



# TINKER CLASS OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## TCOA Constitution

### Name

1. The name of the association shall be the Tinker Class Owners Association (TCOA).

### Membership

2. The Tinker Class Owners Association is open to anyone who owns or has an interest in the Tinker Class of sailing dinghies.
3. Membership is by application to the Membership Secretary on payment of the annual membership fee on initial application and thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> August each year. The amount of the membership fee to be set by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members.
4. Only members who have had their annual membership processed by the Membership Secretary may attend the Association's Rallies.

### Aims of the Association

5. The aims of the Association are:
  - a) To promote the use of the Tinker Class sailing dinghy.
  - b) To inform members of developments concerning the Class and of any proposals concerning Class rules.
  - c) To encourage National and International competition in Britain for the Class.
  - d) To coordinate a programme of races and events for the Class within the British Isles.
  - e) To encourage best practice sailing techniques.
  - f) To encourage best practice water safety techniques.
  - g) To encourage responsible recreational use of waterways, lakes and reservoirs, coastal waters and the land surrounding them where suitable facilities and access permissions exist.

### Organisation

6. The Association will be run by a committee.
7. The committee is to comprise of not less than six (6) members of the Association and are to be elected annually at the AGM by members.
8. The Committee shall have the power to perform all functions of management and administration.
9. The authority of the making of payments and the receipt of monies shall lie in the first instance with the Treasurer, or an appointed deputy, as appointed by the Committee.
10. There is no minimum or maximum term that any committee member may serve.
11. The Committee may, if necessary, co-opt members to assist it. Co-opted members will not have a vote in committee.
12. The minutes of the AGM shall be published (usually in the Association's magazine 'The Travelogue') and a copy shall be made available to any member on request to the Membership Secretary.

### Rallies

13. In pursuance of the Aims of the Association the TCOA intends to organise a number of Rallies each year at various suitable locations throughout the British Isles.

14. These Rallies will be organised by the Rally Secretary as appointed by the Committee.
15. The Rally Secretary will be responsible for ensuring that the Rallies conform where necessary to the requirements of the Camping and Touring Caravan Exemption Certificates issued to the Association by Natural England (NE).
16. Rallies for which a Camping and Touring Caravan Exemption Certificates Paragraph 6 Exemption applies shall be limited to a maximum of five days duration.
17. The Rally Secretary shall also be responsible for ensuring that all members conform to the TCOA Rally Code of Conduct.