy on any motion set out in the agenda of that meeting.
- 5.4 A quorum for any General or Special General meeting shall be nine members.
- 5.5 In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have of the casting vote.

6. MEETINGS

- 6.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of June each year.
- 6.2 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time on 14 days written notice to members.
- 6.3 On a written request of not less than 25% of financial members, stating the purpose of such meeting, the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting of the members to be held within two calendar months of receipt of the notice calling the meeting.

7. MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an elected committee of four financial members of the Association i.e. Chairman, Ron. Secretary/Registrar, Ron. Treasurer, Measurer, of whom no fewer than three are owners or part owners of registered 27 Class Yachts.
- 7.2 Officers are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The quorum of the Management Committee shall be three.
- 7.3 The Chairman shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years.
- 7.4 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members to replace any Committee member who retires before an Annual General Meeting.
- 7.5 The Committee shall have the power to elect sub committees as and when required at their discretion.

## 8. OFFICE BEARERS

### 8.1 Chairman

At all meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the committee may elect a chairman for that meeting.

### 8.2 Hon. Secretary/Registrar

It shall be the duty of the Hon. Secretary/Registrar to keep a true record of all proceedings of all meetings of the Association; to keep a correct roll of Association membership and a register of all yachts; to take charge of the official correspondence; to call general meetings and any meetings of the committee.

### 8.3 Hon Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association; making payments as the committee may require; and keep an accurate record of the Association's financial affairs. Accounts are to be audited annually.

### 8.4 Measurer

The Measurer shall have power over all matters affecting the measurement and specification of yachts, including, but not limited to, reviewing and granting or rejecting measurement certificates and interpreting (but not changing) the class specifications. He shall keep an up-to-date register of all sails.

## 9. FINANCIAL

9.1 An annual subscription per member shall be payable on the first day of November or on joining the Association. The annual subscription (which shall apply from the 1st November in any year to the 31st October in the following year in each case) will be determined from time to time and by a general meeting. Subscriptions shall be deposited in a bank account - the "Spacesailer 27 Association (Inc.)". There shall be four signatories - any two per cheque for withdrawal.

9.2 At least once in every year the accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness thereof certified by one or more auditors appointed by the members in a General Meeting for that purpose.

9.3 At every Annual General Meeting the committee shall lay before the members there present a duly audited profit and loss or income and expenditure account and the balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Association made up to a date not more than three (3) months prior to the date of the meeting.

## 10. EXPULSION

10.1 A member of the Association may only be expelled in the event that such member acts or behaves in a manner as to bring the Association into disrepute.

10.2 Should there be a formal complaint in writing lodged with the Committee by any member against another member alleging facts that could lead to any reprimand or expulsion, then the same should be given to the member the subject of such complaint. The committee shall also have the power to initiate the expulsion of any member provided always that before the same is considered due notice shall be given to the said member.

- 10.3 The member the subject of such complaint or notice shall be entitled to appear before the committee to oppose his or her expulsion.
- 10.4 The committee shall have the power to expel any such member providing the procedure above described is followed and provided further that the expelled member shall thereafter have a right to appeal to the next Special Meeting or Annual General Meeting of the Association, should such member wish to be reinstated or have his or her expulsion overturned.

#### 11. ALTERATIONS

This constitution shall not be amended or altered save and except pursuant to the following procedures:

- 11.1 Any proposed amendment shall be the subject of due notice served on all financial members of the Association giving at least 14 days notice of a Special Resolution to be held at any Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.
- 11.2 For any such alteration to be validly passed there must be a quorum of members present and at least 75% of such members shall have to vote in favour of any such resolution.

#### 12. COMMON SEAL

- 12.1 The common seal of the Association engraved with the name of the Association shall be kept in the care of the Chairman. The seal shall not be used or affixed to any deed or other document except pursuant to the resolution of the committee and in the presence of the Chairman and two members of the committee both of who shall subscribe their names as witnesses.
- 12.2 In the event that the Chairman is not available at any time then he or she shall arrange for the common seal to be kept by another office bearer of the committee and subject to approval by the committee such other office bearer shall be entitled to use the common seal (together with two members of the committee) in place of the Chairman.

#### 13. DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution at any General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for such purpose. If upon the dissolution or winding up of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, transferred or distributed amongst the members of the Association. It shall be given to some other Association, institution or body having objects of similar wholly or in part to the objects of the Association, provided that tile Association, institution or body shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members, or it shall be paid to or transferred to some charitable object, which Association, institution, body or object shall be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution or winding up. In default of any such resolution such payment, transfer or distribution shall be determined by a Judge of the District Court.

14. INDEMNITY

The Officers of the Association, the members of the Committee, Measurers and the Trustees for the time being of the Association and each and everyone of them acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Association shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Association from and against all actions, costs, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them incur or sustain by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the discharge of their duty or supposed duty in their respective offices, except such, if any as they shall incur or sustain by or through their own wilful default or dishonesty and none of them shall be answerable for the acts or defaults of the other or others of them or for joining in any receipts for conformity or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Association shall or may be lodged or deposited, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys or effects of or belonging to the Association shall be placed out or invested or for any loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or in relation thereto except the same shall happen by or through their own wilful default or dishonesty.

APPENDIX TO CONSTITUTION OF SPACESAILER 27 ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)

SPACESAILER 27 CLASS RULES

1. APPLICATION

These specifications shall apply to all yachts taking part in races held for Spacesailer 27 Class yachts.

2. MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

- 2.1 After registration of a yacht with the Association, the owner may apply for a class certificate for which a nominal fee may be payable.
- 2.2 Upon replacement of sails or repairs or extensive damage to the hull of a previously registered boat, the owner shall notify the Association in writing.
- 2.3 Following 2.1 or 2.2, the Association shall advise the owner the name and address of the measurer and it shall be the responsibility of the owner to effect a mutually convenient arrangement with the measurer to inspect and measure the boat as to its suitability for the awarding of a class certificate. No fees shall be paid for measurement, but the owner shall meet all reasonable travelling and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the measurer.

3. MEASUREMENT FORMS

The Committee will cause to be prepared and distributed as necessary, a measurement form which lists the measurements, tolerances, features, etc. which may, from time to time, be deemed by the Association to be necessary to determine whether any yacht is acceptable to the Association for certificate as a Spacesailer 27.

4. REGISTRATION

The Registrar shall keep a measurement form for each Spacesailer 27 Class yacht, together with its corresponding registration number and a record of class certificates issued.

5. CLASS CERTIFICATES

- 5.1 Members wishing to race must hold a class certificate.
- 5.2 Class certificates shall be granted by Committee to all yachts which conform to these class rules and which pass measurement within tolerances laid down in the measurement form of the Association.
- 5.3 The Committee shall have the power to withdraw, confirm or restore a class certificate on the recommendation of the measurer when re-examination shows that the original certificate was inappropriate.

b.

5.4 A provisional certificate may be issued to a boat that does not meet the requirements for a class certificate when the deviation from the standard boat be such that it will, in the opinion of the measurer, not substantially alter its performance. Such boats may race at the discretion of the Committee.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

### 6.1 Hull and Deck

All hull and deck mouldings shall be standard Spacesailer 27 mouldings in GRP as approved by the Association. Bowsprits, bumpkins and other outriggers designed to extend the effective dimensions of the hull are prohibited.

### 6.2 Keel

The keel will be the standard Spacesailer 27 cast lead/GRP keel as approved by the Association. Extensions, alterations and fairing of keels are not allowed.

### 6.3 Deck Layout

Deck layout and fittings are optional. No running rigging will be used below decks except through standard hatches.

### 6.4 Rigging and Spars

All rigging will be as per Swarbrick Bros. sail plan for Spacesailer 27 keel yachts and as detailed in the Class Rules and Specifications

All spar measurements may have a tolerance of plus Nil. Mast height shall be construed as the height between the cabin top and the centre pin of the highest sheave.

## 7. SAILS

7.1 Only one suit of sails, consisting of THREE headsails, ONE mainsail and TWO spinnakers may be used in any ONE season. Storm sails as per sail plan are NOT INCLUDED.

The full suit shall be declared and measured BEFORE NOVEMBER each year. Replacement during the season is only permissible when damaged beyond repair.

7.2 All sails shall be measured dry, flat and wrinkle free.

7.3 The dimensions of the sails listed are maximum only. Sails of smaller dimensions may be carried.

### 7.4 Sail Sizes

Maximum sail sizes shall be shown on the Measurement Form.

7.5 Battens will not be used in any headsails cut after 1st June 1986.

7.6 Bloopers or similar sails are not permitted.

## 8. Crew

8.1 In all races, under Class or Association Rules, the crew shall be at least three.

c.

9. Safety

A yacht when racing in Class or Association races shall, at all times, comply with AYF Safety Regulations Part 2, keel type or ballasted yachts racing in enclosed waters. In addition, a yacht shall comply with the YAWA Safety Regulations and with the requirements of any Government Body or other Authority having jurisdiction.

10. IDENTIFICATION

10.1 When racing in Association Races, the Association identification flag must be flown from the backstay at a height of approximately 2 metres above the deck.

10.2 The Association identification flag shall be as below: -

