



# Club Rules

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**Troy Lake  
West Hyde  
Rickmansworth  
Hertfordshire WD3 9YB**

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### 1.0 NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be **RICKMANSWORTH SAILING CLUB** (hereinafter referred to as 'the Club').

## 2.0 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of the Club are to promote and facilitate the sport of sailing, including training and to provide and maintain a Clubhouse and other facilities for the use of members of the Club and by others approved from time to time by the Committee.

## 3.0 BURGEE

- 3.1 The Burgee of the Club shall be of emerald green with a white diamond in the centre in conformity with a pattern kept by the Hon. Secretary.

## 4.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Club year shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> November in one year to 31<sup>st</sup> October in the next.

Save as specifically excepted herein members may:

- i) Compete in races organised by the Club or use the Club lake for recreational sailing, or other purposes permitted from time to time,
- ii) use the Club premises and make use of the non-sailing related facilities as often as they wish,
- iii) be eligible for election to any Office and the Committee,
- iv) receive notices of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Club and
- v) introduce visitors according to the Club Bye-Laws.

*There is a matrix for information only showing rights associated with membership types at Appendix A*

### 4.1 Full Member

Full Membership is available to those who have passed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 4.2 Junior Member

4.2.1 Junior Membership is available to those under the age of 18.

4.2.2 Junior members shall not be eligible to vote at General Meetings of the Club and shall not be entitled to introduce visitors to the Club nor to be nominated for or to serve on the Committee.

4.2.3 The member proposing a Junior Member shall by his or her proposal make themselves legally liable (*acting in loco parentis*) for all actions done or not done by the Junior Member they proposed for the duration of the Junior Membership, or until a parent or guardian becomes a member when such parent or guardian shall assume full legal liability for the Junior Member.

### 4.3 Student Member

4.3.1 Student Membership is available to anyone who is over 18 and under 25 years of age and is in full time education for a minimum of 30 weeks per annum.

4.3.2 Student members shall not be entitled to serve on the Committee.

### 4.4 Outport Member

4.4.1 Outport Membership shall only be available to those existing members over 18 years of age for whom, for any reason accepted by the Committee, frequent attendance at the Club might be difficult or unlikely, unless the option afforded by rule 6 is requested.

### 4.5 Family Member

4.5.1 Family membership is available to two adults eligible for membership under rule 4.1 and those under the age of 18 and students who are eligible for membership under rule 4.3 living at the same address.

4.5.2 For the purpose of rule 8, one Club Membership Application Form may be used to cover all members of a family, those over 14 years of age being specified by name, but children under that age shall be described as 'and family'.

4.5.3 The individual members of a family membership shall have the same rights as an individual member of their age and circumstances from time to time would enjoy save that only the two adults referred to in 4.5.1 are entitled to receive notices of General Meetings of the Club.

#### **4.6. Honorary and Temporary Members**

4.6.1 Honorary Life Members may be proposed by the Committee and confirmed at a General Meeting. They shall have all the rights of a Full Member.

4.6.2 Honorary Members (Annual) may be proposed and ratified by the Committee and shall be subject to re-election every year. They shall have all the rights of a Full Member except that they can attend but not vote at a General Meeting, nor may they serve on the Committee.

4.6.3 Temporary Members may be proposed by the Committee and have such rights mentioned in rule 4.0 above (save for the rights to be elected to any office and/or the committee, or to vote at meetings) afforded to them as the Committee may determine on an individual basis.

#### **4.7. Associate Member**

4.7.1 Associate members may be elected by the Committee for such period and on such terms as it may determine. Associate members shall have such of the rights as may be granted by the committee to a temporary member as the Committee shall from time to time determine providing that these rights do not conflict with rule 2.

#### **4.8 Training Membership**

4.8.1 Training Membership will be granted to those undertaking training at the Club, who do not wish to apply for one of the other categories of membership at the time of undertaking training, this membership will expire at the end of October in that year when they will be offered the opportunity to join the Club using another category of membership.

4.8.2 Training members shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Club nor to be elected to any office and/or the committee.

4.8.3 Training members may take part in racing organised by the Club; use the lake for recreational sailing; use the Club premises and attend social functions and make use of the non-sailing related facilities as often as they wish and receive regular mailings from the Club.

4.8.4 Training members over the age of 18 may introduce visitors in accordance with these rules and the Club Bye-Laws.

#### **4.9 Social Member**

4.9.1 Social Membership is available to persons over the age of 18. Social members shall not be entitled to sail regularly.

## **5.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

5.1 All members over the age of 18, other than Honorary Life, Honorary and Temporary Members shall pay any entrance fee which may be due on admission and the annual subscriptions as may be determined from time to time in a General Meeting and such other dues as may become properly payable, subject to the increase allowed in rule 5.2.

5.2 Each year the Committee may increase the annual subscription rates by no more than 7.5% (rounded upwards to the next 50p) without such an increase being approved by the membership in a General Meeting. Any increase in excess of this amount must be agreed at a General Meeting.

5.3.1 For those members whose membership commenced prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, subscriptions shall be due in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> November annually.

5.3.2 For those members who joined after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, their subscriptions shall be renewed annually on the anniversary of the joining date.

5.4 If any member shall be in arrears with their payments for more than two months, they may be required to pay, in addition to their subscription, an extra administrative charge of £25 and the Committee may post their name on the notice board of the Club and they shall thereupon cease to

- be entitled to enjoy the privileges of membership of the Club for so long as they remain in arrears.
- 5.5 If any member is in arrears for more than four months, the Committee may declare that they have ceased to be a member of the Club.

## **6.0 EXTENDED TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF A MEMBER**

- 6.1 At the discretion of the Hon. Membership Secretary a member who anticipates inability to use the Club or its facilities for the whole of any one membership year may be excused payment of the annual subscription and other annual fees for that year (except any boat storage fees which may be due) if notice in writing is given to the Hon. Membership Secretary before their renewal date. When the member requests to be reinstated, they shall pay their subscription as from that date and the renewal of it shall be on the anniversary of re-joining (*see rule 5.3.2*). During this period, they will assume the status of an Associate Member without voting rights.

## **7.0 RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER**

- 7.1 A member wishing to resign from membership shall give notice in writing to the Hon. Membership Secretary and shall not then be liable to pay the subscription for the following year. Upon re-application for membership by a past member the Committee may, at its discretion, waive the Entrance Fee.
- 7.2 A member who resigns in accordance with this rule shall not be entitled to have any fees refunded.

## **8.0 ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP**

- 8.1 An application for membership shall be made on any form published by the club for that purpose and shall include the name of and sufficient contact details for the applicant.
- 8.2 An applicant is admitted to membership of the club when:
- Their details are entered on the membership database and the application is marked as approved by an officer of the club, and
  - at least two days have elapsed from the date of their application.

## **9.0 EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP**

- 9.1 If a member shall refuse or neglect to observe any of the rules of the Club or be guilty, in the opinion of the Committee, of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club, the Committee may, after giving such member an opportunity to attend before it, by resolution expel such member from membership.

A member expelled under this rule shall have the right to lodge within 28 days with the Hon. Secretary an appeal to be heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting which shall be convened by the Committee in accordance with rule 14.4. No person who has been expelled from membership shall be re-admitted as a member or admitted to the Club as a guest without the approval of the members of the Club in General Meeting. A member expelled in accordance with this rule shall not be entitled to have any fees refunded.

- 9.2 If any boat or equipment belonging to a person who has ceased to be a member is not removed from the Club within 30 days of notice from the Hon. Secretary requiring such removal, such former member shall be liable to the Club for payment for storage, as determined by the Committee but not exceeding £25 per month and the Club shall be entitled to a lien on any such boat or equipment for such storage charge or for any other sum due to the Club. Unless the boat or equipment is removed within 30 days of such notice the Committee may, in its absolute discretion, dispose of the boat or equipment in any manner it thinks fit.

## **10.0 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP, OWNERSHIP OF BOATS or OTHER INFORMATION**

- 10.1 A member wishing to change the category of their membership shall inform the Hon. Membership Secretary and the Committee shall, in the absence of good reasons to the contrary, direct that, upon payment of the difference between the fees applicable to the old and new categories of membership (there shall be no refund payable if the difference is in the member's favour), the change be recorded in the Register of Members.

- 10.2 Every member shall keep the Hon. Membership Secretary informed in writing, of any changes in their name, address and email address for entry in the Register of Members (which may be held electronically). Any notice required by these rules to be sent or given to any member shall be deemed to have been delivered when sent by ordinary post or electronically to the latest address appearing in the Register of Members.
- 10.3 Any Member wishing to keep a boat at the Club shall apply for consent to the Committee to do so, by application to the Hon. Membership Secretary. The Committee shall have complete discretion in giving, withholding or withdrawing such consent.
- 10.3.1 A boat berth fee determined from time to time in a General Meeting shall be paid annually in advance in addition to the member's individual subscription.
- 10.4 When consent for keeping a boat at the Club is given by the Committee, such consent is personal to that member and is not transferable to another member on the sale of that boat.
- 10.5 A member ceasing to keep a boat at the Club or exchanging one boat for another shall inform the Hon. Membership Secretary and the Register of Members shall be amended accordingly.
- 10.6 When a boat is jointly owned it shall be deemed to be kept at the Club by one of its joint owners only, who shall be so nominated in the application for consent.

## **11.0 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE**

- 11.1 The Officers of the Club, in order of seniority, shall consist of:
  - a. The Commodore (Flag Officer)
  - b. Vice Commodore (Flag Officer)
  - c. Hon. Secretary
  - d. Hon. Treasurer
  - e. Hon. Sailing Secretary
  - f. Hon. Membership Secretary.
- 11.2 The Committee shall consist of the Officers and up to nine other adult members of the Club.
- 11.2.3 The Committee may appoint an Assistant Hon. Secretary who may, if not an elected member of the Committee, attend committee meetings.
- 11.2.4 The Committee may appoint a Health and Safety Officer who may, if not an elected member of the Committee, attend committee meetings.
- 11.3 The Officers and Committee members shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and nominations for election shall be in writing delivered to the Hon. Secretary seven clear days before the meeting. If, however, no nomination for a vacancy has been received by the Hon. Secretary by the due date, nominations may be called for by the Chairman at an Annual General Meeting. If for the election to an Office only one candidate, or for election to the Committee no more candidates than will fill the vacancies be duly proposed and seconded, then he or she shall forthwith be declared elected by the Chairman, otherwise elections shall be by ballot. In an election for members of the Committee a person voting shall cast votes equal to the total number of Committee members to be elected casting only one vote for each vacancy. Any ballot papers with more or fewer votes than the number of vacancies shall be disregarded.
- 11.4 Elections to an office shall be for a period of:
 

Commodore	two years
Vice Commodore	two years
Other Officers	three years
Committee Member	three years

unless the General Meeting shall have resolved immediately prior to making any election that it shall be for a lesser period. After the Commodore has held office for two consecutive years, he shall not be eligible for election as a Flag Officer within two years nor shall the Vice Commodore be eligible for re-election as Vice Commodore without a break of at least one year. A Committee member who has been elected as such for three years shall not be eligible for re-election as a normal committee member without a break of at least one year.

- 11.5 A casual vacancy amongst the Officers or Committee may be filled by the remaining members of the Committee in any way it thinks fit from the membership, notwithstanding the provisions of rule 11.4, until the next Annual General Meeting. The period thus served shall not be counted as required by rule 11.4.
- 11.6 If an office or committee place is left unfilled after an Annual General Meeting, that vacancy may be filled by the Committee in any way it thinks fit from the membership, notwithstanding the provisions of rule 11.4, until the next Annual General Meeting. The period thus served shall not be counted as required by rule 11.4.

## **12.0 MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

- 12.1 The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. The quorum shall be 25% (rounded up) but no less than four, of the total number of Officers and Committee Members in post at that time, including at least one Flag Officer. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club in accordance with the Rules and it shall define the duties of the Officers who shall in all respects be subject to the control of the Committee.
- 12.2 Meetings of the Committee may be convened by any Officer or by any two other members of the Committee. If the votes be equal the senior Officer present shall have a casting vote.
- 12.3 The Committee may make, alter or repeal Bye-Laws regulating the use of the Club by members, the admission of guests and visitors to the Club, for the good conduct of the Club and its affairs and those Bye-Laws shall, provided they are not inconsistent with the Rules of the Club, be binding on all members and have the same status as the Rules of the Club.
- 12.4 The Committee shall be responsible for the direction, organisation of races and other events and generally for the use of the Club water and for these purposes it may delegate to the Sailing Committee such duties and powers as it may think fit and it shall cause to be kept by the appropriate Officers minutes of General and Committee Meetings, a Register of Members, a Register of Boats, proper Accounts and such other records as it may think fit.
- 12.5 The Committee may apply to the RYA to have the Club recognised as an RYA Training Centre.
- 12.5.1 When the Club is a recognised RYA Training Centre the Committee shall appoint for a term of three years or the duration of the recognition, whichever is the shorter, a member who is a qualified RYA Senior Instructor to be the Club's Principal Training Instructor.
- 12.5.2 The Principal Training Instructor shall be eligible for reappointment.
- 12.5.3 The Principal Training Instructor may, if not an elected member of the Committee, attend Committee meetings.

## **13.0 SAILING COMMITTEE**

- 13.1 The Sailing Committee shall be appointed annually by the Committee and shall consist of
- a Flag Officer
  - the Hon. Sailing Secretary
  - the Principal Training Instructor
  - and such other members of the Club as the Committee may determine
- 13.2 Subject to the direction of the Committee, and without limiting its responsibility or power to delegate, the Sailing Committee shall undertake the day-to-day organisation of racing (which includes the hearing of protests) in accordance with the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the relevant Class rules, the Sailing Instructions of the Club and any other special provisions required by the Club or the Committee and to arrange training, under the direction of the Principal Training Instructor.
- 13.3 Two members of the Sailing Committee personally present shall form a quorum of the Sailing Committee.
- 13.4 The Principal Training Instructor shall be responsible for training Club members and others as authorised by the Committee, issuing RYA certificates and appointing members who are

appropriately RYA qualified to be voluntary assistant instructors. Funds generated by training activities are subject to control under rule 16.

## **14.0 GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **14.1 Notice of meetings**

14.1.1 Notices as defined within these rules may be delivered by post, email, text or posting on the Club web site and shall be deemed to have been sent and delivered; non-receipt shall not give rise to any claim against the Club.

14.1.2 Present means:

- (a) present in person, or
- (b) present by electronic means via the electronic platform(s) stated in the notice of the meeting

### **14.2 Conduct of General Meetings**

14.2.1 The Chairman at any General Meeting shall be the Senior Officer present and if no officer be present the members with voting rights shall choose one of them to be Chairman of the Meeting. Seniority for the purposes of these rules shall be in the order as ranked in rule 11.1.

14.2.2 At General Meetings of the Club every member with voting rights shall be entitled to one vote and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote. Subject to rule 14.5.

14.2.3 The meeting prior to discussion on a resolution may agree that the vote on that resolution shall be deferred to a postal or electronic ballot, either secret or not. In all other cases voting will be by a show of hands and/or by any electronic means stated in the notice of meeting.

14.2.4 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of voting members is present. Twelve voting members present shall be a quorum.

14.2.5 Except for the purpose of altering the rules of the Club in accordance with rule 24, a resolution at a General Meeting shall be carried or not by a simple majority of those present and voting. The Chairman will declare that the resolution has been carried or not and this shall be binding. Subject to rule 14.5.

14.2.6 An audio recording of any General Meeting may be made and made accessible on-line to members.

### **14.3 Annual General Meeting**

14.3.1 The Hon. Secretary shall at least 14 days before the date of any Annual General Meeting communicate with each member in accordance with rule 23, notice thereof and of the business to be transacted.

14.3.2 An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in October or November annually for the following purposes:

- a) To receive from the Committee a report on the previous Club year ending the previous 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- b) To receive from the Hon. Treasurer a Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the previous financial year ending the previous 30<sup>th</sup> September, reviewed by a qualified accountant or other suitable person (described as the Hon. Accountant) who shall not be a member of the Committee.
- c) To elect the Officers, Committee, Hon. Accountant and any additional Honorary Life Members.
- d) To make recommendations to the Committee concerning the Trophies and other races and programme for the ensuing season.
- e) To transact any other business brought forward by the Committee or of which notice in writing shall have been given by a member to the Honorary Secretary not less than ten clear days before the meeting
- f) To transact any other business at the discretion of the Chairman.

### **14.4 Extraordinary General Meeting**



14.4.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Committee whenever it thinks fit. Not less than 21 days' notice shall be given for an Extraordinary General Meeting to members entitled to receive such notices by the Hon. Secretary and shall state the specific business to be transacted.

14.4.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Committee within 60 days of receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a requisition in writing which must have been signed in the same document by not less than ten members with voting rights and must state the specific business for which it is required, or within 60 days of receipt by the Hon. Secretary of an appeal under rule 9.1.

#### **14.5 Special Voting Arrangement**

14.5.1 This rule defines special voting arrangements for proposals:

- i. to sell the lake or land;
- ii. to wind-up or dissolve the club;
- iii. to change this rule (14.5).

14.5.2 Two groups of members are entitled to vote:

- i. adults who have at least 20 years continuous membership as adults;
- ii. adults who have less than 20 years continuous membership as adults.

14.5.2.1 If the number of members in either group is less than three then the membership will vote as a single group and the proposal is accepted if at least seventy five percent of the members entitled to vote must vote in favour.

14.5.3 The proposal is accepted if both groups separately support the proposal. For a group to support the proposal at least two thirds of the members entitled to vote in that group must vote in favour, unless rule 14.5.2.1 applies.

14.5.4 The vote shall be carried out postally or electronically. This changes Rule 24.1.

### **15.0 TRUSTEES**

15.1 All Club property (other than freehold or leasehold property) shall be vested in the Flag Officers for the time being as Trustees of the Club.

15.2 The freehold or leasehold property of the Club shall be vested in not more than four Trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee and such property of the Club shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee may direct by resolution (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by a resolution of the Committee who may for any reason which it may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting remove any Trustee or Trustees from office of Trustee. Whereby reason of death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For giving effect to such nomination the Commodore of the Club is hereby nominated as the person to appoint the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply in any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall be in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for the value of the Club or Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

15.2.1 A Trustee who is not an Honorary Life member or in a category entitled to vote shall be entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting.

15.3 The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

15.4 Trustees shall be reviewed and reappointed or changed in accordance with rule 15.2 at the commencement of 2020, 2025 etc., in other words every five years.

### **16.0 CLUB FUNDS**

The Financial Year shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> October in one year to the 30<sup>th</sup> September in the next.

- 16.1 The Funds of the Club shall be kept by the Hon. Treasurer under the supervision of and in such place and manner as shall be determined by the Committee. The Committee shall have power to use the Club funds in such manner as it shall think fit in accordance with these rules and the Objectives of the Club.
- 16.1.1 All cheques shall be signed by the Hon. Treasurer and by either the Hon. Secretary or another member of the Committee duly authorised by the Committee.
- 16.1.2 The Club may operate an electronic bank account(s) controlled by the Hon. Treasurer.
- 16.2 The Committee shall not borrow any money or incur liabilities or otherwise pledge the credit of members or of the Club more than the amount standing to the credit of the Club at its Bank without the sanction of a General Meeting, notice of the intention to move such a resolution having been given in the notice convening the Meeting.
- 16.3 No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose to be nominated by a General Meeting.
- 16.4 If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever; the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Club. The Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
- 1) to a charity and/or
  - 2) to another Club with similar sports purposes, with a similar dissolution clause and/or
  - 3) to the sport's national governing body (the RYA) for use by it for community sports.

## **17.0 ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION**

- 17.1 The Committee shall take such action as may be required so that the Club shall be a Member Club of the Royal Yachting Association.

## **18.0 OPENING HOURS**

- 18.1 The Club shall be open between such hours as the Committee shall determine.

## **19.0 RISK STATEMENT**

- 19.1 It must be recognised that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in activities at the Club, members, visitors and guests agree and acknowledge that:
- 1.0 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility exposing themselves to such inherent risk whilst taking part in any activity;
  - 2.0 They will always comply with the instructions of the Officers and Committee particularly regarding handling of boats, wearing of buoyancy aids and the wearing of suitable clothing for the conditions;
  - 3.0 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own negligence;
  - 4.0 They will not participate in any activity if their ability to participate is impaired by alcohol, drugs or if they are otherwise unfit to participate;
  - 5.0 They will inform the Club if there have been any changes to the information provided on any form previously submitted.
  - 6.0 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
  - 7.0 They are aware of any specific risks drawn to their attention by the Club.

## **20.0 DATA PROTECTION**

- 20.1 The Club shall always comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 or as amended.
- 20.2 The Club will seek consent from members for the following data to be published as stated. This will be confirmed or rescinded on the anniversary of a members' renewal via the web site:
- i Personal details to be printed in the annual Members Handbook;
  - ii Personal details to be published on-line in the Members only section of the web site;
  - iii Photographs of members to be published in any media supplied by the Club or in the press or social media.

## **21.0 VISITING COMPETITORS**

- 21.1 Any visitor who is a competitor in any race organised by the Club or other approved activity is a Temporary Member of the Club and is entitled to the use of the Club premises within a period of twenty-four hours before and after the race or activity in accordance with these rules and the Club Bye-Laws.

## **22.0 HON. BAR SECRETARY; PURCHASE and SUPPLY of INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

- 22.1 The Committee may appoint a Hon. Bar Secretary who shall be responsible for running the Bar.
- 22.1.1 The Hon. Bar Secretary may, if he is not an elected member of the Committee, attend Committee meetings.
- 22.2 Accounts of all purchases and receipts shall be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such information as the Hon. Treasurer or the Hon. Accountant may require shall be furnished to enable any statutory return to be made.
- 22.2.1 The Hon. Bar Secretary may operate an electronic bank account approved by the Hon. Treasurer.
- 22.3 The purchase for the Club of intoxicating liquor and the supply of the same upon Club premises shall be exclusively and solely under the control of the Committee through the Hon. Bar Secretary. Intoxicating liquor may only be sold for consumption on the Club premises to those over the age of 18 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 18 may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor within the Club premises.
- 22.4 No person shall take a commission, percentage or other such payment in connection with the purchase of intoxicating liquor for the Club. Any profit deriving from the supply of intoxicating liquor shall (after deduction of the costs 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.

## **23.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBERS**

- 23.1 Communications with members shall be by the Club's preferred method, which is electronically. Any member who does not have access to email or opts out of receiving emails will only receive the required notice of General Meetings by mail and may not receive any other communications.

## **24.0 ALTERATION TO RULES**

- 24.1 These rules may be altered or repealed, or new rules may be made by a resolution passed at any General Meeting by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting, unless rule 14.2.3 is invoked, express notice of the proposed alteration(s) repeal or new rule(s) having been given in the notice convening the meeting.
- 24.2 Proposal to change a rule in accordance with rule 24.1 shall only be accepted provided they are duly proposed and seconded by a voting member when submitted. Such proposals must be lodged with the Hon Secretary 28 days before the date of the AGM.
- 24.3 Rule 24 is subject to rule 14.5.

## **25.0 INTERPRETATION**

- 25.1 The decision of the Committee upon any interpretation of these rules or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these rules shall be final and binding upon the members.
- 25.2 Changes to words for grammatical purposes or to correct omissions from previous versions only, shall not require approval at a General Meeting. Such changes will not alter the meaning of the rule. If any member thinks such a change does alter the rule, they should address their concerns, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary.
- 25.3 References to the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders, the feminine gender shall include the masculine and neuter genders, the neuter gender shall include the masculine and feminine genders.
- 25.4 The matrix at Appendix A is provided to show a convenient view of membership options with their attendant rights. In the event of any conflict between the Appendix and the Rules, the Rules shall prevail and for the avoidance of doubt, Appendix A shall not be treated as forming part of these Rules.
- 25.5 These Rules will be kept updated on the web site. In the event of any conflict, the Rules on the web site will take precedence.

## APPENDIX A

Membership entitlement by class of member						
Rule	Category	Age	Restriction	Use of Water		
				Race	Rec Sail	OPP*
4.1	Full	18+		Yes	Yes	Yes
4.2	Junior	<18		Yes	Yes	Yes
4.3	Student	18 - 25	in FTE	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.4	Outport	18+		No	Yes	Yes
4.5	Family	18+	2 people only and in FTE & living same address and living at same address	Yes	Yes	Yes
		18 - 25		Yes	Yes	Yes
	<18		Yes	Yes	Yes	
4.6.1	Hon Life			Yes	Yes	Yes
4.6.2	Hon Annual		Elected on annual basis	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.6.3	Temporary			CD	CD	CD
4.7	Associate			CD	CD	CD
4.8	Training	18+		Yes	Yes	Yes
		<18		Yes	Yes	Yes
4.9	Social		Occasional recreational sailing	No	No	No

OPP\* = Other Permitted Purpose(s)  
CD at Committee's Discretion

Membership entitlement by class of member									
Rule	Category	Age	Restriction	Club premises, meeting and other rights					
				Premises and Facilities	Serve on Committee		Receive GM Notices	Attend GMTgs	Vote at GMTgs
4.1	Full	18+		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
4.2	Junior	<18		Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No
4.3	Student	18 - 25	in FTE	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No
4.4	Outport	18+		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
4.5	Family	18+	2 people only in FTE and living same address and living at same address	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
		18 - 25		Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes
		<18		Yes	No		No	Yes	No
4.6.1	Hon Life			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
4.6.2	Hon Annual		Elected on annual basis	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No
4.6.3	Temporary			CD	No		CD	CD	No
4.7	Associate			CD	No		CD	CD	No
4.8	Training	18+		Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No
		<18		Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No
4.9	Social		Occasional recreational sailing	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

## LIST OF CHANGES SINCE NOVEMBER 2017

### Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

<i>Amended or added 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017</i>	Rules 5.3.1; 5.3.2; 14.3.1(e); 15.4; 16 and 24.2
<i>Amended 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018</i>	Rules 8.2 and 20.0
<i>Amended or added 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019</i>	Rules 4.0; 4.4.1; 6.1; 12.1; 14.0; 14.2.2; 14.2.5, 14.3; 19.0; 24.0 and 25.2
<i>Amended or added 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020</i>	Rules 14.1.2; 14.2.3 and 14.2.4
<i>Amended or added 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020</i>	Rule 11, deleting all references to Rear Commodore
<i>Amended or added 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022</i>	Rule 8 and consequently rules 4.8.2, 5.1 and 9.1 – replaced “index” with MS word Table of contents.

### NOTE:

25.5 These Rules will be kept updated on the web site. In the event of any conflict, the Rules on the web site will take precedence.

### Web site

[www.rscsailing.org](http://www.rscsailing.org)



