

# Rules of the Angling Trust Ltd - Wessex Region Marine.

## 1. NAME

The Division shall be known as the Angling Trust Ltd, Wessex Region Marine.

## 2. OBJECT

To promote active co-operation of all Clubs and Angling Trust Members within the Region and so further the general aims of the Angling Trust Ltd, *to develop and promote the sport of Recreational Sea Angling, with a commitment to equality and diversity to all.*

## 3. MEETINGS

### 3.1 A.G.M.

a) An AGM shall be held at a venue, date and time agreed by the Management Committee. The venue, date and agenda, together with any amendment to the rules, shall be sent to all Clubs at least 28 days before the Meeting.

b) Chairman:

The Regional Group Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman shall preside. If neither is present, a Chairman for the Meeting shall be elected from those present.

c) Who can attend and Vote:

Any Angling Trust Member can attend and may speak.

Those entitled to vote are:

- i) The Officers and Members of the Management Committee.
- ii) Delegates appointed by an Affiliated Club, which are not in arrears with their fees, with one Delegate per Club. A Delegate representing more than one Club shall be entitled to vote as directed by the Club they represent.
- iii) Any Angling Trust Member

Voting shall be by a show of hands or ballot, as the meeting may decide. If there is equality in the voting, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

- d) That no business shall be conducted at an AGM unless a Quorum of at least 18 Voting Members is present.
- e) That there must be a least two-thirds majority of the Voting delegates who are present before any Rule is made or amended.
- f) Election of Officers and Management Committee

The following Officers and Members of the Management Committee shall be elected:

President: The President shall be nominated by the Management Committee and elected annually at the AGM.

Officers: The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Conservation Officer, Competition Secretaries and Juniors' Representative shall be elected annually at the AGM.

Committee Members: Up to twelve Committee Members shall be elected annually at the AGM.

Auditor: The Auditor shall be nominated by the Management Committee and elected annually at the AGM.

- g) That nominations for Officers and Committee may be Accepted in writing from Affiliated Clubs and shall be received at least 14 days before the AGM.
- h) The audited Accounts for previous year shall be presented for adoption.

### 3.2 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting

An Extra-Ordinary General meeting (EGM) may be called by the Management Committee, or by the Secretary on a requisition on behalf of not less than six Affiliated Clubs. Not less than fourteen days notice shall be given to the Affiliated Clubs, Angling Trust Members with in the Region and only the business that the Meeting has been called for shall be conducted at the EGM.

## 4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC)

The management of the Region shall be vested in a Management Committee (MC) comprising:-

President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Competition Secretaries, *Development Officer*, and up to Twelve members. A Quorum shall consist of Six Members.

The MC shall have the power to appoint Officers and co-opt additional members to the MC for special purposes and to fill any vacancies which may occur.

The Committee shall meet monthly unless otherwise called by the Secretary and each member shall receive fourteen days notice of a meeting.

Any Club may send representatives to attend a Committee Meeting to discuss a particular matter by arrangement with the Secretary. The business to be discussed will be on the Agenda and the representative shall be present during this business only and shall have no voting rights.

No Committee Members attending less than 50% of Committee meetings shall be eligible to stand for re-election the following year, except under circumstances to be agreed by the Management Committee.

All members of the Management Committee shall be required to abide by the 'Code of Conduct' as laid down by the Angling Trust Ltd

## 5. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Management Committee may form Sub-Committees as necessary to deal with specific topics. However, the following sub-committees, elected annually from the Management Committee, are routine:

**Executive Committee (EC):** an EC consisting of the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, *Development Officer*, Junior Representative and Members Representative will meet as and when required, to handle the administrative matters of the Region. It will act as an Executive Committee, but must obtain authority from the management Committee for all executive decisions.

**Competitions and Festivals (C&F):** The C&F shall meet to arrange the competitions held by the Region, with the approval of the Management Committee.

**Handbook:** The Handbook Sub-Committee will meet to arrange the publication and selling of the Regional Handbook, which will be produced yearly, and will include such items as deemed necessary by the Management Committee.

## 6. FINANCES

- a) That the Region accounts will be handled by the Hon. Treasurer through a Bank and all cheques to be signed by any two of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.
- b) That Region accounts shall be audited by a responsible person nominated by the Committee and who shall not be a committee member.

## 7. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all *Angling Trust Affiliated* Clubs, Angling Trust Members within the Region, *and* any Club or Member wishing to change to or from another Region.

*They* may only do so with the consent of both Regions concerned.

## 8. LIFE MEMBERS

Life Membership may be bestowed at an AGM, from nominations by the Management Committee, upon persons who have rendered exceptional and yeoman service to the Region.

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