



## **Clubhouse Bye-laws**

### **General**

1. Any of the following bye-laws of the RMYC may be cancelled, added to, or altered as from time to time as the Committee may decide (Rule 22).
2. Save when expressly provided to the contrary, all the bye-laws are binding on every class of membership, and, so far as they may be, applicable to all Guests and visitors. No Member, Guest or visitor should be absolved from the effect of these bye-laws on the ground that a copy or other notification of these, or alteration or addition thereto, has not been received by him, or her. In the event of any questions arising as to the interpretation of the bye-laws, the decision of the Committee shall be final (Rule 38).

### **Dogs**

3. With the exception of registered Guide or Assistance Dogs, no dog shall be admitted to the Clubhouse at any time. Dogs are permitted outside the Clubhouse in the grounds of the Club, including the terrace but must be kept on a lead at all times, and in the event of the dog fouling the grounds the handler of the dog shall immediately clear up the fouling made by the dog.

### **Staff Gratuities**

- 4(a) Tips for the front of house, bar and kitchen staff are permitted to be made into the tips box or via the till system and will be paid equally to staff on a monthly basis and calculation of the same based on a proportion of the hours worked in that month by each member of that group.
- 4(b) The Yard and Office Staff shall receive a share of the annual staff fund for which members contribute each year with membership renewal.

### **Employment of Club Staff**

5. No Member shall employ any staff of the Club without previously obtaining the consent of the Committee, or until such staff shall have left the services of the Club for at least a month.

## **Complaints**

6. All complaints shall be made in writing to the Club Manager. However, in the case of complaints regarding the Boat Yard which concerns any Franchise Holder the complaint shall in the first instance be made to the Franchise Holder. In no case shall a member of the staff be reprimanded directly by any Member.

## **Club Property**

7. No Member or Guest shall remove from the Clubhouse any newspaper, pamphlet, book or other property of the Club. Any Member breaking or otherwise damaging the property of the Club shall at the discretion of the Committee be called upon to make such damage good. This provision does not limit the Committee's powers under Rule 18.

## **Payment of Bills**

8. Members and Guests shall pay bills which they incur at the Club in accordance with the terms applicable to the bill in question. No credit will be allowed to Members or their Guests in respect of drinks purchased at the Bar.

## **Club Hours**

9. The Clubhouse and grounds shall be open and closed at such hours as the Committee may from time to time determine. The actual hours of opening the Bars shall be determined by the Committee and published on the Club's Notice Board and website.

Meals may only be served at the times authorised by the Committee as displayed on the Notice Board, on the website and in the Cabins.

## **Members' Food and Drink**

10. Food and drink brought to the Club by Members or visitors must not be consumed in the Clubhouse or on the Terrace, during times when food and beverages are available to purchase from the Club.

## **Smoking**

11. The Club operates a no-smoking policy in the Clubhouse and Boat Shed for Members and Staff alike. Smoking on the Terrace (being the area between the Clubhouse and the Marina) is only permitted in the designated smoking area.

## **Notices**

12. No paper, notice, or placard, written or printed, shall be displayed in the Club except by the Club Manager or an official of the Club authorised for that purpose.

## **Members' Letters**

13. Communications addressed to Members of the Club will be placed in the rack provided in the Clubhouse, where they will remain at Members' risk. Members desiring their correspondence forwarded must send written instructions to the Club Manager.

## **Cash**

14. Members can obtain cash for cheques from the Club Manager. The cheques must not exceed £100 and only one cheque can be cashed by the same Member on the same day. Cash can also be obtained from the Bar at the discretion of the Bar Steward up to a limit of £100 in any one day by any one Member.

## **Members' Staff**

15. No chauffeur, paid hand, or any person in the employ of a Member, shall in any circumstances use the facilities of the Clubhouse.

## **Refusal of Drinks**

16. The Bar Steward may refuse to serve any Member, Guest or other person without giving a reason. However, if they do so they must make a full report of their actions and reasons for them to the Committee.

## **Expulsion of Persons**

17. Either the Club Manager or any Member of the Committee may forthwith remove and expel from the Club premises any Member, Guest or visitor, who in their opinion is behaving in a manner which is causing or likely to cause a nuisance or annoyance to others using the Club premises or in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club or its property. Any Member so removed or expelled or whose Guest is so removed or expelled may ask for the matter to be referred at the next meeting of the Committee for ratification of the action taken hereunder.

## **Guests**

18. Subject to the following regulations Guests may be introduced and admitted to the Clubhouse in accordance with the Rules (Rule 35).
  - a. No Guest shall be admitted to the Club between the hours of 23.00 and 08.00 unless he or she is staying in one of the Club Cabins.
  - b. Members introducing Guests into the Clubhouse shall write their names in the book kept for the purpose and shall be responsible for them and their actions in every way.
  - c. No individual may be introduced or admitted to the Club as a guest on more than three successive days, or more than six days in one year. In the case of guests over 70 years of age, being the parent or grandparent of a Member, the limit on the number of days is increased to 12.

- d. Guests may purchase drinks at the Bar but only if they comply in all respects with the requirements of the Rules and bye-laws.
- e. The Committee may advise a Member that his Guest or Guests should not be invited to the Club. Should such warnings be disregarded the Member may be dealt with under Rule 27. The Committee shall not be obliged to give any reason for such advice.

## **Reciprocal Arrangements**

- 19. Members of certain Clubs have the right to become Temporary Members under Rule 7(h) for such period or periods not exceeding 21 days in any one year in consideration of a like privilege being accorded by those Clubs to Members of the Royal Motor Yacht Club.

## **Cabins**

- 20. Cabins may be used by Members and their Guests only. All applications for Cabins should be addressed to the Club Manager, stating the period of proposed stay.

The charges for Cabins shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee.

Members will be advised of the allocation of Cabins and must thereupon confirm the booking in writing.

A cabin so reserved and not occupied (unless re-let by the Club to another member) must be paid at the current rate for the full period of the booking.

All lettings shall be subject to the absolute right of the Committee or the Club Manager to refuse, without assigning a reason, any letting and/or determine the occupancy at any time. In case of illness, immediate removal may be ordered, subject to the approval of a Medical Officer.

Cabins not vacated before 10.30 will be charged for the following night.

The Committee shall also have the right to fix the maximum period of occupation of Cabins according to the season of the year.

## **Cards**

- 21. No Card or other Games for which a Licence is required shall be permitted without the express authorisation of the Committee.

## **Dress Code**

- 22. The Club aims to maintain a relaxed and sociable environment which is conducive to the wishes and values of our Members. This requires a sensible level of dress, at all times, whenever Members and their visitors are in the Clubhouse or on the Terrace, such that it does not cause offense or embarrassment to other users or to members of staff, who are required to maintain standards. Whilst it is not

appropriate to prescribe in detail what is and is not acceptable, the following guidelines should be observed both in letter and spirit:

- Shirts for men must have collars and sleeves (long or short) and may incorporate a small insignia;
- Clothes bearing large or offensive slogans or lettering should be avoided;
- Respectable shorts and T-Shirts with sleeves may be worn in the bar area between 1 April and 31 October, but not in the Restaurant at any time;
- Smart jeans and chinos are acceptable;
- Dirty, torn, “distressed” or ripped clothing and visible swimwear or underwear is not acceptable;
- Footwear should be clean and tidy: smart flip-flops are acceptable (but not in the Restaurant after 6pm);
- Hats in the Clubhouse, bare feet and wet gear are not acceptable.

It is the Member’s responsibility to ensure that their guests also comply with the Club’s dress code.

For Social Events, there are three levels of dress at the Club:

**Black Tie:** Correct dress for Gentlemen, is a Dinner Jacket with bow tie and for Ladies, evening or cocktail dress.

**Lounge Suit/Blazer:** Correct dress for Gentlemen is a Lounge Suit or Blazer with smart trousers, a shirt and a tie. Ladies should be smartly dressed in cocktail dresses or stylish separates.

**Smart Casual:** Preferred dress for Gentlemen is long or short sleeved shirt with a collar and long trousers, with or without a jacket or sweater, with or without a tie and with footwear. Dirty, torn or “distressed” or ripped clothing is not acceptable. Ladies should be dressed appropriately in a skirt or trousers.

The dress code for individual social functions will appear on the advertising notice for each occasion. Dinners and suppers in the Mountbatten Room will normally require Lounge Suit/Blazer but may be varied to Smart Casual or ‘theme’ depending on the event being held.

The General Committee and the Club Manager reserve the right to be final arbiters of good taste in these matters. Outside normal working hours these powers are delegated to the Chief Steward or his nominee, or the weekend General Committee duty officer.

## Telephones

23. The telephone installed in the Club Offices shall not be used for Member’s private calls. To avoid causing disturbance to other members and guests, the making or receiving of mobile phone calls is prohibited at all times in the Main Entrance Hall,

Bar, Restaurant, Function Rooms (if occupied), or on the main Terrace area. Mobile phones must be switched off, or kept in silent mode in these areas, at all times. The making or receiving of calls discreetly is permitted in all other areas of the Club premises.

## **Children**

24. All children under 16 must be always accompanied by an adult when in the Clubhouse, Bar, Restaurant, Terrace or Gun Deck. No child under 16 is permitted to go directly up to the bar at any time.

## **General Disclaimer**

25. The Club is not liable for any loss or damage to persons or their property. The General Committee disclaims any liability. The boats, with gear, whether at their moorings, being handled, stored, repaired or maintained are at Owners' risk and Members are deemed to accept this bye-law.

## **Membership Applications**

26. In the event of an application for membership not being successful then no fresh application can be made within a two-year period.

## **Conduct**

27. Any conduct which, in the opinion of the General Committee, is either unworthy of a Member of the Club or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club or in breach of the Club Rules or bye-laws, may render a Member liable to suspension of membership or other privileges for such a period as the General Committee considers fit.