



# The River Exe Regatta Constitution

## **Purpose**

The Clubs have agreed to organise an annual sailing competition with associated events in order to promote the sport of sailing and to encourage co-operation between them.

## **The Clubs**

Starcross Yacht Club, Starcross Fishing & Cruising Club, Topsham Sailing Club, and Lympstone Sailing Club.

## **Name of the event**

The event is to be known as the River Exe Regatta.

## **Venue**

The River Exe Regatta will take place on and around the estuary of the River Exe.

## **Activities**

The Clubs have agreed that the River Exe Regatta will principally be a sailing competition with such associated competitions for fishermen and such other events as the Committee consider should be included.

## **Participation**

The Clubs have agreed that the River Exe Regatta will be open to all members of the Clubs as well as Members of Exmouth Deep Sea Fishing Club, and any RYA affiliated sailing club, and any other organisations as the Committee invite to take part from time to time.

## **Organisation**

The Clubs have agreed that they will each take it in turn to be the Host Club and to organise the River Exe Regatta, they have also agreed to support one another in the organisation and running of the River Exe Regatta.

The rotation will be Starcross Yacht Club, Lympstone Sailing Club, Starcross Fishing & Cruising Club, and Topsham Sailing Club.

The Host Club will form a Committee for the orderly running of the River Exe Regatta and will provide the Chair of the Committee.

In addition to the Chair, who will be responsible for the orderly running of the Committee, the Committee will comprise;

- 1) Treasurer (for the avoidance of doubt he/she will owe a duty of care to all the Clubs) who will, inter alia, produce an income & expenditure budget for each River Exe Regatta, maintain the bank account and produce annual accounts. The Treasurer will also invoice the sponsors, advertisers, grant makers etc and arrange the collection monies due and will also be responsible for payment of invoices, re-imbusement of expenses, etc.
- 2) Secretary, who will take minutes of meetings.
- 3) Safety Boat co-ordinator, who will organise safety boat cover for the River Exe Regatta.
- 4) Advertising and Promotion co-ordinator(s) who will, inter alia, seek sponsorship and sell advertising

in the programme with the objective of creating revenue as per the budget. They will also be responsible for ensuring that advertising copy is received on time for printing purposes. They will also be responsible for ensuring the Treasurer receives details of the sponsors, advertisers, grant makers etc so the Treasurer can promptly issue invoices and collect monies due.

- 5) Such other members as the Chair considers are needed for the safe and effective organisation and running of the River Exe Regatta.

The Committee will award prizes as it sees fit.

### **Financial**

The Clubs have agreed that the River Exe Regatta should be a free to enter event for all competitions.

The Clubs recognise that there will be costs incurred in organising the River Exe Regatta and that these costs should not fall upon the Host Club and or the Clubs and therefore that these costs need to be provided for in the budget and recovered by fund raising.

The Committee will decide in detail how to do that and are empowered by the Clubs to seek sponsorship, sell advertising, seek grant aid from suitable bodies and use any prudent means of raising the funds needed for the event.

In its discretion the committee will purchase such goods and services as it considers, in its absolute discretion, it needs and it will reimburse any reasonable expenses incurred by the Clubs, Committee members and any others involved in organising and running the River Exe Regatta.

The Committee will buy the prizes

When the Treasurer has had the annual accounts of the River Exe Regatta approved by the Committee, the Committee shall decide what funds should be retained for (a) the prudent underwriting of future Regattas and (b) any funding requirements by the River Exe Regatta Project. The remaining surplus, if any, may be divided equally between the Clubs.

For the avoidance of doubt if in any year the River Exe Regatta makes a loss the deficit will first be met by funds from the River Exe Regatta, then next by any monies in the River Exe Regatta Project (but not those for which unconditional offers of grant funding have been made but not paid) and lastly by the Clubs in equal proportion.

### **Social**

The Clubs agree that that an important part of the Exe Regatta is the associated social activity. It will be for the Committee to decide the format of the social events but it is expected that the Host Club should organise a social event at their Club premises on the Saturday evening and a tea and prize giving on Sunday early evening.

The Host Club may decide to take the financial risk of organising the Saturday night social event or it may leave that with the Committee, if the latter then the Committee will organise the event in co-ordination with the Host Club.

### **Determination**

The Clubs may unanimously agree to hold no more River Exe Regattas (Dissolution) at any time and, when all outstanding debts etc have been paid, each Club will receive an equal share of the monies in the bank account.

In the event of Dissolution, it is understood that this action will also be applied to the River Exe Regatta Project.

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