

# INLAND FLOOD RESCUE ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### A. NAME

Inland Flood Rescue Association.

### B. ADMINISTRATION

Subject to the matters set out below, the association shall be administered and managed in accordance with these articles of association.

### C. OBJECTS

1. To provide a coordinated voice and support for UK flood and water rescue teams at a national level.
2. To foster, develop and improve methods of water rescue in the UK.

### D. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To obtain a seat on UK SAR to represent water teams within the UK.
2. To provide support for developing water rescue teams within the voluntary sector and give advice and guidance on providing a professional accredited rescue service.
3. To coordinate and provide information on specialist approved teams available to the emergency services within the UK.
4. To provide advice and assistance to its members on matters of insurance, qualifications and current legislation.
5. To lobby government and other bodies to the benefit of member water rescue teams within the UK.
6. To develop and improve methods of water rescue.
7. To test, evaluate and endorse/report on new equipment for its members.

8. To provide technical information on all aspects of water rescue for its members.
9. To share information, training and provide support to other teams when required.
10. To enable teams to obtain equipment and insurance at discounted prices by bulk purchase.
11. To apply for grants, support and equipment for the mutual benefit of its members.
12. To cooperate with other organisations, voluntary and statutory authorities, operating in furtherance of the objectives of the association.
13. To appoint such advisory committees as the Executive Committee may think fit.

E. **MEMBERSHIP**

1. The association shall consist of full and probationary teams. All new teams will be subject to a 12-month probationary period and then review by the Executive Committee.
2. Any team aggrieved at the cancellation of membership, may lodge an appeal within 21 days of the decision.
3. Any member team of the association, who shall be guilty of any conduct detrimental to its interest or status (to which a motion is carried by a two thirds majority of the Executive Committee shall be conclusive) shall cease to be a member. Provided that such member team shall have had the right to be heard by the Executive Committee before the final decision is made.

F. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than three members, nor more than seven and consisting of A) Chairman, B) Vice Chair, C) Secretary, D) Treasurer E) Training Officer, F) Fundraising Officer, G) IT Officer.
2. All executive members are required to be elected annually. There will be no restriction on subsequent re-election.

G. **MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. There will be a quorum of at least four members.
2. To hold an executive meeting at least every 3 months.
3. Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes.

H. **RECEIPTS AND EXPENDATURE**

1. The funds of the association, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into accounts operated by the Treasurer, on behalf of the Executive Committee.
2. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by two authorised signatories.

I. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. There will be an Annual General Meeting of the association.
2. Every Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary, who shall give at least 21 days notice, to all categories of the association.
3. Nominations for election must be made by members in writing, which must include a Statement of Competencies and in the hands of the Secretary 14 days before the A.G.M.
4. Each team represented by team leader (or equivalent status) when achieving full membership, shall have one vote.

J. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Executive Committee may call a Special General Meeting of the association at any time. If at least five "full" members request such a meeting in writing, stating the business to be considered, the Secretary shall call such a meeting. The Secretary will within 7 days of any such request, send notices to all "full" members, giving at least 21 days notice of meeting. The notice must state the business to be discussed.

K. **PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

1. The Secretary or other person specially appointed by the Executive Committee, shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the association.
2. There shall be a quorum when at least 50 percent of voting members of the association are present.

L. **NOTICES**

Any notice required to be served on any member of the association shall be in writing and shall be served by the Secretary or the Executive Committee on any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at last known address and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

M. **ALTERATIONS TO THE ARTICLES**

The articles may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

These articles of association were adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009, by the Team Managers forming the Executive Committee and whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SIGNATURE</u></b>
1.	David Walker (MISAR)	
2.	Mark Jeffers (STAR)	
3.	William Allen (UK Hovercraft)	
4.	Peter Sherwin (ISARM)	
5.	Dave Jones (GLOBAL)	
6.	Ivor Davies (CAVRA)	
7.	Robert Greenwood (T24)	

