



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

**CONSTITUTION
AND
CLASS RULES
AND
SPECIFICATIONS**

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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 registered yacht that conforms to the standards as set out in this document.

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 Class yachts in cruising and social functions of all kinds.
- 2.3 The organisation and arranging sponsorship for the State Championships and other events for the 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 and/or reimbursement to any office bearer or member or employee of the Association or to any person other than a member, in return for goods and/or 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) Owners of registered yachts,
- (ii) Part owners where ownership is registered in more than one name,
- (iii) Non-owners of Spacesailer 27 yachts, and
- (iv) Life members
 - Nominations for Life Membership must be received in writing from at least two financial members of the Association stating their reasons for

the nomination and including details of the proposed member's service to the Association as an office bearer or in another capacity.

- Life membership of the Association will only be available to a member of the Association who has been a continuous financial member and owner (or part owner) of a registered Spacesailer 27 class yacht for a minimum of ten years.
- Life membership of the Association entitles the recipient to no longer pay the annual subscription.

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

6 MEETINGS

- 6.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of August each year.
- 6.2 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee at any time on 14 days written notice to members. This communication can be by email.
- 6.3 On a written request from financial members representing not less than 25% of registered yachts, 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 for the meeting.

7 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an elected Management Committee of four financial members of the Association being the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Measurer of whom no fewer than three are owners or part owners of registered 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 Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members to replace any Committee member who retires before an Annual General Meeting or to fill a casual vacancy.
- 7.5 The Management Committee shall have the power to elect sub committees as and when required.
- 7.6 There shall be three signatories from the Management Committee with any two to sign per cheques on the Association's bank account.

8 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DUTIES

8.1 Chairman

At all meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the members present may elect an acting chairman for that meeting.

8.2 Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- (i) keep a true record of all proceedings of all meetings of the Association,
- (ii) to keep a record of Association members and all registered yachts,
- (iii) to take charge of the official correspondence and emails, and
- (iv) to call General Meetings and any meetings of the Management Committee.

8.3 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- (i) have charge of the funds of the Association,
- (ii) receive funds and make payments as required,
- (iii) keep an accurate record of the Association's financial affairs,
- (iv) report to each General Meeting on funds received and paid and the balance of the Association's bank account,
- (v) seek approval for any payments which are required to be made from the Association's bank account,
- (vi) withdraw funds from the Association's bank account which have been approved as per paragraph 8.3 (v) by cheque (see paragraph 7.6) or electronic funds transfer,
- (vii) be accountable for funds received and paid at any social function conducted by the Association,
- (viii) prepare and statement of the income and expenses of the Association for each financial year ending 30 June, and
- (ix) arrange to have this statement audited for presentation to the Association's Annual General Meeting.

8.4 Measurer

The Measurer shall:

- (i) have power over all matters affecting the measurement and specification of yachts in accordance with the Association's Rules and Specifications,
- (ii) keep an up-to-date register of all the sails of registered yachts.

9 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 9.1 The annual subscription per member shall be payable on or before the first day of November each year or on joining the Association with no pro rata.
- 9.2 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 at each Annual General Meeting.
- 9.3 Subscriptions shall be deposited in a bank account named "Spacesailer 27 Association of WA (Inc.)".

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 and/or its members into disrepute.
- 10.2 Any written complaint lodged with the Management Committee by any person alleging facts that could lead to a reprimand or expulsion of a member of the Association, and then the same should be given to the member the subject of such complaint. The Management Committee shall 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 who is the subject of such complaint or notice shall be entitled to appear before the Management Committee to oppose their expulsion.
- 10.4 The Management 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 General Meeting or Annual General Meeting of the Association, should such member wish to be reinstated or have their expulsion overturned.
- 10.5 Should the member the subject of such complaint or notice not oppose or respond to the said notice within two months then the Management Committee shall have the power to expel that member from the Association without reimbursement of all or part of that member's annual subscription.

11 CONSTITUTION 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 General 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 SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION

12.1 The signing of any deed or other document on behalf of the Association and pursuant to an ordinary resolution of the members shall be by the Chairman and another member of the Management Committee.

12.2 In the event that the Chairman is not available to sign then they shall arrange for another member of the Management Committee to sign and subject to approval by the Management Committee such other member shall be entitled to sign in place of the Chairman.

13 DISSOLUTION

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed among the members, or former members. The surplus property must be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act (1987) which has similar objects and which is not carried out for purposes of profit or gain to its individual members, and which association shall be determined by resolution of the members.

14 INDEMNITY

The members of the Association, the members of the Management Committee, and the Trustees for the time being of the Association and each and every one 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.

15 GENERAL INTENT

- 15.1 These Class Rules and Specifications are intended to promote the Spacesailer 27 Class yacht as a one design yacht class, suitable for both racing and cruising and shall apply to all yachts taking part in races held for Spacesailer 27 Class yachts.
- 15.2 The shape of the hull, keel and rudder, the dimensions of the sails and rig and the weight of the yachts are to be as near the same as possible.
- 15.3 Close fleet or match racing is to be promoted by the control of equipment, without requiring unusual levels of skill or physical strength.
- 15.4 The development or deletion of equipment, which detracts from the yacht's cruising function, is to be discouraged.

16 MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

- 16.1 When a new yacht is registered with the Association that yacht must be measured in accordance with these Class Rules and Specifications.
- 16.2 Upon replacement of sails or repairs of extensive damage to the hull of a registered yacht, the member shall notify the Association Measurer so that the Measurer can remeasure those sails or hull.
- 16.3 Following 16.1 or 16.2, the Association shall advise the member the name and address of the Measurer and it shall be the responsibility of that member to effect a mutually convenient arrangement with the Measurer to inspect and measure the yacht and its sails as to its suitability for registration. No fees shall be paid for measurement, but the member shall, if requested, meet all reasonable travelling and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Measurer.

17 MEASUREMENT FORMS

The Secretary will cause to be prepared and distributed as necessary, a copy of this document 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 registration as a Spacesailer 27 Class yacht.

18 REGISTRATION

A Spacesailer 27 Class yacht shall be considered as registered with the Association when its owner or part owners are financial members of the Association and have notified the Secretary that they require that yacht to be registered with the Association. The Measurer shall maintain a register with details of each registered Spacesailer 27 Class yacht and its annual Measurement Declaration forms.

19 MEASUREMENT DECLARATIONS

- 19.1 Members wishing to participate in Association races must submit a completed and signed Measurement Declaration to the Measurer each year before the first State Championship or before the first State Championship in which the registered yacht competes.
- 19.2 Sails which are declared on a Measurement Declaration form must be sails which have been measured, marked and approved by the Association's Measurer.
- 19.3 The Management Committee shall have the power to disqualify a registered yacht from an Association race if examination of a Measurement Declaration shows that the yacht's sails have not been measured and approved by the Association Measurer before that race.
- 19.4 The Management Committee has the discretion to not disqualify a registered yacht that does not meet the requirements of these Class Rules and Specifications if the deviation be such that it will, in the opinion of the Measurer, not substantially alter its performance.

20 MEASUREMENT AND INTERPRETATION

- 20.1 The measurement of SS27 yachts shall be the responsibility of the Measurer, elected by the members of the Association as per paragraph 8.4.
- 20.2 A Measurement Declaration shall be filled out and signed by the Measurer after measurement has been completed.
- 20.3 The Measurer shall interpret the rules with special reference to rule 15. GENERAL INTENT
- 20.4 In the event of a dispute involving interpretation of these Class Rules and Specifications, or if the Measurer requires clarification of a rule, the Measurer shall refer to the Management Committee for a ruling.
- 20.5 Members considering innovations or alterations to a registered yacht which are not directly covered by these Class Rules and Specifications are to check with the Measurer who shall ensure that such innovations or alterations are not in conflict with rule 15. GENERAL INTENT
- 20.6 All measurements are maximum with no tolerance.
- 20.7 If ownership of a registered yacht changes, the new owner shall inform the Association Secretary as soon as possible. The Measurer shall check the existing Measurement Declaration and the yacht and if satisfied that the yacht is in accordance with these Class Rules and Specifications shall request the new owner to complete a new Measurement Declaration for the yacht.
- 20.8 The owner of a yacht shall be responsible for ensuring that the yacht's Measurement Declaration is valid and that the yacht complies with the Class Rules and Specifications.

21 HULL AND DECK

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 Deck layout and fittings are optional. No running rigging will be used below decks except through standard hatches.

22 RIGGING AND SPARS

- 22.1 The rigging of the mast shall be a single spreader masthead.
- 22.2 Mast height shall be measured from the centre of the cabin top to the higher of the intersection of the forestay centreline and the forward side of the mast, of the underside of the spinnaker halyard pulled forward horizontally. Maximum 10.550m.
- 22.3 Spinnaker pole length shall be the length of each spinnaker pole, when fitted to the mast and set in a horizontal position athwartships. It is measured from the centre line of the mast to the extreme outboard end of the pole and any fittings used when the spinnaker is set. Maximum 3.505m.

23 SAIL ACQUISITION

- 23.1 The following sails only are permitted for racing and shall have been measured and validated by the Measurer: -
One mainsail, three headsails with an LP exceeding 3.0m., and two spinnakers.
Trysail and small jibs with an LP less than 3.0m. are not restricted and shall be validated.
- 23.2 Any validated sail may be replaced after the expiry of twelve calendar months from the date of the original validation.
- 23.3 Unexpended sail acquisition rights shall not be carried forward to subsequent years. Sail acquisition rights apply to the registered yacht and not the owner.
- 23.4 When a validated sail is replaced, lost, stolen or destroyed, an owner must request the Measurer to measure and validate the new sail.
- 23.5 Should a validated sail be altered so as to cause a change in any dimension, the sail shall be re-measured and revalidated.

24 SAIL DIMENSIONS

- 24.1 Headsails: LP (longest perpendicular) shall be the perpendicular measurement

from the luff to the clew of the headsails. Maximum 5.250m.

- 24.2 Spinnakers shall be symmetrical in shape and construction and measured folded in half. SL (spinnaker luff) shall be the length of spinnaker luffs, measured around the edge of the sail. Maximum 10.950m. SMW (spinnaker maximum width) shall be the maximum width of the spinnaker wherever it is found. It is measured across the body of the sail from points on the luffs equidistant from the head of the sail. Maximum 6.300m.
- 24.3 Mainsail battens. The mainsail shall have four battens, equally spaced down the leach of the sail. The maximum tolerance shall be ± 50 mm. Batten length is not restricted.
- 24.4 Bloopers or similar sails are not permitted.
- 24.5 Battens shall not be used in any headsails.
- 24.6 Sails shall be measured with sufficient tension to remove all wrinkles across the line of measurement. Measurements are to the extreme outside of the sail, including boltropes. Corners of the sails are determined by projecting the adjacent edges till they intersect.
- 24.7 Mainsail dimensions shall be measured where applicable in accordance with the ISAF method of measurement.

Luff - 9.600m (P)
Foot - 2.750m (E)

Maximum sail width dimensions are based on the divisions of the leach length:

Main Girth Mid. - 1700mm (MGM)
Main Girth Upper - 990mm (MGU)
Maximum Head Width - 110mm (MHW)

25 SAIL EXEMPTIONS

Mainsails manufactured and complying with the Association's rules in force before 30 April 1992 shall be allowed. Battens complying with Rule 24.3 may be fitted to these sails.

26 IDENTIFICATION

- 26.1 When racing in Association races, the Association identification flag shall be flown from the registered yacht's backstay, at a height of approximately 2m above the deck.
- 26.2 The Association identification flag shall be as below.



Blue print on a white background.