



# Constitution

## Section 1 – Name

The name of this club shall be 'North Somerset - Wind, Wheels & Waves'. Herein after it shall be referred to as 'the club' or 'Wind, Wheels & Waves'. The club shall be affiliated to the British Kite Surfing Association (BKSA), and is a not for profit organisation.

## Section 2 – Objectives

To represent our sport in North Somerset through one voice.

To promote safe and responsible kiting in North Somerset.

To provide a central network and forum covering all kite related issues in North Somerset.

To provide social events.

## Section 3 – Officers

The officers of the club shall be members of the club and shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer as a minimum. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, by a majority vote with a show of hands, and shall hold office for one year. All Officers of the club shall be eligible for re-election.

The Committee shall manage the affairs of the club and shall cause the funds of the club to be applied solely to the objects of the club.

The committee can appoint a sub-committee or temporary officer to assist with organising events or carrying out specific tasks.

## Section 4 – Membership

The club is open to all-comers, however all members must be members of the BKSA. Wind, Wheels & Waves will direct all individuals to join via the BKSA website.

Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Meetings, to contribute to the forum, and to partake in any social events. Members are asked to promote and practice safe and responsible kiting.

The membership fee shall be in line with BKSA rates plus an additional fee to be proposed and agreed by majority member vote at the Annual General Meeting each year. Changes shall become operative on the first day of January after the AGM. The rate will be displayed on the BKSA website where members will be directed to join the club.

Kiting activities at Wind, Wheels & Waves beaches are open to all members. However all members must read the club Code of Conduct and Risk assessments as detailed on our website.

North Somerset Council insists that all traction kitters are members of Wind, Wheels & Waves, or one of their other recognised clubs (SWATK, British land speedsailing association). North Somerset Council insists that all traction kitters have third party insurance. All traction kitters may be asked to provide proof of a recognised club membership and / or insurance. We ask that these requests be courteously complied with.

## Section 5 – Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held each year on a date to be fixed by the Committee. The AGM, or other General Meetings that may be called, shall be announced with at least fourteen days notice on the club website and to members' emails where available. Simple majority at the AGM or General Meetings shall resolve decisions put to a vote. In the event of a tie, the chair will have the casting vote.

## Section 6 – Finance

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club and will keep accurate accounts to be presented

at the AGM. Club monies are to be spent for the benefit of the club and its members, as agreed by the committee.

### **Section 7 - Liability**

Users of the club beaches as detailed in the Risk Assessments, or engaged in any kiting activities do so entirely at their own risk.

The club will not accept any liability for damage, loss or personal injury arising out of the practice of kiting activities at any beach or wind zone, either sustained by members or caused by the said members, whether or not such damage, injury or loss could have been attributed to the neglect, default or negligence of any of them or the committee.

### **Section 8 – Amendments**

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting).

### **Section 9 - Dissolution**

If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remain any club monies, these shall be transferred to some other organisation having objectives similar to those of the Club. Such organisation is to be determined by majority vote at a General Meeting, AGM or EGM. In the absence of any decision the club monies will pass to the RNLI.