

**Sunderland Yacht Club
Club Rules and Bye-laws**

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Section 1. Name and Objects

1.1. Club Name

The name of the club shall be "The Sunderland Yacht Club", hereinafter referred to in these rules as "the Club".

1.2. Objective

The object for which the Club is formed is to promote and facilitate the sport of sailing and to provide social and other facilities for members as may from time to time be determined. The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club's facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed.

Section 2. Officers

2.1. Officers of the Club

The Officers of the Club shall be Full or Family Members of the Club and shall consist of a President, four Flag Officers, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Assistant Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and an Honorary Assistant Treasurer. There may also be an Admiral and Vice-Presidents who shall also be Full or Family Members of the Club.

The Admiral shall be nominated by the General Committee ("the Committee"), be elected by the Annual General Meeting and serve for five years.

The President shall be nominated by the Committee, be elected by the Annual General Meeting and serve for five years.

Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the Committee, be elected by the Annual General Meeting and serve for five years.

The Flag Officers shall be the Commodore, the Vice Commodore and two Rear Commodores. Flag Officers must have been Full or Family Members for not less than five years at the date of their election. Flag Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall hold office for one year, retiring at the termination of the Annual General Meeting.

The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer must have been Full or Family Members for at least three years, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year, retiring at the termination of the Annual General Meeting.

All officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election.

2.2. Duties of the Honorary Secretary

The Honorary Secretary shall:

- Keep a register of Club members' names and addresses;
- Conduct the correspondence of the Club;
- Keep custody of all the Club documents;
- Keep full minutes of meetings of the Club, the Committees and Sub-Committees which shall be confirmed and signed by the appropriate Chairman upon the agreement of the Club, the Committee or Sub-Committee at the next following meeting of the Club, Committee or Sub-Committee;
- Ensure that the approved minutes of the meetings of the Committee are displayed on the notice board together with the relevant agenda following the meeting at which they are approved.
- Administer such insurance policy or policies as may be needed fully to protect the interests of the Club, its Officers and members;

- Maintain contact with the Club's legal advisers to ensure that the Club's affairs are managed in accordance with current law;

- Keep a register of boats.

2.3. Duties of the Honorary Treasurer

The Honorary Treasurer shall:

- Cause such books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the finances of the Club;
- Cause all returns as may be required by law in relation to such accounts to be rendered at the due time, including all matters relating to the taxation affairs of the Club and necessary VAT documentation;
- Prepare an Annual Balance Sheet and accounts as at 30th September in each year and cause such Balance Sheet and accounts to be audited.
- Maintain contact with the Club's legal and professional advisers to ensure that the Club's financial affairs are managed in accordance with current law

2.4. Honorary Auditor

The Honorary Auditor shall be an appropriately qualified member of the Club and shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year. In the event of the person appointed as Auditor being unwilling or unable to act, or no appointment being made at the Annual General Meeting, the General Committee shall appoint or employ a substitute.

The Honorary Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Club when called upon to do so and report as to the truth and fairness of the said accounts as shall be required by law or by the Committee.

Section 3. Membership

3.1. Categories of Membership

There shall be the following categories of membership. The rights and privileges of each category of membership are defined in the latest edition of the Bye-laws of the Club.

A Full Member is a person who, at the date of joining, is eighteen years of age or over.

Family Members are Full Members. Family Membership shall include the spouse or permanent recognised cohabitant of the Member and all their children under the age of sixteen years. Decisions on eligibility for Family Membership will rest with the General Committee whose decision is final.

A Joint Member is a Full or Family Member who having been a Full or Family Member of both the Club and the Wear Boating Association ("WBA") for not less than two years has an application to the Club and the WBA for Joint Membership accepted by both the Club and the WBA. A Joint Member shall pay to the Club a subscription of 90% of the Full or Family Membership subscription of the Club as appropriate.

A Life Member is a Full or Family Member who having been a Full or Family Member for not less than five years and who having attained the age of sixty five has made a single payment of five times the current Full or Family Membership subscription.

In the event of a death, the spouse or permanent recognised cohabitant of a Life Family Member shall continue in Life Membership should they so desire

An Honorary Member is a person who shall have been nominated and elected in the manner described in Rule 4.20

An Introductory Crew Member is a person of eighteen years of age or over, who has not previously been a member of the Club other than as a Social Member and who does not own a boat. Such membership is only available for a period not exceeding twelve months ending 31st December in the year of joining. An Introductory Crew Member shall pay to the Club a subscription of 50% of the prevailing Full Membership subscription. If such members become boat owners, they shall immediately be liable to pay the Entrance Fee and apply for transfer to Full or Family Membership.

A Country Member is a person who having been a member has moved to a residence beyond a one hundred mile radius of Sunderland and whose transfer to Country Membership has been approved by the Committee

A Junior Member is a person who, at the date of joining, is under the age of eighteen years. Such member shall be one who at the commencement of the subscription year joins the club other than as a Full or Family member. The parent, guardian or sponsor of a Junior Member under the age of sixteen shall be required to be a member before the Junior Member may join.

A Social Member is a person of eighteen years or over at the date of joining. Individual Social Membership will be subject to review annually and renewal of such membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee. The total number of Social Members may be restricted to that proportion of the total membership as the Committee may from time to time prescribe

A Student Member is a person of eighteen years or over but under the age of twenty-five years who is following a full-time course of education. Student Membership will be subject to review annually and renewal of such membership shall be at the discretion of the General Committee.

An Associate Member is a person who, at the date of joining, is eighteen years of age or older and who is a Sailing Member of another RYA Affiliated Club. Individual Associate Membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee. The total number of Associate Members may be restricted to that proportion of the total membership as the Committee may from time to time prescribe

A Temporary Member is a person entitled to use the premises of the Club under Rules 3.19 and 3.20

3.2. Voting Rights of Members

At all meetings of the Club each category of member shall have the power to vote as follows:

A Full Member shall have one vote.

A Family Membership shall have one vote.

A Joint Member shall have one vote exercisable as for a Full or Family Member as appropriate.

A Life Member shall have one vote exercisable as for a Full or Family Member as appropriate.

An Honorary Member shall have one vote.

An Introductory Crew Member shall have no vote.

An Associate Member shall have no vote.

A Country Member shall have no vote.

A Junior Member shall have no vote.

A Student Member shall have no vote.

A Social Member shall have no vote.

A Temporary Member shall have no vote.

3.3. Membership, Entrance and Subscription Fees

The rate of Entrance Fee for each category of membership shall be prescribed by the Committee and notified to the members at the Annual General Meeting in each year.

The rate of Subscription Fee for each category of membership shall be prescribed by the Committee and notified to the members at the Annual General Meeting in each year.

In cases of hardship the Committee shall have the discretion to review the membership arrangements whatever the category of membership.

The current rate of Entrance and Subscription Fee shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises.

All applicants for membership shall pay the Entrance Fee and the first annual Subscription Fee when submitting their application for membership and members shall thereafter be liable to pay the annual Subscription Fee on the first day of January in each year.

Provided that a member joining after the first day of October in any year who shall have paid the Entrance Fee and Subscription for that year shall not be required to pay a subscription for the following year.

However should the Entrance Fee and the Subscription be raised for the following year such member will be required to pay the difference on the first day of January.

3.4.

Members shall also make the following annual or other payments as appropriate: Boat, moorings and other fees of such sum as the Committee shall from time to time prescribe which shall entitle a member to the services covered by such fees.

3.5.

Every member shall furnish the Honorary Secretary with an up to date address, which shall be recorded in the Register of Members, and any notice sent to such address shall be deemed to have been delivered.

Every boat owner shall furnish the Honorary Secretary with the name and full description of their boat or boats, including its name, class and sail number and shall inform the Honorary Secretary if they cease to own such boat and shall provide the name of the new owner if such owner be a Club Member.

3.6. Application for Membership

Any one wishing to join the Club shall submit to the Honorary Secretary a completed membership application form together with any necessary subscriptions and fees.

Any member desirous of transferring from one category to another shall apply in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

Upon receipt of an application for membership, the Honorary Secretary shall check the application for completeness and if correct shall enter the applicant's details in the Club's membership records. Once the application has been satisfactorily processed the Honorary Secretary shall inform the new member in writing of the success of the application and furnish the new member with a copy of the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club.

3.7. One Year's Temporary Absence of Member

A member, who for any reason, anticipates inability to use the Club or its facilities for the whole of any one year shall be excused payment of the annual subscription and other annual fees provided that notice in writing is given to the Honorary Secretary before the last day of November in the previous year. A member wishing to be reinstated during the year in question shall pay such portion of the annual subscription, as the Committee shall require.

3.8. Retirement of Member

Any member desirous of retiring from the Club shall notify the Honorary Secretary in writing.

Upon re-application by a past member the Committee may, at its discretion, excuse the payment of an Entrance Fee.

3.9. Arrears of Subscription and Fees

Members whose subscription or other fees are in arrears on the last day of February shall automatically cease to be members. On all applications for reinstatement of membership where it has lapsed the Committee may insist on payment in full for the arrears including any late entry fee, which may be prescribed.

3.10. Undertaking by Members to Comply with Rules and Disciplinary Procedures

All members on joining the Club are deemed to have notice of and implicitly undertake to comply with the Club Rules and Bye-laws and such other rules and guidelines as shall from time to time be published by the Sub-Committees of the Committee. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is either unworthy or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club shall render members liable to reprimand, expulsion, suspension or withdrawal of all or part of their membership rights by a duly convened Disciplinary Committee which Committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct and shall give them the opportunity of answering any allegations or resigning their membership.

The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a minimum of five persons who are members of the Committee other than the President and Flag Officers.

In the event of a reprimand, expulsion or sanction being imposed upon members, they shall have a right of appeal to the Flag Officers of the Club; such appeal must be served upon the Honorary Secretary within seven days of the notification to the member of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

In the event of any such appeal the Flag Officers shall be entitled to impose in substitution any reprimand, expulsion or sanction which would have been available to the original Disciplinary Committee.

3.11. Guests in the Club

Any member, except a Junior Member or the Child of a Family Member, may introduce as a guest any person providing that the member so introducing enters the name and address of the said guest in the Visitors' Book kept for such purposes and at no time leaves the Club premises while the said guest is thereon. No member may introduce more than three guests in any one day and no person may be introduced as a guest more than six times in any calendar year.

3.12. Damage to Club Property

A member shall not knowingly remove, injure or destroy any property of the Club and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.

3.13. Exhibiting Notices

A member shall not cause any communication in whatever form to be exhibited on or removed from Club notice boards without the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

3.14. Settlement of Accounts

A member shall settle any indebtedness for refreshment or otherwise before leaving the Club premises or in accordance with any Bye-law relating to such indebtedness.

3.15. Suggestions

A register shall be available in the Clubhouse for written suggestions for improved conduct of the Club's business and comfort of members. Matters entered therein will be considered at the next Committee Meeting following the date recorded, and the Honorary Secretary will indicate that the suggestion has been considered by inserting the Honorary Secretaries initials and the date of the Committee Meeting at which it was considered.

3.16. Complaints

Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the Club premises shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Under no circumstances shall a servant of the Club be personally reprimanded by a member.

3.17. Insurance

All members' craft must carry adequate third party insurance cover.

3.18. Officer of the Day

All Full or Family Members are required to undertake the duties of Officer of the Day and/or safety boat crew as published in the sailing programme.

3.19. Members of other RYA Clubs

A member of a club affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association, a list whereof is published by the said Association, may be authorised to use the premises of the Club by any member of the Committee of the Club. Such authorisation shall specify between which dates, not being more than fourteen days apart, the said person may so use the premises.

3.20. Competitors in Club Races

Persons who are competitors or crew members in any race sponsored or organised by or on behalf of the Club are entitled to the use of the Club premises and to purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises by such persons or their guests, within a period of twenty four hours before and after the race in which they are competing.

3.21. Powers to expel those admitted under Rules 3.19 and 3.20

The Honorary Secretary or any other person who has received the authority of two members of the General Committee, may expel temporarily or permanently any person who has the right to the use of the Club only under Rules 3.19 and 3.20 hereof.

3.22. Limitations on Club Liability

Members, their guests and visitors are bound by the following Rule, which shall be exhibited in a prominent place within the Club premises:

Members of the Club, their guests or visitors may use the Club premises, and any other permitted facilities of the Club, entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.

Section 4. Management Committee

4.1. Constitution of Committee

The General Committee, herein referred to as the "Committee", shall consist of the President, Flag Officers, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Treasurer, ex officio and twelve other Full or Family Members. Of the latter six must be owners of boats at the time of their election.

4.2. Retirement of Members of the Committee

Each year all elected members of the Committee shall retire at the time of the Annual General Meeting. Retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

4.3. Candidates for Election to Committee

Candidates for election to the Committee shall be those members of the retiring Committee eligible to offer themselves for re-election and such other Full or Family Members who have been Full or Family Members for not less than two years whose nominations duly proposed and seconded in writing by Full or Family Members of the Club, with their consent, having been received by the Honorary Secretary by not later than the 15th November prior to the

Annual General Meeting in each year. Such nominations, together with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall be notified to the members of the Club with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

4.4. Election of Committee by Ballot

If the number of candidates for election exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled then there shall be a simple majority secret ballot.

4.5. No Contest for Election

If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to have been elected if a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election.

4.6. Equality of Votes

In the event of the ballot failing to determine the members of the Committee because an equality of votes the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.

4.7. Casual Vacancy

If for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur, the Committee shall use reasonable endeavours to co-opt a Full or Family Member to fill such a vacancy until the next following Annual General Meeting.

4.8. Retiring Commodore Ex-Officio

A retiring Commodore shall serve as an ex officio member of the Committee in the year immediately following retirement.

4.9. Committee Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least every two months making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as they may wish. The Commodore or in the Commodore's absence a person elected by those present shall preside;

Provided always that matters involving expenditure of Club funds in excess of a sum to be determined by the Committee and notified to the Annual General Meeting each year shall be clearly indicated on the notice of the meeting and such notice shall be issued at least seven days before such meeting is held.

4.10. Voting in Committee

Voting shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the Commodore or elected presiding person, as the case may be, shall have a second and casting vote.

4.11. Quorum

Six members present shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.

4.12. Members Absent from Committee

Members of the Committee, who absent themselves from three consecutive meetings without satisfactory reason, shall cease to be members of the Committee.

Powers of the Committee

4.13. Management of the Club by Committee

The Committee shall manage the Club according to the Rules and shall cause the funds of the Club to be applied solely to the objects of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by General Meeting.

4.14. Powers to make Bye-laws and Regulations

The Committee shall make such Bye-laws and Regulations as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises for at least fourteen days before the date of the implementation. Such Bye-laws and Regulations shall remain in force until approved or set aside by a vote at a General Meeting of the Club.

The Bye-laws and Regulations shall be included in the Yearbook or in the Sailing Programme or shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board.

4.15. Appointment of Sub-Committees

The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate such of its powers as it may think fit upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed expedient and/or required by the law. Such Sub-Committees shall consist of such members of the Committee or of the Club as the Committee shall think fit. Officers of the Club shall be ex-officio members of all such Sub-Committees.

4.16. Powers to Co-opt

The Committee is empowered to co-opt, in addition to filling vacancies, two members if this is deemed necessary. Such additional members shall have no vote in Committee.

4.17. Disclosure of Interests to Third Parties

A member of the Committee, of a Sub-Committee or any Officer of the Club, in transacting business for the Club, shall disclose to third parties that they are so acting.

4.18. Limitation of Members Liability

The Committee, or any persons or Sub-Committee delegated by the Committee to act as agents for the Club and its members, shall enter into contracts only so far as they are expressly authorised, or authorised by implication by the members. No one shall without the express authority of the membership in General Meeting, pledge the credit of the membership in excess of an amount equal to the gross annual subscriptions of the current membership of the Club calculated at current subscription rates.

4.19. Members Indemnification of Committee

In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by Members of the Club, members of the Committee are entitled to be indemnified by the Members of the Club against any liabilities properly incurred by them or by any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could reasonably be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club.

The limit of an individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club.

4.20. Nomination of Honorary Members by Committee

The Committee may nominate for election at an Annual General Meeting such Honorary Members as the Committee may think fit. The total number of such Honorary Members shall not, however, at any time, exceed five per cent of the total number of members nor shall the number of Honorary Members exceed at one time six in number.

The election of Honorary Members shall be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting each year and such Honorary Members shall be duly elected if two thirds of those present, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of election.

Section 5. Purchase and Supply of Excisable Goods

5.1. Purchase and Supply of Excisable Goods

The purchase by the Club of excisable goods and the supply of the same upon Club premises shall wholly and exclusively be under the control of the Committee, or of a special Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee.

Intoxicating liquor may only be sold for consumption on the Club premises to persons of eighteen years of age or over who are entitled to the use of the Club premises in

pursuance of the Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations for the time being in force. No junior member under the age of eighteen may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor within the Club premises nor may a junior member under the age of sixteen purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco or cigarettes within the Club premises.

5.2. Hours of Sale of Excisable Goods

Subject to the requirements of the licensing authorities the Committee shall cause the Club bar to be opened at convenient times, and such times shall be prominently exhibited in the Club premises, for the sale of excisable goods to persons who are entitled to the use of the premises of the Club in pursuance of these Rules, except Junior Members as aforesaid, provided that visitors names and addresses and the name of their introducer shall have been entered into the Visitors' Book upon entry to the Club premises.

5.3. Profits from the Sale of Excisable Goods

No person shall take a commission, percentage or other such payment in connection with the purchase of excisable goods for the Club. Any profit deriving from the sale of such goods shall, after deduction of the cost of providing such goods for the benefit of the Club, be applied to the provision of additional amenities or the purchase of property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Club.

5.4. Accounts relating to Excisable Goods

Proper accounts of all purchases and receipts shall be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such information as the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or Auditors may require shall be furnished to enable any statutory return or statement and the payment excise or any other duty or tax to be made.

Section 6. Trustees

6.1. Numbers of and Terms of Reference

There shall be four or five Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Committee of the Club from among the Full, Family or Honorary Members who are willing to be appointed. The Commodore shall, during the Commodore's period of office, if so willing, be one of the Trustees. Trustees shall hold office during their life, or until they shall resign by notice in writing given to the Committee, or until a resolution removing them from office shall be passed at a meeting of the Committee by a majority comprising two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

6.2. Property of the Club vested in the Trustees

All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as is necessary and practicable, on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall nominate a new Trustee, and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after the said nomination. For the purpose of giving effect to any such nomination, the Honorary Secretary for the time being is hereby appointed as the person to appoint Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

6.3. Powers of Trustees

The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property of the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Committee, and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property so held for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions, which shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee, but no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.

6.4. Indemnity of Trustees from Club Funds

The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Committee out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them in exercise of their duties or in relation to any property of the Club vested in them or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the function of a Trustee of the Club.

Section 7. Meetings of the Club

7.1. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held on some day in the month of December, to be fixed by the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall at not less than ten days clear before the date of the Annual General Meeting post or deliver to each member notice thereof and the business to be brought forward thereat. The Annual Balance Sheet and accounts shall be forwarded to each Full and Family Member with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

7.2. Business of the Annual General Meeting

No business, except the approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting, the passing of the accounts and the election of Officers, General Committee and the Auditor, and any business that the General Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting shall be discussed at such meeting unless notice thereof be given in writing by a member entitled to vote to the Honorary Secretary before the 31st October prior to such meeting.

7.3. Special General Meeting

The Committee may at any time, upon giving twenty one days notice in writing, call a General Meeting of the Club for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the notice convening the meeting, and the discussion at such General Meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to members

7.4. General meeting upon request of Members

The Committee shall similarly call a General Meeting upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary by at least thirty Full or Family Members. The discussions at such meetings shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to members.

7.5. Chairing of Meetings

At every meeting of the Club the President or Commodore or, in their absence, a person elected by those present shall preside.

7.6. Quorum at Meetings

Thirty members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Club.

7.7. Entitlement to vote at Meetings

Only those entitled to vote under Rule 3.2 hereof shall vote at any meeting of the Club. Other members shall be entitled to attend such meetings but are not entitled to vote.

7.8. Voting at Meetings

Voting, except upon election of members of the Committee, shall be by a show of hands.

7.9. Equality of Votes

In the case of equality of votes the President or Commodore or, in their absence the elected presiding person shall have a second or casting vote on any matter other than the election of members of the Committee.

7.10. Voting on Rule Changes

On any resolution properly put to a meeting of the Club relating to the creation, repeal or amendment of any Rule, Bye-law or Regulation of the Club such Rule, Bye-law or Regulation shall not be created, repealed or amended except by a majority vote of at least two-thirds of those

present and entitled to vote in relation to Rules and a simple majority in relation to Bye-laws and Regulations.

If in the opinion of the majority of the Flag Officers of the Club such alteration or addition is undesirable for the conduct of the Club, they may, within seven days of such alteration or addition, give written notice to such effect to the Honorary Secretary and upon the giving of such notice it shall cease to have effect unless and until approved on a poll by a majority of two thirds of the total voting membership.

Section 8. Dissolution of the Club

The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

The General Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

- to another Club or Clubs with similar sports purposes which is/are registered charities and/or.
- to other Club or Clubs with similar sports purposes which is/are Community Amateur Sports Clubs or
- to the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

Section 9. Bye-laws

1 Rights and Privileges of Members

The present rights and privileges of each category of membership shall be as follows:

Full Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.

Family Members, spouses or permanent recognised cohabitants and all their children under the age of sixteen shall have the full use of all the Club facilities in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

Joint Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities as for a Full or Family Member.

Life Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities as for a Full or Family Member.

Introductory Crew Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

Country Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

Student Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

Junior Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

Honorary Members shall have the full use of all the Club facilities in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

Social Members shall have the full use of the Clubhouse facilities.

Associate Members shall have full use of the Clubhouse facilities and shall be restricted to taking part in Club

sailing to those occasions, which the Committee shall from time to time prescribe.

Temporary Members, which expression may include members of another RYA affiliated club or organisation, shall subject to Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations have the full use of the Club facilities but:

(a) Shall have no right to enter Club races or regattas unless specifically authorised by the Honorary Secretary or Committee.

(b) Shall have no right to introduce visitors to the Club or the facilities

(c) Are deemed to have notice of and impliedly undertake to comply with the Club Rules, current Bye-laws and Regulations as if they were members of the Club and so far as the said Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations may be deemed to apply to such Temporary Members

d) Shall be liable to expulsion from the Club premises or prohibited from using Club facilities if, in the opinion of the Honorary Secretary or any two members of the Committee, they have not reasonably complied with the above conditions.

2 Admittance of Children

Children under the age of sixteen shall only be admitted to Club premises if under the supervision of a responsible adult.

Children under the age of sixteen shall not use Club boats and/or equipment unless specifically authorised so to do in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

3 Control of Dogs

No dogs, with exception of guide dogs, may be brought into the Clubhouse. Dogs must be kept on a short lead in the compound.

4 Control of Vehicle Parking

Cars and motorcycles may only be parked in areas designated for such parking and shall not be parked so as to cause obstruction to other vehicles or to the approaches to the Club premises.

5 Control of Bicycles

Bicycles shall not be brought into the Clubhouse nor shall they obstruct the paths around or leading to the Clubhouse.

6 Control of Club Plant and Equipment

No person shall use, operate or interfere with any equipment or plant being the property of the Club unless specifically authorised so to do in accordance with Club Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations.

7 Dress Code

Persons requiring access to the bar and lounge area shall wear appropriate dress which shall exclude the wearing of overalls, sailing clothes, Wellington boots, etc.

8 Smoking

No smoking shall be permitted within the buildings of the Club.

9 Litter

Litter shall not be left on Club premises

10 Opening of Club Premises

The Clubhouse shall be open to members at such times as the Committee may from time to time direct.

11 Permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor

The permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor are 12.00 noon to 12.00 midnight.

The bar will be open at such times as may be decided by the Committee subject to any restrictions imposed by the Licensing Authorities.

12 Charges for Refreshments

The charges for meals and refreshments shall be such as may be decided by the Committee from time to time. A schedule of such charges shall be posted in the Clubhouse.

13 Abandoned Boats

In addition to the powers given to the Committee under Rules 3.9 and 4.14 hereof if, at any time, any fees payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears and a vessel the property of a member or former member remains upon the Club premises, the Committee may:

- (a) Move the vessel to any part of Club premises without being liable for loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused.
- (b) Give one month's notice in writing to the member or former member at the last known address as shown in the Club Register and thereafter sell the vessel and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, mooring, dinghy park fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
- (c) Alternatively, if the vessel is unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing so and arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member. Provided always that: All reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member and that when and if the vessel is sold the proceeds of sale (less any indebtedness by the member or former member to the Club) shall be placed upon bank deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether they be the said member or former member or otherwise) for a period of six years.