

Principles of Operation.

1. ASSUMPTIONS

Florence will be on the water normally from beginning May to middle October. This excludes the weekends either side of Falmouth and Fowey Weeks and also an appropriate period prior to the Falmouth Week to allow for refitting.

2. SKIPPERS

2.1 The Committee will issue a list of approved skippers selected from the members of the Syndicate. The approved skippers will be of two classes - 'racing skippers' and 'cruising skippers'. Those designated as 'racing skippers' will be empowered to skipper Florence for both racing and cruising. Those designated as 'cruising skippers' will not be permitted to race Florence.

2.2 In addition to cruising skippers a group of Syndicate members comprising a minimum of six Syndicate members may sail Florence subject to the following conditions :-

2.2.1 a life jacket is worn at all times and they must remind themselves of safety and distress equipment on board.

2.2.2 the six Syndicate members will elect a skipper from the six present and the recommendation is that due regard should be given to training aspects and choice of skipper should rotate.

2.2.3 checks must be made with the Falmouth Coastguard before Florence is taken out as to (a) shipping hazards (b) wind strengths, direction and forecast.

2.2.4 Florence is not to be taken of the mooring if the wind speed is more than force 4 or if it is forecast within the period to reach more than force 4.

2.2.5 there must be some means of communicating with the shore, i.e. mobile telephone or radio, and a list of contact numbers must be readily available on board.

2.2.6 a tender must be towed at all times with at least five litres of fuel.

2.2.7 sailing must be within Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay.

2.2.8 any of the usual sails can be set but it is recommended that the topsail should only be used when not less than two of the crew have experience using it.

2.3 In order to facilitate the operation of group sailing a register of Syndicate members who would be prepared to be the skipper within the group of six will be prepared by an appointed Syndicate member who will co-ordinate group sailing.

3. BALLOT

3.1 Subject to 3.2 each Syndicate member will enter a ballot for Florence for his exclusive use for one week from 9.00am on Wednesday to 9.00am the following Wednesday (one ballot entry

per share) and those weeks will run from the beginning of May to middle October with the exclusions referred to in 1 above. The draw will take place prior to the start of the season and successful Syndicate members will be circulated prior to commencement of the seasons sailing.

3.2 No skipper (racing or cruising) will have ballot rights.

3.3 Syndicate members who regularly crew during the season may voluntarily waive their right to the ballot and it is hoped that by doing this no other Syndicate member will be unsuccessful in the ballot for weeks.

3.4 Any Syndicate members that are unsuccessful in the ballot will be guaranteed a week (where possible of their choice) in the following year.

3.5 Syndicate members can exchange their allocated weeks at any time but must notify the secretary.

4. USAGE

4.1 It is a principle of operation that Florence should compete in local Regattas and Cup events. In the interest of safety and so that Florence can truly compete to win the crew must be the best possible. If the Syndicate member of the week elects to race he must agree with the racing skipper the composition of the crew before the day of the race and in all racing events the racing skipper has the final say as to the make up of the crew subject to 4.3.2.

4.2 An approved skipper (or group of six Syndicate members as set out in 2.2) must be on board at all times when Florence is sailed away from her mooring.

4.2.1 The owner of the week is permitted to take guests on board when Florence is cruising. The owner must pay due regard to the number of guests with respect to the safe handling of Florence. The skipper of the day (whether an approved skipper or an elected skipper as set out in 2.2.2) has the final decision as to the make up of the crew.

4.2.2 On race days the owner is permitted to bring one guest. Additional guest(s) may be permitted but at the sole discretion of the racing skipper.

4.3 Any Syndicate member can request a crewing berth (cruising or racing) on Florence by asking the owner of the week. The owner of the week has discretion over the total crewing numbers and there is no absolute right to a berth. This principle of operation is subject to 4.1 (racing) and 4.2.1 (cruising).

4.5 If there is more than one racing skipper available for Falmouth and/or Fowey Weeks the skipper for each week will be arrived at by mutual agreement or in absence of agreement as the committee decides.