

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

George Deep Sea Angling Club (GSC)



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1. **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

- 1.1. "AGM" – Annual General Meeting
- 1.2. "Boat/ Craft" – Deep-sea going vessel carrying the relevant offshore Certificate of Fitness
- 1.3. "Committee" – Elected members of the club
- 1.4. "Committee Meeting" – Meeting of elected persons to discuss club related issues/ matters
- 1.5. "Council" – Elected persons and Member Club delegates
- 1.6. "Council Meeting" – meeting of elected persons and Member Club delegates
- 1.7. "Deepsea" – the open sea, not harbours or tidal inland waters or rivers
- 1.8. "IGFA" – International Game Fish Association
- 1.9. "Offshore" – distance from the shore, deep sea
- 1.10. "Province" – the Southern Cape Deep Sea Angling Association
- 1.11. "Provincial" – pertaining to the Southern Cape Deep Sea Angling Association
- 1.12. "SADSAA" – South African Deep Sea Angling Association
- 1.13. "SCDSAA" – Southern Cape Deep Sea Angling Association
- 1.14. "the Club" – the George Deep Sea Angling Club (GSC)

2. **NAME AND HEADQUARTERS**

The Club shall:

- 2.1. be known as the GEORGE DEEP SEA ANGLING CLUB ("GSC")
- 2.2. be located within the George Municipality LM municipal border as per the approved Surveyor General plans

3. **AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND CLASSIFICATION**

The club have the following fundamental, enduring and long-term aims and objectives, namely:

- 3.1. To promote and foster the sport of boating and Deep Sea fishing,
- 3.2. To Co-operate with, and affiliate to any body, that may be deemed advantageous in the promotion of deep-sea sport fishing,
- 3.3. To establish such boards, committees, panels or bodies as may be deemed necessary to promote safety or improve boating for the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Club,
- 3.4. To select suitably qualified anglers for the Inter-Club, Inter Provincial and National tournaments in the sport of deep-sea fishing and to assist with awarding of Southern Cape

Colours and National Colours in the respect thereof and should the Club deem fit, to render financial or other assistance to such teams,

- 3.5. To keep accurate records of fish caught from boats in terms of the SADSAA and IGFA rules and to assist with the awarding of Provincial record certificates in respect thereof,
- 3.6. To award such trophies and certificates as may become available for tournaments and Club achievements,
- 3.7. To organise interclub tournaments as well as club tournaments to promote sport fishing and social interaction between Clubs,
- 3.8. To promote and maintain suitably approved development programs supporting all aspects of deep-sea sport fishing and where the Club deems fit, render financial assistance to such programs,
- 3.9. To promote social activities amongst its members,
- 3.10. To acquire or lease movable and immovable property and to deal therewith as the interests of the club demand,
- 3.11. To invest and/or borrow money and to secure the repayment thereof in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as may be expedient,
- 3.12. To carry out all the usual functions and objectives of a Ski Boat Club and to do all such things as may be deemed necessary therefore or incidental or conducive thereto.
- 3.13. A recreational sports fishing boat and deep-sea club shall be defined as one:
 - 3.13.1 which is a properly constituted deep sea angling body which complies with the requirements and stipulations of the SADSAA and is within the Geographic boundaries of the SADSAA.
 - 3.13.2 which is run for no individual gain
 - 3.13.3 whose committee is elected by the Members and shall consist only of Club Members
 - 3.13.4 which has at least five registered and active boats that are not registered with another club
 - 3.13.4 whose ordinary membership has a minimum of 10 full paying members individual to that club
 - 3.13.5 is in good financial standing with the SADSAA
 - 3.13.6 which has and retains a written constitution which has been approved by the Club and notifies in writing all such changes from time to time
 - 3.13.7 the Club shall maintain an up-to-date full list of members with their identity numbers, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and their physical addresses
 - 3.13.8 the Club shall maintain an up-to-date list of boat owners, boat names, specifications and seaworthy particulars

4. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB**

The Club shall consist of not more than such number of members as can, in the opinion of the Committee, be conveniently accommodated.

- 4.1 Membership of this Club shall be open to recreational Sport Fishing Boats, Fishing Jetskis, Spear-fisherman, Social non-fishing Members and Juniors who have as their objective the participation in and / or support of deep-sea sport and recreational fishing from boats in terms of the laws of the land.
- 4.2 New membership shall only be considered when the procedures as stated in section 6 below have been done/ followed.
- 4.3 Members shall abide by all rules and decisions of this Club

5. **CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

Refer to point 18.

The membership of the Club shall be divided into the classes defined as listed below:

- 5.1 Senior member
- 5.2 Junior member
- 5.3 Honorary life member
 - 5.3.1 Honorary members shall be elected according to the following process: A member can be voted for consideration pending a 7-day objection period after which the proposal will be either accepted or denied. A member can only be nominated for consideration by paid up members at the AGM.
 - 5.3.2 A past member or any other person who shall have been elected as such at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, for his lifetime or for such other period as the meeting may decide, in recognition of his having rendered outstanding service to the Club or having conferred some special benefit upon it, or by reason of his holding some high distinguished public office. An honorary member will be a member exempt from paying club fees.
- 5.4 Family membership
 - 5.4.1 Family membership includes parents and their children under age 19.

6. **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.1. Application for membership shall be made on the official Club nomination form and shall contain the information elicited therein. The completed form shall be handed to the Club Secretary together with payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription applicable to the Applicant for membership.
- 6.2. The Committee will require the Applicant for membership to appear in front of the Committee for an in-person interview.

- 6.3. The Committee shall, after considering any objections which may have been raised, and/or representations in terms of sub-paragraph 6.3 of this Clause, in its discretion either elect or reject the Applicant as a member and will be refunded.
- 6.4 Applicants shall be notified whether they are successful or not, by the secretary, who shall furnish successful Applicants with a copy of the Constitution and Bye Laws of the Club, whereafter the Applicant concerned shall be deemed to have submitted himself to such Constitution and Bye Laws.
- 6.5 If at any time it shall appear that an Applicant has been elected under a mistake or upon wrong information, the Committee may cancel such election, whereupon the person concerned shall cease to be a member of the Club, without any claim of any nature arising against the Club or the Committee. In such event the Committee may, in its discretion, refund the entrance fee and/or subscription involved, or any part thereof.

7. **OFFICE BEARERS**

7.1. **POSITIONS**

The Office Bearers of the Club shall be the following:

- 7.1.1. Chairperson,
- 7.1.2. Vice-Chairperson,
- 7.1.3. Secretary,
- 7.1.4. Treasurer,
- 7.1.5. Safety Officer,
- 7.1.6. Social Officer,
- 7.1.7. Development Officer,
- 7.1.8. Competition and Record Officer,
- 7.1.9. Environmental Officer

They shall be elected as provided for in the Constitution and shall hold office for the ensuing year until the next Annual General Meeting, when they retire, but shall be eligible for re-election. In the absence of nominations for the office at the Annual General Meeting, the retiring officer/s shall be deemed to have been re-elected for the ensuing year if willing.

7.2. **VACANCIES**

The Committee shall be entitled to remove from its number any member of the Office Bearers, who has failed to attend three consecutive ordinary Committee meetings without leave of absence, and shall be empowered to fill any vacancy which may occur in the Committee or in any other Office. Any member appointed to the Committee or any other Office in terms of this Constitution shall act and have the same authority as if he had been elected at any Annual General Meeting.

8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed and conducted by a Committee consisting of the Office Bearers mentioned under point 7.

8.1.1 the Chairperson shall hold office in such capacity for an initial period of 2 years and thereafter be eligible for re-election for a further two successive terms of 1 year each, whereafter he shall not be eligible for re-election for a further successive term, but shall be eligible thereafter for a further 2-year term of office ab initio

8.1.2 the Vice-Chairperson shall hold office in such capacity for an initial period of 2 years, thereafter be eligible indefinitely for re-election for successive 2-year terms of office

8.1.3 the office bearers referred to in 7.1.3 to 7.1.9 shall hold such office for an initial period of 2 years, thereafter be eligible indefinitely for re-election for a successive 1-year term of office

8.1.4 Should any of the offices in 7.1.1 to 7.1.9 for any reason fall vacant during any year, the remaining Members of the Committee may elect a substitute to occupy that office until the next Annual General Meeting.

8.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS

8.2.1 THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL:

8.2.1.1 be responsible for addressing any transgression or disciplinary actions / notices to members who break any club / national rule.

8.2.1.2 preside as Chairperson at all Club meetings but shall have no vote, save that he shall have a casting vote unless otherwise specified; failing him, the Vice-Chairperson, and failing him, a member elected by the meeting, shall act as Chairperson of the meeting.

8.2.1.3 present a written report to the Annual General Meeting

8.2.2 THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON SHALL:

8.2.2.1 in the absence of the Chairperson preside as the Chairperson of all Club meetings

8.2.3 THE SECRETARY SHALL:

8.2.3.1 Keep minutes of the proceeding of all committee meetings and send copies thereof to all committee members

8.2.3.2 keep minutes of the proceedings of all formal club meetings (AGM's and Special meetings) and send copies thereof to all club members. This excludes social club meetings.

8.2.3.3 keep and maintain all secretarial and administrative records as may be necessary and as determined by the Club

8.2.3.4 keep and maintain a register of all club rules, bylaws and resolutions.

8.2.4 THE TREASURER SHALL:

- 8.2.4.1 be responsible for the collection of, due and proper administration of all monies and funds of the Club
- 8.2.4.2 give effect to, and be guardian of, all bank accounts, investments and all approved budgets
- 8.2.4.3 be responsible for the maintenance and updating of books and accounts and other documents of the Club, including those relating to all investments of the Club of whatever nature
- 8.2.4.4 Prepare financial statements, copies of which shall be circulated by the Secretary to all members no less than 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting for the ratification at such meeting
- 8.2.4.5 submit interim financial reports at all Club meetings or when called upon by the Club
- 8.2.4.6 deposit all monies belonging to and received by the Club to the credit of such banking account in the name of the Club as may be nominated by the Club
- 8.2.4.7 ensure that all payments made by electronic fund transfer from the Club's banking account are loaded by the treasurer and authorised by one of the nominated signatories.
- 8.2.4.8 keep proper books of accounts reflecting all transactions of the Club
- 8.2.4.9 Maintain an asset register of the Club Assets
- 8.2.4.10 serve notice by recordable means on any Club Member that is 30 calendar days in arrears with their subscription
- 8.2.4.11 Check and finalise all budgets submitted and draw to the attention of the respective Committee members should those budgets be exceeded

8.2.5 THE SAFETY OFFICER SHALL:

- 8.2.5.1 administer and control competence and compliance of all safety requirements in accordance with the regulations required by the South African Maritime Safety Authority
- 8.2.5.2 set and advise, when necessary, the changes relating to operating, launching and accessing launch sites due to changes in the conditions of the launch sites under management of the Club

8.2.6 THE COMPETITION AND RECORDS OFFICER SHALL:

- 8.2.6.1 be responsible for all club and interclub competitions
- 8.2.6.2 circulate prior to any competition all local rules and regulations pertaining to the competition
- 8.2.6.3 ensure that all competitions comply with SCDSAA, SADSAA as well as DFFE and local authority rules and regulations
- 8.2.6.4 have overriding jurisdiction to settle any dispute which may arise, of whatsoever nature
- 8.2.6.5 if deemed necessary from time to time, form a competitions committee

8.2.6.6 be responsible for all trophies, the maintenance thereof, and prizes

8.2.6.7 maintain a library of ratified record catches and competition results

8.2.6.8 issue certificates for meritorious and record catches

8.2.6.9 collate and submit catch statistics to the Environmental Officer

8.2.7 THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER SHALL:

8.2.7.1 Act on behalf of the Club on all environmental affairs including negotiations with all government departments

8.2.7.2 represent the Club at all committee meetings regarding environmental affairs and resource management

8.2.7.3 act on behalf of the Club on any environmental matters deemed necessary from time to time

8.2.7.4 represent the Club on any bodies set up to manage resources and the environment

8.2.7.5 draft recommendations for the betterment of the resources

8.2.7.6 liaise with, and make recommendations to bodies pertaining to the management of the resources

8.2.8 THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SHALL:

8.2.8.1 submit development reports at each Club meeting

8.2.8.2 submit a summary of all development programs hosted during the year

8.2.9 THE SOCIAL OFFICER SHALL:

8.2.9.1 arrange regular club social functions to promote camaraderie amongst members

8.2.9.2 arrange the social aspects of Annual General Meetings and Year End Functions

8.2.9.3 propose and arrange suitable venues for socials

8.2.9.4 assist the Competitions Officer with social arrangements relating to Club competitions

8.3 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE:

8.3.1 The management of the business and control of the Club

8.3.2 The carrying out of the objectives of the Club, in such ways and by means as are not required to be exercised by the Club in General Meeting, subject to such directions as may be given to the committee from time to time by the Club in General Meeting. No direction given by the Club in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Committee which would have been valid if such direction had not been given

- 8.3.3 The Committee may from time to time co-opt to assist in its deliberations in regards to any matter or matters arising in connection with the affairs of the Club, any person whether or not a member of the Club. Such person shall be entitled to participate in such meetings and to have such rights of a committee member as the Committee may prescribe, save that he shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee
- 8.3.4 The Committee may delegate any of its powers to subcommittees consisting of such members of the Club as it deems fit. Any subcommittee shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any directives which may have been given to it by the Committee and shall, subject to those directives, conduct proceedings in such a manner as it may see fit
- 8.3.5 Subject to member approval at an AGM or Special Meeting the Committee shall have the power to adjust existing levies and fees as are deemed necessary from time to time and impose such special or additional levies /fees as are deemed necessary from time to time
- 8.3.6 To appoint, dismiss and fix honoraries or emoluments of officials
- 8.3.7 To control normal day to day running and budget expenditure of the Club; any other expenditure or required funds shall be ratified at the General meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.
- 8.3.8 To recommend the repeal or amendment of rules for the regulation of the Club
- 8.3.9 In accordance with objectives set out in 3.0, open and to operate on such banking or savings accounts or other accounts with such Banks or other Financial Institutions as may be determined, and to draw, make, sign, accept, endorse, discount, and issue bills of exchange, promissory notes, or other negotiable or transferable instruments subject to 8.3.7
- 8.3.10 To organise and control such Competitions and Trials as it may deem fit
- 8.3.11 To hold in trust all assets and property of the Club

9. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

9.1. TIME AND PLACE

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held once a year, at such time, date and place as the Committee may determine.

9.2. NOTICE

Not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting, written notice thereof and of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be given to all members entitled to vote at such meeting.

9.3. VOTING

Only paid-up members of the Club for the following ensuing year, as defined in Paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

9.4. QUORUM

At the meeting one third of all paid-up members shall constitute a quorum, and in the absence of a quorum adjournment of ten (10) minutes will be effective and the members then present will form a quorum.

9.5. CHAIRPERSON

The Club Chairperson, and failing him, the Vice-Chairperson, and failing him, a member elected by the meeting, shall act as Chairperson of the meeting.

9.6. DECISIONS

9.6.1. Except where otherwise provided for in this Constitution, all decisions at the meeting shall be by simple majority by show of hands of paid-up members eligible to vote, provided that:

9.6.2. No decision shall have any legal force and financial implications, unless fifty percent (50) of the Ski Boat Owners present, have voted in favour of such

9.7. PROXY VOTES

All paid-up members eligible to vote, as in Clause 9.3 of the Constitution can vote by proxy.

9.8. MINUTES

The Chairperson shall be responsible to ensure that proper minutes be kept of the proceedings of the meeting.

9.9. CONSTITUTION

The constitution will be reviewed once a year and if need be, revised by members of the committee. The revised constitution will be distributed 14 days before the AGM to all members for comment. Any comment received from a member should be discussed at the AGM and decided upon by the members if the comment should have effect on the constitution. If there are no changes to the original revised constitution, it must be approved at the AGM and is seen as the standing constitution for the year.

A Resolutions Register to be used to record decisions made at Committee meetings regarding specific rules and requirements regarding the running of the club or the sport. These may change from time to time without having to amend the Constitution unnecessarily.

10. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

A special General Meeting shall be held if:

10.1. Convened by the Committee whenever it thinks fit; or

10.2. Convened by the Committee at the written request to ten (10) or more full members of the Club;

The provisions of Clauses 9.1 to 9.7 shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to all Special General Meetings.

11. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE**

The election of the Office Bearers and Committee Members shall take place in the following manner:

- 11.1. Any two paid-up members of the Club shall be entitled to nominate a paid-up member as an Office Bearer or a Committee Member.
- 11.2. The validity of nominations shall be decided by the Club Chairperson, whose decision shall be final.
- 11.3. In the event that there be more than one Applicant for any office, or if there be more Applicants for Committee Membership than vacancies, voting to fill such office or vacancies, as the case may be, shall be by show of hands and each member present eligible to vote shall be entitled to vote for one Applicant for each office. In the event of an equality of votes, the Office Bearer shall then be decided by the majority votes of Ski Boat Owners.
- 11.4. Should there be insufficient nominations for Committee membership, the newly elected Committee shall as soon as possible fill any vacancies.

12. **CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTION OF OFFICE BEARERS COMMITTEE**

- 12.1. The Chairperson, and failing him, the Vice-Chairperson, and failing him a member elected, shall act as chairperson of the committee and at all committee Meeting.
- 12.2. Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and in the absence of a quorum no business shall be transacted at the meeting.
- 12.3. The Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter and in addition a Committee Meeting may be convened at any time by the Chairperson. Any Committee member who is absent 3 times in the year will be deemed to have resigned and will be replaced by the Committee.
- 12.4. In the event of equality of votes on any question in a Committee Meeting, the chairperson of such meeting shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote.
- 12.5. Neither the Committee, nor any individual member thereof, shall disclose to anyone outside the Committee the nature of the discussions by the Committee of voting on any matter decided in Committee. If such disclosure is made and the Committee is of the opinion that the conduct of the Committee Member concerned is prejudicial to the good order and conduct of the Committee and/or the Club, such Committee member may be requested to resign from the Committee by a two-thirds majority thereof, excluding such member, at a Special Committee Meeting convened for the purpose. In the event of refusal by such Committee member to resign, he shall be expelled from the Committee.
- 12.6. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be responsible to ensure that the Secretary keeps proper minutes of all proceedings of meetings of the Committee.
- 12.7. Each Committee meeting held must address the following four main points in the meeting:
 - 12.7.1. Discuss the Financial Statements and position of the club as at the time of the meeting.
 - 12.7.2. Any safety related matters of the club and its members

12.7.3. Members and Membership related matters

12.7.4. Environmental related matters impacting the club and its members

Any and all other club relevant matters can be discussed once the four points above have been addressed.

13. **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall without prejudice to the generality of its powers of full engagement, management and control of all the affairs of the Club, have the following special powers and duties:

- 13.1. To make, revoke and/or amend Bye-laws (Resolutions) not consistent with the Constitution of the Club, for the carrying out of the provisions of the Constitution and for the management control and uses of the Club and the conduct of members. Any new Bye-law or amendment to existing Byelaws made by the Committee shall immediately thereafter be of full force and effected, until revoked by the Committee.
- 13.2. To appoint Sub-Committees from among its members to deal with any matters affecting the Club, and/or such further or other Sub-Committees as may be found necessary. Sub-Committees shall meet when necessary and be empowered to act on behalf of the Committee or the Club, but no resolution of any Sub-Committee involving extraordinary expenditure shall be acted upon until confirmed by the Committee. The Chairperson shall be an ex-official member of all Sub-Committees and must be copied in on all matters.
- 13.3. To appoint Sub-Committees from Club members outside the Committee, to assist in arraying on the Club's activities or functions.
- 13.4. To pay any member or other person an honorarium or gratuity in return for services rendered to the Club.
- 13.5. To maintain, repair and replace the property and equipment of the club.
- 13.6. To extend the facilities of the club to any person or body or persons on such terms and for such period as may be considered proper.
- 13.7. To appoint and authorize officers and/or servants of the Club to sign legal documents, notices and the like on behalf of the Club, and to institute or defend legal proceedings brought by or against the Club.
- 13.8. To open and operate current bank accounts, savings accounts, monies on fixed deposit or otherwise, and in its discretion to withdraw from such accounts as and when necessary.
- 13.9. To enter into contracts by and on Behalf of the Club for the erection of buildings, renovations, alterations, additions or other works or for the supply of furniture, fittings and equipment suitable and necessary for the requirements of the club after approval at an AGM or SGM by the members, not the Committee.
- 13.10. To do all such things consistent with the proper conduct of the affairs of the Club and as required by these Clauses, except such matters as are expressly required by Annual General or a Special Meeting of Members.
- 13.11. With the prior sanction of the Annual General or a Special General Meeting of members to:

13.11.1. Purchase or otherwise acquire land and/or property, and to sell, Let and/or otherwise deal therewith.

13.11.2. Borrow money for the purchase of land or other property, and/or for any other purchase (except as provided for in sub-paragraph 13.8 of this Clause) and to hypothecate the land and/or other property of the Club.

14. **LIABILITY AND PROTECTION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS**

All decisions of the Committee in terms of the Clauses shall bind the members of the Club and all acts done by the Committee or any members thereof or by the office Bearers in the bona fide execution of their duties, shall be deemed to have been done by the Club as whole, and the members of the Committee or Office Bearers shall be liable pro rata for such acts only to an equal extent with other members of the Club. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, no members liability will exceed the amount of one year subscription.

15. **CLUB PROPERTY**

The property of the Club shall vest in the Committee for the time being, and its nominees shall have power to institute or defend any action in law in the name of the Club when so authorized by the Committee.

16. **CLUB FUNDS**

All subscriptions and other monies received from any source whatsoever, shall be paid into a current banking or savings account in the name of the Club. All payments therefrom shall be authorized or ratified by the Committee and shall be made by EFT on such account, to be loaded by the Secretary/Treasurer and authorised by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

16.1. Yearly membership fees must be on or before the AGM in order for an existing member to keep their paid-up member status and voting right.

16.2. Payments for yearly memberships can be extended until the end of the second week of March for a specific year. After which the membership of the existing member will lapse, and they will lose their GSC number and must reapply to the club.

16.3. A member that is not able to pay his/her fees by the second week of March can be allowed to pay in portions (down payments) if the member applied for this well in advance of the date in March and approved by the Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson and the Chairperson.

16.4. Any member that did not pay his/her yearly fees at the AGM will only be reminded once by the Treasurer at the beginning of March. If there is no response or payment from the member then the membership will lapse and the said member must reapply and repay all areas of application, if no payment is done at the end of the second week of March.

17. **BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND AUDITORS**

- 17.1.1 The Club must appoint an accountant to annually review and comment on our finances.
- 17.1.2 The Treasurer must on a regular monthly basis provide the Accountant with all necessary paperwork and bank account statements.
- 17.1.3 The Treasurer must ensure that the Accountant provides a financial statement for circulation to the members 14 days prior to the AGM.
- 17.2. Furthermore, if no Auditor is appointed then any paid-up member of the club can at any time request to view the books of accounts and a special committee meeting along with the requestor will be held to discuss the books of accounts. The books of accounts must be up to date at least two weeks before the date of the special committee meeting.
- 17.3. If any member of the club is still not satisfied after section 17.1. and 17.2. had been followed then he may appoint an auditor to audit the books of accounts on his own account and risk. If there is a material finding, then the club must cover the cost that the member had to pay the auditor.

18. **FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Refer to point 5.

- 18.1. The Entrance Fees and Membership Fees of all membership categories will from time to time be proposed by the Committee but determined by the members at the AGM.
- 18.2. All Annual Subscriptions levied in terms of Subparagraph 18.1. of this Clause shall be due and payable in advance on or before the day of the Annual General Meeting.
- 18.3. A member whose subscription or any part thereof is not paid on the date of the Annual General Meeting, shall follow the process as stipulated in Clause 16. The Committee shall have the right, in its discretion, to reinstate such member on payment in full of all arrears.
- 18.4. Other than as specifically provided for elsewhere in the Constitution, no entrance fees, subscription or other fees shall be refunded to members.
- 18.5. A non-member skipper will pay an applicable launch fee at all venues controlled by the Club.
- 18.6. Fees charged to members or visitors for Club socials to be decided by Committee decision on an ad hoc basis.

19. **RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS**

Refer to section 16.

Members failing to give written notice to the Secretary prior to the 31st January in any year, of their intention to resign, shall remain liable for the subscription of the ensuing year, provided that in special circumstances the Committee may waive payment of such subscription.

- 19.1. A member will be seen as voluntary resignation if the annual fees is not paid and Clause 16 in the constitution is followed.

- 19.2. A member timeously resigning in writing will have resigned in good standing.
- 19.3. The Committee can use its discretion to waive a joining fee for an old member wanting to rejoin.
- 19.4. When a member leaves the Club the GSC boat and membership number lapses.
- 19.5. The resigning member must ensure GSC numbers are removed from the boat.

20. **EXPLUSION OF MEMBERS**

- 20.1. Should any member in the opinion of the Committee:
 - 20.1.1. be guilty of improper, dishonest or unsportsmanlike behaviour or prejudicial to the interest and reputation of the Club; or
 - 20.1.2. commit any wilful breach of the Rules or Bye-laws of the Club; or
 - 20.1.3. wilfully or negligently damage any property of the Club;

the Committee shall be entitled to deal with such member as thereafter provided in this Constitution.
- 20.2. Before exercising its power in terms of sub-paragraph 20.3 of this clause, the Committee shall give written notice to the member concerned of any charge or allegation against him and shall give him an opportunity of being heard personally in reply thereto. The Committee shall also be entitled to hear evidence-from any member, Club servant or other person who is considered likely to assist the Committee in its enquiries but shall not be bound to follow any form of judicial or quasi-judicial procedure or rules of evidence in enquiring into and arriving at a conclusion as to the facts of such charge or allegation.
- 20.3. After holding the enquiry referred to in sub-paragraph 20.2 of this Clause and if the Committee is of the opinion that the member concerned is guilty of any conduct described in sub-paragraph 20.1 of this clause, it shall have the power:
 - 20.3.1. to warn such a member not to repeat such misconduct; or
 - 20.3.2. to expel such member and to declare his current subscription forfeited; or
 - 20.3.3. to deprive such member of any or all of his rights and privileges of membership for such period as it may deem fit or
 - 20.3.4. to request such member in writing to resign, and failing compliance within seven (7) days, to expel such member; or
 - 20.3.5. to assess against such member the amount of any damage done by him to recover such amount from him.
- 20.4. The member concerned shall be given written notice of the Committee's decision.
- 20.5. No member who has been expelled in terms of this Clause, or who has resigned in response to a request made in terms of sub- paragraph 20.3.4 of this Clause, shall be eligible for re-election for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

21. **COMPLAINTS**

All complaints shall be made to the Secretary who, if unable to deal with them forthwith, shall require them to be made in writing for submission to the Committee, whose decision thereon shall be final.

22. **NOTICES**

All official Club notices shall be drawn in both official languages and shall be deemed to have been effectively brought to the notice of Club Members by written notice given to members by the Secretary.

23. **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

A full and complete Register of Members' names and their postal addresses shall be kept by the Secretary. Every member shall keep the Secretary advised of any change in his or her postal address/email address, and all notices sent by post to the last recorded address and by email to the last recorded email address of any member shall be deemed to have been duly delivered to and received by him within four (4) days of the date of posting.

24. **INDEMNITY BY MEMBERS**

- 24.1. Each member shall indemnify the club against loss or damage to any person or property arising out of any negligent, wrongful or unlawful act committed by him in pursuance of Club activities, and the election to membership of the club of a member shall be deemed to be an acceptance by him of this condition.
- 24.2. The club shall not be liable to compensate any member or other person for any loss or damage suffered by him through the negligent acts of any member.
- 24.3. The club shall not be liable to make good the loss or damage through any cause of any property of any member or other person while using its facilities.

25. **CLUB RULES CHANGE**

No rules of the club shall be repealed or altered and no new Rules made unless approved by not less than two-thirds majority of members entitled to vote and personally present at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting or members duly convened for that purpose in terms of the Constitution have subject thereto that such amendments of the Constitution have any legal force unless two-thirds of the personally present Ski Boat Owners voted in favour of such amendments.

26. **INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

Besides the stipulations within the Constitution, the Club and the members are governed by by-laws, rules and resolutions. These are to be read in conjunction with the Constitution and can change

from time to time and are applicable in their latest versions. Members are requested to familiarise themselves with these as well as the penalties for transgressions.

If any doubt or dispute shall arise as to the proper construction or interpretation of any rule, clause or Byelaw (Resolution) of the Club, the matter or question shall, unless arising at an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting, be referred to the Committee, whose decision thereon shall be final. In respect of matters of construction or interpretation arising at Annual General or Special General Meetings, the decision of the Chairperson shall be binding at that meeting.

If there is a difference in interpretation between the Constitutions of the Club or SCDSAA then the latter will carry. If needed, then SCDSAA can be approached for conflict resolution and guidance.

I, _____, here by acknowledge that I have read and understand the Constitution of George Deep Sea Angling Club.

Signature

Date

**** LIST OF AMENMENDS ****

1. Original 1 - March 2023 as received from D. Coetzee
2. Version 2 – Amended December 2024
3. Version 3 – Amended and Finalised January 2025