

Constitution of the  
Irish Naval Association.

*Cumann Chabhlaigh na hÉireann*



## **1. Name of the Association.**

The Association shall be called *Cumann Chabhlaigh na hÉireann* or in English “*Irish Naval Association*” and the motto shall be “*Cabhrú le agus Cúnamh*” or in English “*To Aid and Assist*”.

## **2. Aims and objectives.**

The aim and objects of the Irish Naval Association, shall be to maintain, strengthen ties between the serving and former members of the Naval Service, Naval Service Reserve, An Slua Muírí, The Marine Service and the Maritime Inscription.

To promote, social, cultural, educational and sporting activities among its members and others, especially in matters relating to the seafaring traditions of Ireland.

To render, mutual aid and assistance, provide a means for the collective expression of the opinions and wishes of the members.

To promote, protect the interests of its members, by establishing, maintaining and encouraging, comradeship within the association.

To establish, maintain and encourage contact with other associations similarly constituted in Ireland and abroad, e.g., ONET & IUNVA.

To assist, the ONET, in providing accommodation to homeless ex-servicemen and women in need of such assistance, by way of notional aid and to assist the ONET on its Flag Day.

## **3. Membership.**

To ensure all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

Members will be subject to the Regulations of the Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct of the Irish Naval Association and by joining the *Irish Naval Association* will be deemed to accept these regulations, standing orders and code of conduct of the *Irish Naval Association*.

The “*Irish Naval Association*” shall be organised into several groups as follows.

- (1) Ordinary Membership.
- (2) Associate Members.
- (3) Honorary Members.

## **4. Membership Fees.**

Membership fees shall be set annually and by the National Executive Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Fees shall be paid annually by all Ordinary and Associate Members in the current financial year.

New members shall pay a Joining fee on first joining the *Irish Naval Association*.

## **5. Officers of the Irish Naval Association.**

The Officers of the *Irish Naval Association* shall consist of the following.

- National President.
- National Vice-President
- National Executive Secretary
- National Treasurer
- National Public Relation Officer.
- National Equipment Officer.
- Committee Members

## **6. Committee.**

The overall control of the operation of the “*Irish Naval Association*” shall rest with the National Executive Committee.

The Members shall be formed into Four (4) Branch Units, one unit based in Cork, Dublin, Limerick and Waterford, all answering to the National Executive Committee.

Each Branch shall have a management committee, as set out in the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct of the *Irish Naval Association*.

## **7. Finance.**

All *Irish Naval Association* monies shall be banked in an account as per the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

The National Executive Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the National Executive Committee.

The Branch Management Committee Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Branch Management Committee.

Control of these finances shall be controlled as per the Standing Orders of the *Irish Naval Association*.

Any cheques drawn against the *Irish Naval Association* should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus one other Committee member, as set out in the Standing Orders.

## **8. Annual General Meeting.**

Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be as per the Standing Orders

The business of the AGM shall be as set out in the Standing Orders.

The National Executive Committee shall have the right to call Extraordinary General Meeting (EGMs) outside the AGM.

Procedures for EGM will be as set out in the Standing orders.

## **9. Discipline and Appeals.**

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Branch Committee Secretary, with a copy to the National Executive Committee Secretary.

The Branch Management Committee will meet to hear the complaints within the set seven (7) days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within fourteen days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within seven (7) days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

## **10. Dissolution.**

A resolution to dissolve the *Irish Naval Association* can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership, as set out in the Standing Order of the *Irish Naval Association*.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the *Irish Naval Association* that remain will become the property of an approved body, with similar objectives to those of the *Irish Naval Association*.

## **11. Amendments to the constitution.**

The constitution can only be changed through agreement by a majority vote at an AGM or EGM,

## **12. Declaration.**

*Irish Naval Association* hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of its members.

**Signed;**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Hon. President National Executive Committee. Hon. Secretary National Executive Committee**