

FALMOUTH SUNBEAM CLASS ASSOCIATION RULES

2021



Record of Changes

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INTRODUCTION

In 2018 class (technical) rules were updated and reformatted using the World Sailing standard template. At the time the rules (constitution) of the class association were not re-published because they had not changed.

For consistency the rules of the association have now been reformatted in a style similar to the technical rules, and were approved at the 2021 Spring Meeting.

The rules comprise two Parts: Part I – General Rules and Part II – Management.

CLASS CAPTAINS

1924-1928	CP Foster
1928-1936	(Office Vacant)
1936-1938	HG Sicklemore
(WORLD WAR II)	
1947-1953	Captain JNE Vaughan RN
1953-1957	AC Farrant
1957-1960	PH Fox
1960-1970	Major AB Matthews DSO OBE MC
1970-1974	FWG Church
1974-1978	SD Forrow
1978-1982	EA Sincock
1982-1985	K Stead
1985-1986	K Purvis RCNC
1986-1991	ID Sincock
1991-1994	A Barnard
1994-1999	JA Maunder
1999-2002	JE Money
2002-2005	L Smith
2005-2008	R E Gaffy
2008-2011	R Stedman
2011-2014	L Hesling
2014-2017	Dr RN Andrew
2017-2018	JC Martin (died January 2019)
2019	(Office Vacant)
2019-	D Mantle (from November 2019)

PART I – GENERAL ASSOCIATION RULES

1. The name of the association shall be the Falmouth Sunbeam Class Association.
2. The Association is the rule authority for Class Rules.
3. Members shall support the integrity of the association, not only by the observation of association and class rules but also by observing the spirit and the traditions of the class.
4. Where, for editorial simplicity, the male gender is used withing these rules, the female gender shall apply equally.

PART II – MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

5. Applicants who are owners or part-owners of a Falmouth Sunbeam, and are members of a recognised Yacht or Sailing Club affiliated to the RYA., or of the RYA, shall be enrolled as Full Members (herein referred to as “Members”) without any ballot, on application being made to the Captain.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

6. This membership is intended for previous owners and others wishing to be associated with the Class, including helming in lieu of the owner. It carries no voting rights and can be terminated by a meeting of the Officers. Associate Members may be admitted by the Captain, when proposed and seconded by current Members.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

7. This membership is intended for former Members or Associate Members who have provided outstanding service. It carries no voting rights. Honorary Life Members may be elected at a Meeting.

OFFICERS

8. The officers of the Association shall comprise the Commodore, Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected from the Members by a meeting of Members.
 - 8.1 **Commodore.** A Commodore may be elected for an agreed term of office. He shall be the titular head of the Class and its principal ceremonial representative. He shall have no executive duties and shall not hold any other Class office.
 - 8.2 **Captain.** The Captain shall be the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Association, responsible for:
 - (a) General welfare and organisation;
 - (b) Guiding the membership in observing association and Class rules and also observing the spirit and the traditions of the Class. If in doubt the Captain should be consulted;
 - (c) Arranging a programme of racing and seeing that proper records are kept;
 - (d) In the absence of the Official Measurer, measurement of boats, sails and equipment.The Captain shall hold office for a maximum continuous term of three years.
 - 8.3 **Vice-Captain.** The Vice-Captain shall generally assist the Captain and, in his absence, shall act as his deputy.

8.4 Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the membership and for meetings of members and, in the absence of the Vice-Captain, shall assume his duties.

8.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts and submit them at the end of the season to a meeting of members.

OFFICIAL MEASURER

9. An Official Measurer shall be appointed by the Class to be responsible for measuring of all new boats, sails and spars. He shall carry out periodic inspections of boats as considered necessary by himself or the Captain. All new boats shall be built under his supervision and modification and repair of existing boats undertaken under his supervision.

MEETINGS

10. Any two Members may request the Captain to call a meeting.

11. Fourteen days notice of a meeting and of the business of the meeting in the form of an agenda shall be given.

12. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the autumn to receive reports from the Captain and the Treasurer, and to elect officers for the succeeding year.

13. A Spring Meeting shall be held to review plans for the coming season and to deal with business carried over from the previous Annual General Meeting.

14. Proposed changes to Class and Association Rules may be voted on at a meeting only if they have been scheduled in the written agenda as circularised.

Quorum

15. At all meetings a quorum shall consist of three Members.

Voting

16. Only Members may vote.

17. Members may vote by Proxy at any meeting after notifying the Captain.

18. Joint owners may only record one vote between them.

19. Changes to any Class or Association rule shall require a two-thirds majority of a meeting.

20. All other matters shall be settled by a simple majority. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

SUBSCRIPTION

21. Such subscription as is necessary for the organising of the Association shall be called for from time to time by a meeting.