



## **The Aero Club of South Africa**

*Preserving Free Flight*

### **Aero Club Communiqué # 13 of 2026**

Good day to all our Aero Club members and the GA Industry.

I trust you are well. After an absence of a few weeks, we are back with some information for you – our general aviation community.

#### **12-Year Engine Rule**

We all are aware of the process that was followed to get the amendments to Parts 91 and 43 approved at the Civil Aviation Regulations Committee (CARCom). These amendments were strongly supported by the Aero Club and approved at CARCom on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. There were unconfirmed reports that the amendments had been sent by the SACAA to the Department of Transport (DoT) for signature by the Minister to officially promulgate the amendments.

On Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, the Minister of Transport was a guest on Radio 702. She was asked by a caller to the radio station about the promulgation of Part 91. The minister replied that she had not seen the proposed amendment but would investigate the matter.

This is very disappointing and frustrating news, given that on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May it was 5 weeks after the CARCom meeting. The disappointment is compounded further by not receiving any information about the progress to get the amendments through the regulatory process and promulgated. I and some others are attempting to get information and will advise as soon as we hear anything.

#### **85<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Aero Club of South Africa NPC**

The 2026 Annual General Meeting was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. The meeting convened with 34 paid up members in good standing present at the meeting and the

necessary quorum requirements being met. The acting chairman, Walter Doubell, presented an overview of the past year's activities. The financial position was reported by our treasurer, Iaan Myburgh.

Once the previous year's reports and minutes were finalised, a council meeting convened in a breakaway Teams meeting. This breakaway meeting is held in terms of the Aero Club Constitution. The sole purpose of this council meeting is to elect an Exco for the next year.

The only nomination received for council was for Marie Reddy. It is disappointing that there were not more nominations for council positions. Walter Doubell and Iaan Myburgh were available for re-election. Louis Stanford was not available for re-election but will remain as an exco member till the end of July to assist then exco.

The Council elected the following exco members:

Chairman: Walter Doubell

Vice-Chairman: Marie Reddy

Treasurer: Iaan Myburgh

The AGM then reconvened, the new exco was announced and the AGM adjourned.

The AGM presentation for this year's AGM that includes the minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> AGM held last year plus the chairman's and treasurer's reports are available on our website at [www.aeroclub.org.za](http://www.aeroclub.org.za) under *Governance* on the top right of the launch page.

### **Other Aero Club information**

The 2026 Aero Club membership renewal commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

Please visit the Aero Club website renewal portal at

<https://aeroclub.org.za/membership/> to renew or to register as a new member.

Please also see below the information on our Aero Assist system whereby you can easily renew your Authority to Fly.

The contact numbers for the SACAA for confidential hazard reporting and the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre are also listed below.

Have a safe week, regards

Walter Doubell, Chairman,

Aero club of SA, [walter@aeroclub.org.za](mailto:walter@aeroclub.org.za), 31 May 2026

# The Aero Club Membership Support Initiative

## ATFs and Licences

The Aero Club has created a Member Support Initiative to assist active Aero Club members in their Recreational Licence & ATF application submissions to the CAA at a cost of R 300 per submission, discounts for multiple submissions and referrals.



## AeroAssist

<https://www.aeroassist.org.za/>

AeroAssist is a web based system that can be used by members of Aero Club to facilitate Authority to Fly applications with CAA.



The functionality of the system allows for the upload of all required documentation that must be submitted with the application. Aircraft details and applicable documentation will be saved to a master document set for the aircraft and will be available for subsequent applications; making it easier for the user the next time an application is submitted.

Applicants are kept up to date with regards to application progress via their preferred communication method - sms or e-mail. When the Authority to Fly has been issued by CAA, it will be stored in the system and automatically e-mailed to the applicant. As an additional service, we also send a reminder at the appropriate time when an Authority to Fly is due.

For more information contact The Aero Club of South Africa  
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### Sections of The Aero Club of South Africa



## Safety Contact Information

The SACAA Confidential Aviation Hazard Reporting System (CAHRS) reporting link:

<https://www.caa.co.za/information-for-the-public/reporting/#cahrs>

### **ARCC**

Aeronautical Rescue  
Coordination Centre

#### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

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Immediately to the ARCC  
*This includes Paragliders*



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