

31 March 2020

Annual SAS Membership Fees

Dear Club Commodore and Treasurer

Background

As you are aware the new SA Sailing Constitution was unanimously adopted in August 2018 after extensive country wide consultation with all Clubs and other stakeholders. While it has gone a long way to moving SA Sailing forward as an association, it has been recognised that the membership fee collections from clubs needed more attention as it is impacting the revenues of SA Sailing, and directly, the opportunities and projects that SA Sailing can address.

In November 2019 the Finance Committee met at the SA Sailing Council meeting in Durban and proposed amendments to the By-Law 5 – Subscriptions. With the implementation of the RevolutioniseSport database system in 2019, it is easier for clubs to manage their membership on their portal on this database. Only a few clubs have started working on the database, we encourage all clubs to adopt the RevSport database as soon as possible. It is a free offering to clubs. Please contact Lucy de Freitas (GM SA Sailing, lucydf@sailing.org.za) who will assist in this regard.

These amendments were sent to SA Sailings' Constitutional Committee for their input and then, with minor changes, adopted at the SA Sailing Council meeting on 13th March 2020. Discussion was held whether to implement the new By-Law 5 with immediate effect (as SA Sailing year end is 31 March) or to hold over the implementation to a later date. It was decided that, in the interests of moving forward in the best interest of sailing, that it'd be best to implement By-Law 5 with effect from the beginning of SA Sailings' next financial year, ie, 1 April 2020.

This document is aimed at clarifying the new SA Sailing Membership fee collection process and specifically to highlight the obligations of the club Commodore and Treasurer.

The updated Bylaw 5 as approved by Council on 13th March 2020 can be found on the SA Sailing website. It can be accessed by [clicking here](#)

Collection of SA Sailing Membership fees by the SA Sailing Affiliated Clubs

SA Sailing has adopted the policy of having the Clubs collect the annual SA Sailing Membership fee from its members to be paid over to SA Sailing. This arrangement is essentially unchanged from the original Constitution dating back to 1998. What has changed is the process of establishing the club members that owe SA Sailing fees to which clubs and the payment of these fees by the clubs to SA Sailing. This policy is not to transfer the administration burden on to the Clubs but to encourage the membership of clubs and to not bypass them. Clubs are an integral part of the sport and if we had a large portion of the membership independent of the clubs, clubs would have less members using their facilities and thus joining their clubs and creating revenue.

Requirements of club

As per amended Bylaw 5, Clause 4.1, each club is required to collect SA Sailing membership fees for all its members with the following exceptions:

- Members who confirm membership at another club – Clause 4.2
- Members who pay subscriptions to another water sport's governing body – Clause 4.3.1
- Members who have attained the age of 70 before the commencement of the club's financial year – Clause 4.3.2
- SA Sailing Life Members meeting the requirements of Clause 4.3.3
- SA Sailing honorary members meeting the requirements of Clause 4.3.4

Onus of Commodore and Treasurer

Every Affiliated Club and Sailing Discipline, where applicable, shall annually in the last month of their financial year furnish SA Sailing with the following (Clause 8):

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Philip Baum (President) | Peter Hall (Vice-President) | Vernon Brown (NR Councillor) | Anton Ellens (KZN Councillor) | Pam Millar (EC Councillor) | Bruce Keytel (WC Councillor) | Grant Ekermans (Treasurer) | Colin Whitehead (Multihulls)

- a certificate signed by its Commodore / Chairperson and Treasurer confirming that, at the date of signature, the information on the SA Sailing database with respect to the names of their Club / Disciplines Members per Membership Class as specified in clause 4.1 of By-Law 5 is correct;
- a copy of their prior years' Audited Annual Financial Statements.
- an auditor's certificate verifying the correctness of the information furnished in the prior year certificate per clause 8.1.1 or 9.2 of By-Law 5.

Payment to SA Sailing

SA Sailing membership fees may be collected from members by the club's in a manner best suited to the clubs administrative procedures, but shall be paid to SA Sailing as follows (Clause 9):

- The Annual Subscription shall be invoiced to the Affiliated Clubs and Sailing Disciplines annually in the first month of their financial year. The AS shall be paid to SA Sailing as follows (Clause 9.1):
 - 30% of the total Annual Subscription payable by the end of the 2nd (second) month after the commencement of their financial year,
 - 50% of the total Annual Subscription payable by the end of the 3rd (third) month after the commencement of their financial year, and
 - 20% of the total Annual Subscription payable by the end of the 4th (fourth) month after the commencement of their financial year, subject to alteration per Clause 9.2.
- Should there be a change in the information per the certificate referred to in 8.1.1 of By-Law 5 between the date of signing and the end of the third month after the club's year end, the final 20% payment will be adjusted accordingly. A new certificate signed by the Commodore / Chairperson and Treasurer confirming that, at the date of signature, the information on the SA Sailing database with respect to the names of their Club / Disciplines Members per Membership Class as specified in 4.1 of By-Law 5 is correct shall be furnished (Clause 9.2).

Payment to SA Sailing is to be made as follows:

- Make the payment to the SA Sailing bank account:
 Bank: First National Bank
 Account name: South African Sailing
 Account type: Current Account
 Branch: Pinelands
 Branch code: 260-209
 Account number: 62747183995
 Reference: Club name Fees (eg ZVYC Fees)
- Email the proof of payment the bank to finance@sailing.org.za.

Fees

Council has approved a 6,8% increase for the 2020 / 2021 SA Sailing Membership Fees as follows:

		Calculation (% of TAS)	Total Annual Subscription (TAS)
1	Ordinary / Individual Member	100%	R 550.00
2	Family Member	150%	R 825.00
3	Student Member - School	20%	R 110.00
4	Student Member - Tertiary	30%	R 165.00
5	Youth Member - Under 19	50%	R 275.00
6	Social Member	40%	R 220.00
7	Temporary Member	30%	R 165.00
8	Development Member	Per Council	R 20.00



Frequently asked questions:

1. What does SA Sailing do and why does a social member need to contribute to its fees?
 - a. SA Sailing is the National Body recognised by the Department of Sport (SRSA) and SASCOC to represent and administer all sailing activity in the country, both recreational and competitive. All such activities in the country are required to organise themselves under one national body.
 - b. This covers all members in clubs and does not only focus on racing members. Examples are the access to water issues, representing sailors' interests with SAMSA, being responsible for relationships with government and international associations, etc.
2. Why does the club have to collect the SA Sailing Membership fees and not SA Sailing?
 - a. SA Sailing per force does not have the proximity or the same intimacy of relationship with Club members that the Club has. Nor does it know who has joined a Club and who has left. This process drives membership towards the clubs. The club is already collecting fees from its members. Let's remember, when all the Clubs joined hands Constitutionally two decades ago their common wisdom was this was the most efficient way to collect fees for a national body. It was and still is accepted that a strong national body is an imperative.
3. What are (some of) the benefits of SA Sailing Membership to its members?
 - a. A list of benefits is listed on the SA Sailing website ([Click here](#)).
 - b. Intasure offers paid up SA Sailing Members discounts on vessel insurance of as much as 25% to 50% over other insurance companies.
 - c. Paid up SA Sailing members have Third Party Personal Liability insurance through Intasure when competing locally and internationally paid for by SA Sailing. Temporary and Social memberships are excluded from this benefit.
 - d. Event organisers of SA Sailing sanctioned events have Third Party Personal Liability insurance through Intasure covering the event paid for by SA Sailing.

Should you have any further queries with regards to the payment of SA Sailing fees please contact us at finance@sailing.org.za.

Regards



Grant Ekermans
National Treasurer

