



CLUB RULES

1. The name of the Club shall be THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB (“the Club”).

Objects

2. The objects of the Club are to promote and facilitate the sports of motor boating and yachting and to provide social and other facilities for the members of the Club.

Officers

3. The Officers of the Club shall be Voting Members as hereinafter defined or Honorary Members and shall consist of:

Flag Officers:

- Admiral
- Vice-Admiral
- Rear-Admirals
- Commodore
- Vice-Commodore
- Rear-Commodores

Officers:

- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary

Admirals

4. The Admiral, Vice-Admiral and Rear-Admirals (of which there may be two) shall be elected by the Members in General Meeting although such ranks need not be filled.

Commodores

5. The Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodores (of which there may be two) shall be elected by the Committee annually. They shall hold office from the 1st

of January of the year following their election or re-election if such election takes place after the 30th September of the preceding year. A Member elected to such rank prior to the 1st of October in any year shall hold office from the date of election until the 31st of December in that year.

Neither the Commodore nor the Vice-Commodore shall hold office for more than four years continuously.

No Rear-Commodore shall hold office for more than three years continuously.

Subject to the above a Member who has held rank as Commodore or Vice-Commodore shall not hold office in the same rank until after two years from the end of his previous term of office in that rank. A Member who has held rank as Rear-Commodore shall not hold office as Rear-Commodore until after one year from the end of his previous term of office as Rear-Commodore.

Any Member elected as Commodore, Vice-Commodore or a Rear-Commodore who is not at the date of such election a Member of the Committee by election at a General Meeting shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and then may only continue in that office if his election is confirmed by the Annual General Meeting. No Vice-Commodore or Rear-Commodore is automatically entitled to promotion to a higher rank.

Honorary Officers

6. The Committee shall elect the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary although such positions need not be filled. The Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting following their election by the Committee. They shall be eligible for re-election by the members in General Meeting. They shall retire at the third Annual General Meeting following their re-election by any General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

Membership

7. There shall be the following categories of membership:

(a) Ordinary Member – a person who, at the date of election, is aged twenty-five or over.

(b) Family Member – a person who, at the date of election, is a member of a family unit. For the purposes of these Rules a family unit is a husband and his wife and the children of either of them under eighteen years of age. This definition shall apply equally to the partners of an established common-law husband and wife relationship and the children of either of them under eighteen or civil partners in a civil partnership and the children of either of them under eighteen years of age. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding as to which members fall into this category.

(c) Senior Member – a person who, at the date of election, has been a Member of the Club in any category for more than twenty years and is aged over sixty-five.

(d) Senior Family Member – a person who, at the date of election, is a member of a family unit of which either the husband or the wife has been a Member of the Club in any category for more than twenty years and is aged over sixty-five. This definition shall apply equally to the partners of an established common-law husband and wife relationship and civil partners in a civil relationship. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding as to which members fall into this category.

(e) Junior Membership – a person who, at the date of election, is aged eighteen or over but under twenty-five.

(f) Cadet Member – a person who, at the date of election, is aged seven years or over but under eighteen years.

(g) Honorary Member – is a person who has been elected to Honorary Membership by the Committee. Such membership shall be subject to annual re-election for each calendar year to the 31st December in each year.

(h) Temporary Member – is a person who being a member of a recognised Yacht or Sailing Club or Association, has been admitted to Temporary Membership by either the Secretary or any member of the Committee for such period or periods not exceeding twenty-one days in any one year as the Secretary or the Committee Member concerned shall determine.

(i) Overseas Members – is a person, residing outside and having no residence within the United Kingdom, who is elected to Overseas Membership by the Committee.

(j) Overseas Family Member – is a person, who is a member of a family unit of which both the husband and the wife reside outside and have no place of residence within the United Kingdom and who is elected to Overseas Membership by the Committee. This definition shall apply equally to the partners of an established common-law husband and wife relationship. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding as to which members fall into this category.

(k) Probationary Member – is a person who is admitted to Probationary Membership by the Committee for such period not exceeding fifteen months as the Committee shall determine.

The number of members in each of the categories Honorary and Temporary shall not exceed ten per cent of the total membership. For this purpose the total membership shall be taken as the number of votes which could be cast at a General Meeting by the entire membership. In these rules Ordinary, Family, Senior, Senior Family and Junior Members are called Voting members and references to such memberships shall be construed accordingly.

Admission to Membership

8. No person may be admitted to Ordinary, Family, Junior, Cadet, Honorary, Overseas, Overseas Family or Probationary Membership or to the privileges of such categories of membership without at least two days interval between their election to membership of the Club and such admission.

Nomination of Members

9. Every candidate for Family Membership who is under eighteen years of age shall be nominated by one of his or her parents. Every candidate for Cadet Membership who is under fourteen years of age shall be nominated by a Voting Member who is their parent or grandparent or who is otherwise closely related to them, the proximity of such relationship being approved by the Committee.

Every member of a family unit, who, at the date of election is over 14 years of age but under 18 years of age shall automatically be nominated as a Cadet Member. Such nomination shall be subjected to Rules 10, 11, 12 and 13 but those Rules shall apply if a Cadet Member so nominated wishes to become, when entitled, a Junior Member. Every candidate for Honorary, Temporary or Probationary Membership shall be nominated in writing by either a member of the Committee or the Secretary.

Proposing Candidates

10. Every candidate for membership (except for candidates for Family Membership who are under eighteen, for Cadet Membership who are under fourteen, Senior, Honorary, Temporary or Probationary Membership) shall be proposed by a Member who has been a voting member for more than two years and seconded by another member who has also been a voting member for more than two years. The candidate shall have been personally known to both his proposer and his seconder for a period of not less than one year. No member of the Club shall either propose or second new membership applications more than twice in any one calendar year.

Application for Membership

11. Every candidate for membership (except for candidates for Family Membership who are under eighteen, for Cadet Membership who are under fourteen, Senior, Honorary, Temporary or Probationary Membership) shall make application in writing, providing such information about themselves, and in such form, as the Committee shall require, and their application shall be signed by the candidate, their Proposer and Secunder.

Posting of Applications

12. The names of every candidate for membership, together with such information about the candidate as the Committee may decide, shall be recorded in the Club records.

In the case of all but Family Members under eighteen years of age, Cadet, Honorary, Temporary and Probationary Members, details of the candidate shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises for not less than ten days prior to the Committee meeting at which the candidate's election is considered.

Election of Members

13. The election of all Members is, subject to Rule 7(h) vested in the Committee. One vote against in five of those present and voting shall exclude the election. Each candidate for membership shall forthwith be informed in writing of the result of their application and if that has been successful shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules and the Bye-Laws of the Club. Further all Members are subject to annual election by the Committee, such election being deemed to take place on the 1st January in each year for the purposes of these Rules.

Entitlement to Certain Memberships

14. Any Member who has been elected to membership of the Club following a proposal under Rule 10 rather than a nomination under Rule 9 and who ceases to be eligible for their particular category of membership is automatically entitled to admission to the category of membership for which they are then qualified. Any Member who is eligible for more than one category of membership may elect to which category they are admitted.

Resignation of Members

15. A Member who wishes to resign shall give notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary and if such notice is received before the 1st of December in any year the Member shall not be liable to pay the subscription for the following year.

Entrance Fees and Subscriptions

16. The rate of Entrance Fees, Subscriptions and fines for late payment to the Club for each category of Membership shall be decided by the Committee in its absolute discretion and a list of such rates shall be available to all but Temporary Members on request. The subscription for Family Membership will be set and levied in respect of each family units.

Payment of Entrance Fees and Subscriptions

17. Every member shall pay their Entrance Fee and First Annual Subscription upon election and their subsequent Annual Subscriptions by the 1st January in each year thereafter. The Annual Subscriptions cover the period to the end of each calendar year.

Expulsion and Re-election of Members

18. Every member is deemed to have notice of, and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a Member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club or in breach of the Club Rules or Bye-Laws, shall render a Member liable to expulsion from the Club by the Committee, on a simple majority vote of those present and voting. Provided that before expelling a Member, or on concluding that a Member should not be re-elected under Rule 13, the Committee shall, either in writing or by notice on the Club's Notice Board, call upon such Member for a written explanation of the Member's conduct and shall give the Member an opportunity of making a written explanation to the Committee, or of resigning.

Cessation of Membership

19. Any member who is expelled, or not re-elected or who otherwise ceases to be a Member of the Club shall have no right of appeal and shall forfeit all rights to or claim upon the Club or its property or funds.

Voting and Holding Rank

20. Voting Members of the Club shall have one vote each at General Meetings of the Club and are eligible for election as Flag Officers and to the General Committee and its Sub-Committees. Only one member of a family unit for the purposes of Senior Family Membership or Family Membership being aged twenty-five or over shall have the right to act as a Voting Member in connection with any General Meeting, to be elected a Flag Officer or to the General Committee at any one time. Junior Members, Family Members aged eighteen or over and Senior Family Members are eligible for election to the Sub-Committees.

Membership Privileges

21. Voting, Honorary, Overseas and Overseas Family Members who are aged eighteen or over shall have full use of the Club's facilities. All Members of any category of membership who are under eighteen and all Temporary or Probationary Members, while having the full use of the Club's facilities, may be made the subject of such additional restrictions as the Committee shall decide. No Member of any category being under the age of eighteen may purchase intoxicating liquor within the Club premises. All membership privileges are subject to the Club Rules and Bye-Laws.

Administration

22. The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, which shall act in accordance with these Rules, any Bye-Laws made from time to time by the Committee and published to the Membership by notice on the Club's notice board and any directions given by the Club in General Meeting.

Constitution of the Committee

23. The Committee shall consist of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore, the Rear Commodores, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and at least eight Voting Members. The number of Committee Members shall not exceed sixteen.

Candidates for the Committee

24. Candidates for election to the Committee shall be Voting Members proposed by at least two other Voting Members by notice in writing to be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks before any General Meeting of the Club, such notice being endorsed by the candidates with their consent to stand for election and by the two Voting Members who proposed them. A copy of such notice together with such additional information about the candidate as the Committee shall require shall be displayed prominently in the Club premises for not less than twenty-one days prior to the General Meeting.

Election of Committee Members

25. If the total number of candidates proposed does not exceed the number of vacancies on the Committee then the candidates proposed shall be elected to the Committee at the General Meeting automatically. If there are more candidates than vacancies a poll shall be taken at the General Meeting and those candidates receiving the most votes from those present and by proxy shall fill the vacancies.

Co-option of Committee Members

26. The Committee shall have the power to elect Voting Members to the Committee to fill any vacancies but any Committee Members so elected shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting.

Retiring of Committee Members

27. A Committee Member, who is not either a Flag Officer, the Honorary Treasurer or the Honorary Secretary, shall not serve on the Committee for more than three years continuously from the date of their first election at an Annual General Meeting (ignoring any previous service on the Committee by co-option or any service more than a year before such election). This limitation shall be extended while such Committee Member is Chairman of any Sub-Committee up to a maximum total period of six years. Subject to the above a Member having served on the Committee, other than as a Flag Officer, the Honorary Treasurer or the Honorary Secretary, shall not serve on the Committee again until one year from the end of their last such service on the Committee.

Committee Meetings

28. (a) The Committee shall meet at least every two months, subject to these Rules, making such arrangements as to the conduct, place and time of such meetings as it may wish.

(b) Committee Meetings may be called by any Officer of the Club or any three Committee Members giving written notice to all Committee Members individually.

(c) A quorum of the Committee shall be eight.

(d) The Chairman of Committee Meetings shall be the senior Flag Officer present or another Committee Member elected by the Meeting, and shall have a casting vote.

(e) Any Committee Member present at any Committee Meeting may call for any decision on any issue or matter which fails to be taken at that meeting to be decided by a poll or other secret ballot of the Committee Members present and entitled to vote on the decision.

Sub-Committees

29. (a) The Committee may appoint from its Members Chairmen of such Sub-Committees as it may from time to time decide. The Members of these Sub-Committees shall be proposed by the relevant Chairman for approval by the Committee. The Committee may commit to these Sub-Committees such of its powers as it wishes.

(b) The Sub-Committees shall meet and conduct their business as they shall decide within the powers committed to them by the Committee. Flag Officers, the Honorary Treasurer and Chairmen of Sub-Committees shall be ex-officio members of all Sub-Committees.

(c) Each Sub-Committee shall prepare and submit to the next meeting of the Committee a report of its business for approval. Once so approved the business of the Sub-Committee shall become the business of the Committee.

Disclosure of Interest

30. If any Committee Member has any interest in any issue or matter beyond his interest as a member of the Club he shall disclose such interest to the Committee when that issue or matter is first discussed in Committee. At any time after any such disclosure or after any such interest has come to the notice of the Committee, the Committee Member having such interest shall, if called upon to do so by any other Committee Member, withdraw from the Committee during either the discussion or consideration of such issue or matter or when any decision on the issue or matter in question fails to be taken or voted upon. This rule shall apply to Sub-Committees as it does to the General Committee.

Indemnification of the Committee

31. In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by the Members, Committee Members and others properly authorised by the Committee, are entitled to be indemnified by the members against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club so long as the liabilities so incurred are of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature undertaken on behalf of the Club.

Annual General Meetings

32. (a) An Annual General Meeting of the Members shall be held each year, neither later than the 31st May in any year nor more than fifteen months after the previous such Annual General Meeting, on a date to be fixed by the Committee.

(b) At least five weeks before the Annual General Meeting the Secretary will prominently display written notice of such Meeting in the Club's premises.

(c) Notice of motions to be considered at Annual General Meetings must be received by the Secretary not later than six weeks before the Annual General Meeting and must be signed by at least ten Voting Members.

(d) Not less than twenty-one days before the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall send to every Member:

(i) Notice of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting.

(ii) A Report of the business of the Club during the year to the previous 31st December.

(iii) A full Statement of Account, certified by a Chartered Accountant, showing all sums received and expended during the year to the previous 31st December.

(iv) A list of the retiring Committee Members.

(v) An agenda of the business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.

(vi) Instructions on how the Member may vote by proxy, the names of any candidates for election to the Committee and such information about such candidates as the Committee shall decide.

Extraordinary General Meetings

33. (a) Extraordinary General Meetings of the Members may be called either by direction of the Committee or by a requisition signed by not less than thirty Voting Members or one-fifth of the Voting Membership whichever is the least.

(b) On making such a direction or on receipt of such a requisition the Committee shall cause the Secretary, within seven days, to give twenty-one days notice in writing to each Member specifying the time and place, and the business, being that mentioned in the direction or requisition, to be considered at such Meeting and giving instructions on how the Member may vote by proxy.

General Meetings

34. At every General Meeting of the Members of the Club:

(a) The Chairman shall be the senior Flag Officer present or any Committee Member whom the Meeting shall choose and the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(b) Unless a poll is demanded, motions shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and voting. On a poll properly demanded votes may be given either personally or by proxy. Motions proposing alterations or additions to these Rules shall be decided on a poll and shall only be carried by a two-thirds majority of those voting either in person or by proxy.

(c) A quorum of twenty-five Voting Members shall be present.

(d) Only business specified in the notice calling the Meeting may be considered.

(e) No vote may be taken on any motion proposing any alteration or addition to these Rules unless the actual wording of the proposed alteration or addition was set out in the notice calling the Meeting.

(f) The Chairman or any three Voting Members may demand a poll.

Guests

35. Every Member shall, subject to the Bye-Laws, be allowed to introduce guests and every guest shall be accompanied by, and shall in all respects be the responsibility of the Member introducing them. The Club also admits as guests all those taking part in or attending any event or function organised by the Club. Provided that no person shall be introduced or admitted as a guest into the Club who shall have been expelled from membership or whose conduct or presence on the Club premises shall be considered by the Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club. The Committee may act under this Rule through any of its number but the decision of the Committee while being valid forthwith shall be subject to ratification at its next meeting.

Relationship with New Yacht Club Limited

36. The Club and all its assets and resources are the property of New Yacht Club Limited, a company limited by guarantee. Every voting Member (in the Memorandum and Articles or Association of the Company called Ordinary Members) accepts a liability of one pound (£1) on the dissolution or winding up of New Yacht Club

Limited. The Members of the Committee are all directors of New Yacht Club Limited. To the extent that it is applicable to do so these Rules must be read with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of New Yacht Club Limited.

Disclaimer

37. The Club, New Yacht Club Limited, the Committee and employees of the Club shall not be liable to any Member, guest of a Member or other party for any loss or damage howsoever caused except where serious personal injury or death result from gross negligence.

Interpretation

38. The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and of the Bye-Laws made from time to time by the Committee. The decision of the Committee upon any question or interpretation of the same shall be final and binding upon the Members.

Ensign

39. The Club Ensign is the Blue Ensign of Her Majesty's Fleet to be flown only by those Members holding a valid Permit and in accordance with the relevant requirements of such Permit.

Burgee

40. (a) The design of the Club Burgee shall be: "azure a saltire argent voided gules surmounted by the Royal Crown proper". The Admiral's Flag is a square Flag with otherwise the same design as the Club Burgee. The Vice-Admiral's Flag is similar to the Admiral's with one white ball next to the hoist. The Rear-Admiral's Flag is similar to the Admiral's with two white balls next to the hoist.

(b) The Flag of the Commodore is a swallow-tailed pennant of the same proportions and design as the Burgee. The Flags of the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodores are similar to the Commodore's except that the Vice Commodore's Flag has one white ball in the canton next to the hoist and the Rear Commodore's has two white balls.

(c) The ex-Commodore's Flag is a tapered swallow-tailed burgee with a white surrounding band inset from its edge.

Addendum

Privileged Members

Every person who, immediately before the passing of these Rules, was a Lady Member, a Life Member or any Honorary Life Member, may if they so elect become a Privileged Member of the Club and such Privileged Membership shall continue, so long as their Membership shall continue, or until they elect otherwise. Such Privileged Membership shall be subject to the same qualifications and rights as to voting and being entitled to sit on Committees as under the Rules in existence immediately before the passing of these Rules but no further Members may be admitted to such Privileged Membership. The subscription payable by Privileged Members will not be fixed by reference to a set proportion of the subscription payable by any other category of members but may be varied by the Committee in accordance with Rule 16. The Committee may set different subscriptions for different types of Privileged Members but only by reference to the categories of Membership existing immediately prior to the passing of these Rules. When there are no longer any Privileged Members this Addendum to the Rules will automatically cease to be a Rule of the Club.