



Scotland SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC047162

## Membership Review

### Current Situation

There are two types of membership currently available to join Sailability Scotland SCIO: Group Membership and Individual Membership.

### The Problem

- With Group Membership we do not know who the members are, where they are, or their sailing interest and skill level.
- We do not know how many people are involved with disabled sailing.
- We are unable able to confirm entrants eligibility to compete in Sailability Scotland SCIO regattas if they are a member of a Group.
- We are unable to communicate directly with Group members.

### The Proposal

To replace the current two types of membership with five types.

#### Change to:

*Fully paid up with racing and voting rights:*

- Active - To take part in our regattas

*Temporary membership*

- Membership to cover a regatta. No voting rights and lasts for just one regatta.

*Free membership is offered with no voting rights:*

- Associate - for the collection of details and receiving information
- Guest - Temporary membership for guests of Sailability Scotland SCIO\*
- Host - Temporary membership for members of a event host club\*

\*At the discretion of the Sailability Scotland SCIO Committee

### The Benefit

- Knowing how many active sailors and members we have will greatly improve our potential to seek sponsorship and funding.
- Every Active Member gets a vote at Sailability Scotland SCIO AGM and therefore a say on how we organise ourselves.
- We can communicate directly with everyone, lessening the burden on groups.
- We are able to check membership details ensuring that people are eligible and insured to compete in Sailability Scotland SCIO regattas.
- It will be easier to make people aware of suitable courses and events

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### **What happens to Sailing Centres and Groups?**

Sailing Centres and Clubs will continue as usual to help make sailing available to everyone.

Centres and Groups can continue to lease boat(s) as they do now or register an interest to receive support and information from Sailability Scotland SCIO, such as our Tack-Tick news sheet.

If a Centre or Group member wishes to race in our regattas then they need to join Sailability Scotland SCIO.

### **When might this happen?**

A motion will be proposed at our 2018 AGM for the membership to ratify and it will take effect with renewing membership on 1 April 2018.