

# **STONE SAILING CLUB**



## **GENERAL RULES**

**NOVEMBER 2019**



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**SECTION 1 – NAME AND OBJECTS**

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be “The Stone Sailing Club” (hereinafter Referred to in these rules as “the Club”)
- 1.2 The object of the Club shall be to promote and facilitate amateur yacht racing, and any non-powered water based activities, to provide opportunities for tuition and practice in the art of seamanship, and to provide social and other facilities for Members as may be from time to time determined.  
Membership of the Club shall be open to all the community and without discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, beliefs, sex, age or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of sailing, and any non-powered water based activities.
- 1.3 The Club emblem shall embody a Stone Buck and the letters SSC in white on a red background.

**SECTION 2 – OFFICERS**

- Officers of the Club
- 2.1 The Officers of the Club shall consist of:  
the President (who shall be most senior actively interested Ex-Commodore, who has served a full term of office, and who, shall be nominated annually by the Management Committee for election at the Annual General Meeting);  
the Vice President (who shall be a Commodore who has served two consecutive years in office and will automatically become Vice President for a period not exceeding two years); and three Flag Officers, namely: Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore.
- 2.2 The Management Committee shall consist of the Officers, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Social Secretary, Honorary Sailing Secretary, the Cadet Class Captain and 6 Members all of whom shall be Full Members of the Club who have attained the age of eighteen years.
- Duties of Honorary Secretary
- 2.3 The Duties of the Honorary Secretary shall be to
- 2.3.1 Keep a register of Club Members’ names and addresses compiled and updated by the Honorary Membership Secretary.
- 2.3.2 Conduct the correspondence of the Club.
- 2.3.3 Keep custody of all Club documents

- 2.3.4 Convene and keep full minutes of all meetings of the Club, the Management Committee and any 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, the committee or sub-committee.
- 2.3.5 Administer such insurance policy or policies as may be needed fully to protect the interests of the Club, its officers and its Members.
- 2.3.6 Maintain contact with the Club's Legal Adviser to ensure that the Club's affairs are managed in accordance with current law.

Duties of Honorary Treasurer

2.4 The duties of the Honorary Treasurer shall be to:

- 2.4.1 Cause such books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the finance of the Club.
- 2.4.2 Prepare an Annual Balance Sheet as at 31 August in each year and cause such Balance Sheet (and accounts as necessary) to be audited at least once annually and shall thereafter cause the same to be published to Club Members at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Duties of (Hon.) Auditor

2.5 The (Honorary) Auditor shall:

- 2.5.1 Be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year.
- 2.5.2 Audit the accounts of the Club when called upon to do so and give such certificate of assurance as to the accuracy of the said accounts as shall be required by law or by the Committee.
- 2.5.3 If he/she is unwilling or unable to act, inform the Committee who shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the termination of the next Annual General Meeting.

### **SECTION 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Categories of Membership**

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3.1 There shall be the following categories of Membership:

- 3.1.1 Cadet Member (age 11 to under 18) (All children aged under 11 are deemed part of the Family Membership whether they sail or not).
- 3.1.2 Young Member (age 18 to under 25)
- 3.1.3 Student Member (age 18 to 25 when in full time education, see 3.5 below)
- 3.1.4 Adult Member (over 25)
- 3.1.5 Family Membership (his/her partner also includes, if appropriate, all children under 11 years of age).
- 3.1.6 Non-Sailing Member (see 3.7 below)
- 3.1.7 Honorary Member (see 3.9 below)
- 3.1.8 Life Members (see 3.8 below)
- 3.1.9 Guest Member (see 3.10 below)

- 3.2 All Club Members over the age of 18 with the exception of Honorary Members and Guest Members are deemed Full Members of the Club.
- 3.3 Age limits shall be assessed at the beginning of the contribution year.
- 3.4 The rights and privileges of each category of Membership are defined in the latest edition of the Bylaws of the Club. Candidates for Membership shall have no privileges whatsoever in relation to the use of the Club or premises.
- 3.5 Members between 18 and 25 years of age may remain a full Member of the Club by payment of the Student fee only, for each year they are in full time education.
- 3.6 All Club Members over the age of eighteen with the exception of Honorary Members and Guest Members shall have full voting rights at Club Meetings. Cadet Members, however, shall have the right to vote for the Cadet Class Captain.
- 3.7 To qualify for Non-Sailing Membership, a Member must be a non-sailor, over sixty years of age, who has been a full Adult Member or held Family Membership for the past ten years or be considered by the Management Committee, through special circumstances, to be eligible for this category of Membership.
- 3.8 A Life Member is a Member of the Club who was accepted for life Membership prior to 9 November 1986.
- 3.9 Honorary Membership: The Committee may elect any person to be an Honorary Member of the Club, which Membership shall carry with it all the rights and privileges enjoyed by ordinary Members except that of voting at meetings at which business is discussed. The total number of Honorary Members shall not at any time exceed 5 per cent of the total number of Members.
- 3.10 (a) A Guest Member is a Member of the Club who has been approved by the normal Membership Committee process. Guest Membership shall carry with it all the rights and privileges enjoyed by ordinary Members but only ever allowed to take part in any non-powered water based activities on a total of four occasions without becoming a Full Member. A Guest Member has no voting rights at meetings at which business is discussed.  
(b) Children of Guest Members who use the club facilities are required to take the appropriate membership.
- 3.1 Membership of the Club, and acceptance of these Rules by the Member, will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purpose of the Data Protection Act 1984.

- 3.12
- Membership  
Entrance and  
Subscription Fee
- 3.12.1 The Management Committee at its discretion may introduce a scheme whereby an agreed number of Members may be given the opportunity to pay their subscriptions in advance to cover a period not exceeding ten years.
- 3.12.2 The rates of Entrance and Subscription fee for each category of Membership shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting in each year. Any proposed changes shall be approved by a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote and shall become operative on the first day of January in the following year. Membership subscriptions will be kept at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. A discount on annual subscription shall be allowed to Members whose fees and subscriptions are received by 28<sup>th</sup> February in any one year. The current rate of Entrance and Subscription fee shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises.
- 3.13 All Members shall pay the Entrance Fee (if any) and their first annual subscription upon election to the Club and thereafter on the first day of January in each year. A Member elected after mid October in any year shall not be required to pay any subscription in respect of the year of election but shall pay, on election, the Entrance fee. All fees are non refundable.
- 3.14 A new Member elected after the first day of June may, at the discretion of the Committee, pay a reduced annual subscription for that year only. However, the full entrance fee plus any appropriate fees (see 3.15 below) will still be paid.
- 3.15 a) Members shall pay the agreed fee for every boat which they park or store on Club premises.  
b) Trailers, launching trolleys and wheeled or other cradles may not be stored on Club premises unless they are stored under the boat with which they are associated, *or in a specified area to be decided by the Management Committee.*
- Members' duty  
to provide an up  
to date address
- 3.16 Every Member shall furnish the Honorary Membership 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 duly delivered.

### **Election and Retirement of Members**

- Candidates for  
election
- 3.17 There must be no discrimination when dealing with applications from potential members. A club must ensure that its membership procedures are open, transparent and objective.

Application for Membership	3.18	An application for Membership shall be in the form prescribed by the Committee, and shall include the name, address, and occupation of the candidate.
Election of Members	3.19	<p data-bbox="498 394 1511 604">3.19.1 Upon receipt of an application for Membership, the Honorary Membership Secretary shall enter such application in a Register of Candidates. The election of all classes of Members is vested in the Management Committee and shall be by a simple majority vote of those Members present and entitled to vote at the relevant meeting of the Management Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="623 615 1495 751">The Honorary Membership Secretary shall inform each candidate in writing of the candidate’s election or non-election. He/she shall furnish an elected candidate with a copy of the Rules and Bylaws of the Club and make request for such payments as are necessary.</p> <p data-bbox="498 762 1511 1119">3.19.2 Refusal of membership – The Club committee may refuse membership, only for a good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to the members in the General Meeting. Clubs can refuse or revoke membership on non-discriminatory grounds, where the membership, or continued membership, of the person concerned would be likely to not be in the best interests of the sport or the good conduct and interests of the club. These are internal matters for the club. Such procedures should be open and transparent and include an independent appeals process.</p>
Payment of fees upon election	3.20	Upon election, a candidate shall pay, within one calendar month, such entrance and other fees as shall be requested. In default of such payment, the election shall be void unless sufficient cause for delay be shown.
Retirement of a Member	3.21	<p data-bbox="498 1308 1520 1623">A Member desirous of retiring from Membership or of suspending Membership shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Membership Secretary and shall not then be liable to pay the subscription for the following year. Upon re-application by a past Member who had notified the Membership Secretary of original retirement or suspension no Entrance Fee or Administration fee will be payable. A Member who failed to notify the Honorary Membership Secretary in writing of their desire to retire or suspend Membership shall on reapplication be subject to an administration fee, such fee as agreed each year at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="498 1633 1466 1707">A Member wishing to be re-instated during the year of resignation shall pay such annual subscription as the Committee requires.</p>
Arrears of subscription	3.22	<p data-bbox="498 1749 1511 1885">The Committee may cancel after appropriate notice the Membership of any Member whose annual subscription and other annual fees are more than three months in arrears. No Member whose annual payments are in arrears may enter any Club event or regatta or vote at any meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="498 1896 1503 1959">Members paying their annual subscription and other annual fees when they are more than three months in arrears shall pay a surcharge of 10% on all</p>

subscription and annual fees outstanding.

- 3.23 An existing Member's spouse who is elected to Membership of the Club shall pay the appropriate annual subscription.

### **Conduct of Members**

Undertaking by  
Members to  
comply with  
rules

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3.24.1 Every Member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club Rules and the current Bylaws 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, shall render a Member liable to expulsion by the Committee. PROVIDED THAT, before expelling a Member, the Committee shall call upon such Member for a written explanation of the Member's conduct and shall give the Member full opportunity of making explanation to the Committee, or of resigning.

Expulsion of  
Member

A Resolution to expel a Member shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those Members of the Management Committee present and voting on the Resolution, the vote to be by ballot.

3.24.2 All Members of racing classes, excluding Cadets, are expected to undertake such duties as may be determined by the Sailing Committee. The Management Committee shall have authority to take disciplinary action against any Member who does not, without good reason, fulfil their obligations in this respect. Such disciplinary action include expulsion by the Committee.

3.24.3 Appeal against refusal or removal of membership may be made to the members.

Guests in the  
Club

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3.25.1 All Members may introduce Associate Members whose names shall be entered in the Visitors Book and signed by the introducing Member. Associate Members introduced by Cadets should have the Visitors Book Signed by their parents, if members or a member of the Management Committee.

3.25.2 No Member may introduce more than TWO Associate Members on any one occasion except for a specific event approved by the Management Committee when a Member may introduce an unlimited number of Associate Members subject to the occupancy limit of the premises. The names of all such Associate Members shall be entered in the Visitors Book.

3.25.3 No Associate Member shall be introduced on more than a total of FOUR occasions; however this will not preclude them from entering into any Stone Sailing Club open events.



- 3.25.4 An Associate Member is only ever allowed to take part in any non-powered water based activities or use any of the club facilities associated with any non-powered water based activities on more than a total of FOUR occasions without becoming a Full Member, however this will not preclude them from entering into any Stone Sailing Club open events.
- 3.26 A Member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage 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.
- Exhibiting of Notices 3.27 A Member shall not cause any communication in whatever form to be exhibited on the Club notice boards or premises without permission of the Honorary Sec.
- Settlement of Accounts 3.28 A Member shall settle any indebtedness for refreshment or otherwise before leaving the Club premises, or in accordance with any bylaw relating to the settlement of such indebtedness.
- Suggestions 3.29 All suggestions shall be entered in the Suggestion Book and signed by the Member.
- Complaints 3.30 Complaints of any nature relating to the Management or Members of the Club shall be addresses in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Under no circumstances shall a servant of the Club be personally reprimanded by a Member. Any matters received will be dealt with as quickly as reasonably Possible.
- Members of other RYA Clubs 3.31 A Member of any Club recognised by 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.
- Competitors in the races 3.32 Any person who is a competitor or crew Member in any race sponsored by or on behalf of the Club is entitled to the use of the Club premises within a period of 24 hours before and after the race in which they are competing.
- Power to expel those admitted under rules 3.31 & 3.32 hereof 3.33 The Honorary Secretary or any other person who has received the authority of two Members of the Committee, may expel, temporarily or permanently, any person who has the right to the use of the Club premises only under rules 3.31 and 3.32.



## **Limitation of Club Liability**

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3.34

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

Members of the Club, their Associates or Visitors may use the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, entirely of their own risk and impliedly accept;

- The Club will not accept any liability for damage to or loss of property belonging to Members, their Associates or Visitors to the Club.
- The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club or out of participation in any race organised by the Club whether sustained by Members, Associates or Visitors or caused by the said Members, Associates or Visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them the Office, committee or servants of the Club.

## **SECTION 4 – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

4.1

### **Constitution and Procedure**

The following shall retire from office each year at the Annual General Meeting:

The President, Flag Officers, Honorary Committee Members, Cadet Captain and those Committee Members who have served a total of either 2 or 4 years.

All those retiring shall be eligible for re-election with the following exceptions:

no Member shall serve as President for a period in excess of 4 years; no

Member shall serve as Vice President for a period in excess of 2 years; no

Member shall serve as Commodore for a third successive year, except in exceptional circumstances and no Committee Member shall serve for a fifth

successive year though such person shall again be eligible for election after a lapse of one year.

4.1.2 A Member appointed to the Committee in substitution for one who retired before the completion of the electoral period shall retire at the expiration of the original electoral period.

4.1.3 Flag Officers, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer not re-elected as such shall automatically be appointed, if willing, to serve for the forthcoming year as ex-officio Members of the Committee.

Nominations for  
election to  
Commodore

4.1.4 Nominations (duly attested) for forthcoming vacancies on Committee shall be forwarded to reach the Honorary Secretary not later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. No Member without experience on the Management Committee may be proposed for election as Commodore or Vice Commodore, members without experience may be nominated for Rear Commodore. No Member shall nominate any person to serve upon the Committee unless and until he has ascertained that the person so nominated is willing to serve. Such nominations, together with the names of the proposer and seconder shall be circulated to each Member of the Club at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

No contest for election	4.1.5	If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if two thirds of those present at the Annual General Meeting and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election.
	4.1.6	If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled, then there shall be a ballot.
Equality of votes	4.1.7	In the event of the ballot failing to determine the Members of the Committee because of an equality of votes the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.
Committee Meetings	4.1.8	Save in exceptional circumstances the Committee shall meet each month making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Commodore or in his/her absence a Chairman elected by those present shall preside. If any elected Member of the Management Committee does not, without good reason, attend two-thirds of the scheduled Committee meetings in any one year, he/she will be asked to stand down at the next AGM.
Voting at Committee Meetings	4.1.9	Voting shall normally be by a show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the Commodore or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.
Quorum	4.1.10	Five Members personally present shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.

## 4.2 **Powers of the Committee**

Management of the Club by Committee	4.2.1	The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and shall cause the funds of the Club to be applied solely to the objects of the Club. The property and funds of the Club shall not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of the Members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits shall be reinvested in the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by General Meeting.
Powers to make Bylaws	4.2.2	The Committee shall make such Bylaws as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises for fourteen days before the date of implementation. Such Bylaws shall remain in force until approved or set aside by a vote at a General Meeting of the Club.
Empowering Rule	4.2.3	The Management Committee shall have full powers to deal with any contingency no provided for in these rules.
Appointment of Sub-Committees	4.2.4	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 may think fit. Officers of the Club may be ex-officio Members of all such sub-committees.

Appointment of Sailing Committee	4.2.5	At the first meeting of the Management Committee after the AGM it shall appoint a Sailing Committee consisting of the Honorary Sailing Secretary, the Cadet Class Captain, and one person from each class sponsored by the Club including the Menagerie Class, all of whom shall have been nominated by the Members of these classes.
Appointment of Bosun	4.2.6	A Club Bosun responsible for the maintenance of the Club rescue facilities may be appointed by the Management Committee. The Club Bosun shall be directly responsible to the Honorary Sailing Secretary.
Disclosure of interest to third parties	4.2.7	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 he is so acting.
Limitation of Member's liability	4.2.8	The Committee, or any person or sub-committee delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its Members shall enter into contracts only so far as 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.
Members' indemnification of Committee to third parties	4.2.9	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 Club funds against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club.
Co-option of Committee Members	4.2.10	The Committee shall have the power to co-opt Management Committee Members if the full number of Committee Members is not elected at the A.G.M. By giving the Committee power to formally co-opt, their length of service is governed by rule 4.1 which states that no committee member shall serve for a fifth successive year, though such person will be eligible for election after as lapse of one year

### 4.3. **Purchase and Supply of Excisable Goods**

Purchase and supply of Excisable Goods	4.3.1	The purchase for the Club of excisable goods and the supply of the same upon Club premises shall be exclusively and solely under the control of the Committee, or of a special sub-committee appointed by the Committee. Intoxicating liquor may only be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to persons over the age of eighteen who are entitled to the use of the Club premises in pursuance of the Rules and Bylaws for the time being in force. A proof of age scheme is built into the Membership card system and where Associates/Visitors are concerned a recognised proof of age is required. Any person who appears to be under the age of 18, whether Member, Associate or Visitor, will be asked for identification, and anyone who is unable to provide proof of age or refuses will not be supplied alcohol. In addition, a Cadet Member, Associate or Visitor under the age of sixteen may not purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco or cigarettes within the Club premises.
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Hours of Sale of Excisable Goods	4.3.2	Subject to the requirements of the licensing authorities, the Committee shall cause the Club bar to be open at convenient times (and such times shall be prominently exhibited in the Club premises) for the supply of excisable goods to persons who are entitled to the use of the premises of the Club in pursuance of these rules (except Cadet Members as aforesaid). PROVIDED THAT Visitor's names and addresses and the name of their introducer shall have been entered in the Visitor's book upon entry to the Club premises.
Special Occasions	4.3.3	The Committee may authorise the use of the Club, including the right to purchase intoxicating liquor, to other Clubs, societies, individuals or organisations for weddings, parties, conferences and similar social or properly organised functions organised by the Hirer. Such events shall be authorised in advance in writing and confirmation of the Committee's decision shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least seven days before that said occasion. The Committee shall arrange for an Officer or a Club Member so authorised to be present at each private hire event to ensure proper and adequate control and the Committee shall keep a record on such occasions whether use of the Bar facilities was made or not.
Profits from Sale of Excisable Goods	4.3.4	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 supply of such goods shall (after deduction of the costs 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.
Accounts relating to Excisable Goods	4.3.5	Proper accounts of all purchase and receipts shall be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such information as the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Auditor may require shall be furnished to enable any statutory return or statement and the payment of excise or other duty or tax to be made.

**SECTION 5 – TRUSTEES**

Numbers of and Terms of Reference	5.1	There shall be at least three and not more than six Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Committee of the Club from among Full or Honorary Members who are willing to be appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his lifetime or until he shall resign, by notice in writing given to the Committee, or until a resolution removing him 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.
Property of Club vested in Trustees	5.2	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 in his place, 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 such nomination.

Powers of Trustees	5.3	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 mortgage shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.
Indemnity of Trustees from Club funds	5.4	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 the 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 to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club.

**SECTION 6 – MEETINGS OF THE CLUB**

Annual General Meeting	6.1	An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of November on a date to be fixed by the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting or any General Meeting as hereinafter mentioned post or deliver to each Member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward.
	6.2	No business, except the passing of the Accounts and the election of the Officers, Committee, Trustees and Honorary Auditors and any business that the 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 by 30 September each year.
Special General Meeting	6.3	The Committee may at any time, upon giving fourteen days notice in writing, call a General Meeting of the Club for any special business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting, and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business std in the notice sent to Members.
General Meeting upon request of Members	6.4	The Committee shall similarly call a General Meeting upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary by at least 20 Members. The discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to Members. Such a Meeting shall be convened within six weeks of the requests having been received by the Honorary Secretary.
Chairman at Meetings	6.5	At every meeting of the Club the Commodore or in his/her absence a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.
Quorum at Meetings	6.6	Forty Members or 10% of the membership, whichever is the greatest; entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any General Meeting of the Club.

Entitlement to vote at Meetings	6.7	Only Full Members of the Club as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August shall vote at any meeting of the Club. Other Members may attend but are not entitled to vote, except that Cadet Members shall have the right to vote on the election of the Cadet Class Captain.
Voting at Meetings	6.8	Voting, except upon the election of Members of the Committee, shall be by show of hands.
Equality of votes	6.9	In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote, on any matter other than the election of Members of the Committee.
Voting on Rule Changes	6.10	On any proposition put to a General meeting of the Club relating to the creation, repeal or amendment of any Rule or Bylaw of the Club such Rule or Bylaw shall not be created, repealed or amended except by a majority vote of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

**SECTION 7 – DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

Dissolution of the Club	7.1	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 but shall be given or transferred to another Club with similar sporting purposes, which is a registered charity or a registered CASC, and/or to the RYA for use by them for related community sports. Such transfer shall be determined by the Members of the Club by resolution passed at a General Meeting or before the time of dissolution. Provided that no such changes shall jeopardise the Club’s status as a Community Amateur Sports Club within the meaning of the Finance Acts, or in any event alter its purposes or winding-up provisions.
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**SECTION 8 – BYLAWS**

Rights and privileges of Members	8.1	<p>The present rights and privileges of each category of Membership shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ADULT, STUDENT or YOUNG Member shall have the full use of all the Club facilities</li> <li>• A FAMILY MEMBER, his/her spouse and all eligible children shall have the full use of all the Club facilities subject only to Rule 4.3.1</li> <li>• A CADET MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities subject only to Rule 4.3.1 In addition, all Under 18’s are only admitted as Members of the Club if they are accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian, who is also a Member All under 16’s are only admitted on the Club Premises if they are accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian.</li> <li>• A NON SAILING MEMBER shall have the full use of the Clubhouse facilities</li> </ul>
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- AN HONORARY MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities
- A LIFE MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities
- A GUEST MEMBER shall have all the rights and privileges enjoyed by ordinary members but is only ever allowed to take part in any non-powered water based activities on no more than a total of FOUR occasions without becoming a Full Member. A Guest Member has no voting rights at meetings at which business is discussed.
- TEMPORARY MEMBER being a Member of another RYA recognised Club or organisation shall have the full use of the Club facilities but:-
  - a) No right to enter Club races or regattas unless specifically authorised by the Honorary Secretary or Committee.
  - b) No right to introduce Visitors to the Club or the facilities thereof.
  - c) No right to take any part in the management of the Club.
  - d) Is deemed to have notice of and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club Rules and current Bylaws as if he or she were a Member of the Club and so far as the said Rules and Bylaws may be deemed to apply to such Temporary Member.
  - e) Shall be liable to expulsion from the Club premises or prohibited to use Club facilities if, in the opinion of the Honorary Secretary, he or she shall not have reasonably complied with the above conditions.
- An ASSOCIATE MEMBER, as defined in Rule 3.25 above, shall have full use of the Club facilities for a period of 24 hours or for the duration of the specified regatta they are competing in but:
  - a) No right to introduce Visitors to the Club or the facilities thereof.
  - b) No right to take any part in the management of the Club.
  - c) Is deemed to have notice of and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club Rules and current Bylaws as if he or she were a Member of the Club and so far as the said Rules and Bylaws may be deemed to apply to such Temporary Member.
  - d) Shall be liable to expulsion from the Club premises or prohibited to use Club facilities if, in the opinion of the Honorary Secretary, he or she shall not have reasonably complied with the above conditions.

Opening of Club Premises	8.2	The Club premises shall be open to Members at such times as the Committee shall direct.
Permitted hours for the sale of Intoxicating Liquor	8.3	The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor will be in line with the Club's current License, however the actual hours of opening will be at the discretion of the Committee.

In addition to the power given to the committee under Rule 3.21 and Rule 4.2.2 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 any property of a Member or former Member remain upon the Club premises, the Committee may:

- a) Move the property to any other part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the property howsoever caused
- b) Give one month's notice in writing to the Member or former Member at his last known address as shown in the Club Register and thereafter sell the property 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 in the opinion of the committee, the property is unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the property in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing and any arrear as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the Club by the Member or former Member.
- d) Further, the Club shall at all times have a lien over Members or former Members boats parked or moored on the Club premises or Club moorings in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears or mooring fees or subscriptions or otherwise. Where a Member is in arrears with the payment of monies owed to the Club by at least three months, the Club may in any event take possession of the Members' boat.

Where boats, trailers, launching trolleys and cradles are left on Club premises in contravention of rules, working practices and agreements with the Club, the Management Committee may impose charges if the property is not removed from the premises after written notice has been give to the owners.

**PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:**

If the property is sold the proceeds of the 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 he be the said Member or former Member or otherwise) for a period of six years.