

THE AIR SEA RESCUE AND MARINE CRAFT SECTIONS CLUB.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

INTRODUCTION.

This written constitution serves only to place on record the framework of rules under which the Club has functioned since its formation. The rules follow generally recognised procedures but where they differ from the normal practice, the differences are the results of decisions, taken democratically, by the Executive Committee and approved at Annual General meetings of the Club.

1. TITLE.

The name of the Club is "The Air Sea Rescue and Marine Craft Sections Club".

2. HISTORY AND AIMS.

The Club was founded at a meeting of several Motor Boat Crew members at the Victory Services Club in London on 24th October 1951 when a Committee was elected and the principle aims of the Club were determined. These aims are to keep alive the many friendships made in wartime and to preserve the spirit unique to Air Sea Rescue Units and Marine Craft Sections of the Royal Air Force. The Committee was instructed to further these objectives by organising reunions, generally keeping Members in touch and endeavouring to contact and recruit ex-service personnel.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

Ordinary Members shall consist of those Life Members recorded as such on the Club's Life Membership Register when Life Membership closed in 1992 and currently remaining on the Register, Annual Members and Extended Annual Members. Anyone who has served in the Royal Air Force on Marine Craft in any of the recognised trades may apply for membership and, on payment of the appropriate subscription, be elected as an Annual or Extended Annual Member. Certain other trades, although not strictly in this category, who have had close connections with the marine services of the Royal Air Force, e.g. individual members of helicopter crews, Allied and Overseas Services, are also eligible for membership. The Executive Committee has the power to appoint Honorary Life Members from within the membership.

4. HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Executive Committee is empowered to elect Honorary Members of the Club. These Honorary Members have the same rights and privileges as Ordinary Members except that they are not entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting, nor propose candidates for election to the Executive Committee, nor hold office on the Executive Committee.

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Associate Members, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and upon payment of the appropriate fee, can be admitted to and share fully in the life of the Club. They may attend the Annual General Meeting but have no voting rights, nor can they stand for office or propose others for office.

6. BRANCH MEMBERSHIP.

It is a pre-requisite that a Member of a recognised Regional Branch must be a Member of the Air Sea Rescue and Marine Craft Sections Club and have paid the appropriate subscription to the Air Sea Rescue and Marine Craft Sections Club, and any additional subscription due to the Regional Branch.