

Island Sailing Club Cowes

Rules

2009

ISLAND SAILING CLUB

General Rules

1. Name and Flag

- 1.1 The Club shall be called "The Island Sailing Club" and is referred to in these rules as "the Club".
- 1.2 The Club flag shall be a red burgee with a yellow castle superimposed.

2. Objects

The objects for which the Club is formed are:

- 2.1 to promote and facilitate yacht and boat racing and cruising;
- 2.2 to encourage yacht racing by the promotion and management of regattas, the giving of prizes and by any other means which may from time to time be determined by the Club;
- 2.3 to develop the expertise of Club members and others in yacht and boat sailing and race management by the provision of courses, lectures and other educational facilities;
- 2.4 to provide and maintain a clubhouse for the use of the members of a sailing club; and
- 2.5 to provide other facilities and advantages usually associated with a members club.

3. Management of the Club

- 3.1 The affairs of the Club in all matters not in these rules reserved for the Club in general meeting or for other committees shall be managed by a General Committee consisting of the executive flag officers, the treasurer and twelve other members elected at the annual general meeting.
- 3.2 The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to these rules and shall cause the funds of the Club to be applied solely for the objects of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by a general meeting.
- 3.3 All general orders and instructions to the employees of the Club shall be issued by the authority of the General Committee through the Secretary.
- 3.4 The General Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it deems necessary and may delegate such of its powers as it thinks fit upon such terms and conditions, as shall be deemed expedient and/or required by law. Sub-committees shall consist of such members of the General Committee or of the Club as the General Committee may think fit. Executive flag officers of the Club shall be ex-officio members of such sub-committees unless the General Committee shall direct otherwise.

- 3.5 A member of the General Committee or 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.
- 3.6 The General Committee, or any person or sub-committee delegated by the General Committee to act as agent for the Club or its members, shall enter into contracts only as 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.
- 3.7 The Secretary:
- 3.7.1 shall be the holder of the premises licence of the Club granted pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003;
- 3.7.2 shall be responsible for all arrangements in connection with the purchase of and sale of or other disposal in or by the Club of excisable liquor and shall fix the permitted hours for the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor;
- 3.7.3 shall so far as the Licensing Act 2003 allows act in accordance with all directions given to him by the General Committee in exercising his functions under this rule.
- 3.8 The Secretary and the Sailing Secretary shall be appointed by the General Committee in accordance with rule 4.2
- 3.9 All Club regattas, races or sailing matches, other than those specified in rule 3.10 (evening races), shall be organised by the Sailing Committee consisting of the executive flag officers, the Sailing Secretary (being an employee of the Club) and twelve other members elected at the annual general meeting.
- 3.10 All evening races shall be organised by an Evening Race Committee consisting of the executive flag officers the Sailing Secretary and sixteen other members elected at the annual general meeting.
- 3.11 The Sailing Secretary will be the Secretary of the Evening Race Committee.

4. Officers

- 4.1 The officers of the Club shall be a Commodore, a Vice Commodore and two Rear Commodores, who shall be the executive flag officers, a Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and such other officers as may be appointed by the annual general meeting or in an emergency by the General Committee.
- 4.2 Any salaried officer of the Club shall be appointed by the General Committee and shall remain in office until he retires or is replaced by the General Committee and the various provisions of these rules for the election of officers shall not apply to such salaried officers.
- 4.3 Except as provided in rule 4.2 (salaried officers) all officers shall be elected at the annual general meeting and, subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until the annual general meeting next following their appointment.

- 4.4 Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election provided that:
- 4.4.1 a member who has held the rank of Vice Commodore or Rear Commodore for two successive years shall not for one year immediately following the end of that period be eligible for re-election to that rank;
 - 4.4.2 a member who has held the rank of Commodore for three successive years, shall not for one year immediately following the end of that period be eligible for re-election to any executive flag rank;
- 4.5 Every nomination for an office must be made by one member and seconded by another and sent in writing together with the names of the proposer and seconder to reach the Secretary four weeks prior to the annual general meeting. Every such nomination shall be accompanied by the written assent of the nominee.
- 4.6 Where there is only one nomination for a particular office the member so nominated shall be declared elected. In any other case the election shall be by secret ballot.
- 4.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of rule 4.5, if no valid nomination for a particular office has been received by the appointed date, the chairman of the annual general meeting shall call for nominations at the meeting to fill such office. Such nomination must be seconded and have the nominee's prior assent and the election of any member so nominated shall be conducted in accordance with rule 4.6.
- 4.8 The club in general meeting may at any time remove any officer before the expiration of his period of office. Any vacancy so created shall be filled in accordance with rule 4.9.
- 4.9 In the event of a vacancy occurring in any office between two annual general meetings the vacancy may be filled by the General Committee at a meeting summoned with notice that such an appointment will be considered. Any member so becoming an officer shall hold office only until the annual general meeting next following his appointment, but he shall be eligible for re-election.

5. Members and Membership

- 5.1 The Club is a members' club and consists of the following categories of membership with power to vote at all meetings of the club as hereinafter mentioned:
- 5.1.1 an ordinary member being a person who at the date of election has attained the age of eighteen and who shall have one vote;
 - 5.1.2 an ordinary member to whom rule 5.12 applies and who shall have one vote;
 - 5.1.3 a cadet member being a person who at the date of election is over the age of nine and under the age of eighteen and who shall have no vote;
 - 5.1.4 an honorary member who shall have no vote;
 - 5.1.5 a temporary member who shall have no vote.
- 5.2 The number of ordinary members may not at anytime be less than twenty-five.
- 5.3 Every candidate for ordinary membership and cadet membership shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another one of whom must be personally acquainted with the candidate.

- 5.4 An application for membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the General Committee and shall:
- 5.4.1 include the name, address and occupation of the candidate;
 - 5.4.2 specify the name of any other yacht club or clubs of which he may be a member;
 - 5.4.3 summarise the sailing experience (if any) of the candidate;
 - 5.4.4 include any further information that the committee may from time to time by any bye-law prescribe or in any particular cases require;
 - 5.4.5 the candidate shall tender the current entrance fee and the unexpired balance of the annual subscription in accordance with rule 6.5 with his application form, which shall be refunded forthwith if the candidate shall fail to be elected.
- 5.5 The application for membership shall be signed by the proposer and seconder.
- 5.6 The name and addresses of every candidate for election together with the names of his proposer and seconder shall be posted on the Club notice board for at least seven days before such candidate is elected.
- 5.7 The election of all classes of members is vested in the General Committee and election shall be by a simple majority vote of the General Committee. Upon election the candidate shall forthwith be entitled to the privileges of membership:
- 5.7.1 every candidate for election shall be notified by the Secretary in writing of his election or rejection but no reason shall be given to an unsuccessful candidate for his rejection nor may he again be proposed for membership within a period of six months thereafter;
 - 5.7.2 when sending each newly elected member written notice of his election the Secretary must also send a copy of these rules;
- 5.8 The General Committee may elect any person a temporary member of the Club for a period not exceeding four months in any year.
- 5.8.1 every candidate for temporary membership must be proposed and seconded in the same way as candidates for ordinary membership;
 - 5.8.2 the election must be by the General Committee in accordance with rule 5.7 so far as applicable;
 - 5.8.3 no person shall be elected to temporary membership who has been a temporary member in the year preceding his nomination.
- 5.9 The General Committee may elect any person who has attained the age of nine an honorary member of the Club for such period as it considers appropriate and may at its discretion withdraw honorary membership from any person at any time:
- 5.10 An honorary member:-
- 5.10.1 shall not be liable to pay any entrance fee or subscription;

- 5.10.2 is not qualified to serve on any committee of the Club;
- 5.11 There may not be more than twenty five honorary members at any one time.
- 5.12 The Club in general meeting may elect an existing ordinary member to be an honorary life member. An honorary life member will continue to be an ordinary member but shall not be liable to pay any further subscriptions. Any resolution for the election of an honorary life member shall be made in accordance with provisions of rule 4.5.

6. Subscriptions

- 6.1 All members other than honorary life members, honorary members and temporary members shall pay an annual subscription.
- 6.2 The annual subscription shall be such sum or sums as the members in general meeting shall decide.
- 6.3 Subject to any decision made under 6.4 and 6.5 the annual subscription shall be due and payable on the 1st day of January in each year.
- 6.4 The General Committee may provide for payment of the annual subscription to be made by fractional instalments at such time in such amounts as it thinks fit.
- 6.5 On the election of a new ordinary member part way through the membership year the new ordinary member shall be required to pay for the remainder of that year such percentage of the annual subscription as the General Committee decide.
- 6.6 A member whose subscription or any part thereof remains unpaid one month after payment was due must be notified by letter that he is deemed to be in arrear;
- 6.6.1 the name of a member whose subscription is still in arrear two months after payment was due shall if the General Committee so order have his name posted on the notice board of the Club and such member ceases to be entitled to use the clubhouse or to enjoy any privileges of the Club so long as his subscription remains in arrear;
- 6.6.2 if the member's subscription remains unpaid three months after payment was due the General Committee shall have power to terminate his membership forthwith.
- 6.7 Temporary members shall pay a monthly subscription of one twelfth the annual subscription, and the whole of such subscription shall be tendered with the application for temporary membership.
- 6.8 A temporary member who is elected an ordinary member before the 1st July in any year may deduct from his first annual subscription the amount of any subscription which he has paid as a temporary member in that year.
- 6.9 The General Committee shall have power in accordance with the terms of any debentures issued from time to time by the Club to exempt from payment all or any part of his annual subscription an ordinary member subscribing to such debentures.
- 6.10 The General Committee shall have power to accept from any ordinary member a life membership subscription. Such member shall thereafter be exempt from any further annual subscription but shall not be entitled to any other special rights or

privileges. In the event of his membership being terminated, for whatever reasons, he shall have no right to the return of any subscription paid.

- 6.11 Where a life member is expelled under rule 9.6 the General Committee may in its absolute discretion refund such part of his life membership subscription as it thinks proper.

7. Entrance fees

7.1 An entrance fee shall be paid, upon application for membership, by all ordinary members other than honorary members, cadet members, temporary members or such other category of membership as decided by the membership in general meeting.

7.2 The entrance fee shall be such sum as the members shall decide in general meeting.

7.3 The General Committee in its absolute discretion may waive payment of an entrance fee by any former ordinary member who is re-elected to membership.

8. Conduct and restrictions of privileges

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

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

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

8.4 The Secretary or any other person who has received the authority of the General Committee may expel temporarily or permanently any person who has the right to use the Club premises only under rule 18.

8.5 No member shall use the Club or its name for the purposes of any form of advertising or for any form of business or for the purpose of any political discussion or propaganda.

8.6 Temporary members are not:

8.6.1 entitled to attend general meetings of the Club;

8.6.2 entitled to propose or second candidates for membership;

8.6.3 qualified to be elected as officers or members of any committee of the Club.

8.7 Cadet members are not:

8.7.1 entitled to propose or second candidates for membership;

8.7.2 entitled to introduce visitors into the Club.

8.8 No person under the age of eighteen shall be supplied with or consume intoxicating liquor on the Club premises, nor may they use the Club premises except in accordance with the bye-laws prescribed in the General Committee.

8.9 No cadet member, temporary member, honorary member or any person who has ceased to be a member for any reason shall have any claim upon or share or interest in the property or assets of the Club, nor shall they be entitled to participate in any surplus arising in the event of the dissolution of the Club.

9. Resignation and expulsion

9.1 Any member intending to resign from the Club shall notify his intention in writing to the Secretary on or before 31 December; failure so to notify shall render the member liable for the next year's annual subscription.

9.2 Every member on joining the Club is deemed to have notice of and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club rules and the current bye-laws and regulations of the Club.

9.3 Any refusal or neglect to comply with these rules, the current bye-laws and regulations of the Club or any conduct unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interest of the Club shall render a member liable to expulsion by the General Committee.

9.4 At least two weeks before the meeting of the General Committee at which the conduct of the member is to be considered the member concerned must be given written notice of the meeting by the Secretary and of the allegations made against him and of the intended resolution of his expulsion. The member must be invited to attend the meeting.

9.5 At the General Committee meeting referred to in rule 9.4 the member must be given an opportunity of giving any explanation or defence he may think fit orally or in writing before the resolution is put to the meeting.

9.6 If a 75% majority of those members of the General Committee present vote for his expulsion the member must be expelled.

9.7 A member expelled under this rule forfeits all rights and claim upon the Club and its property and is disqualified from entering or being entertained in the clubhouse and from using the Club premises or property for any purpose.

10. Notices

10.1 Every member shall inform the Secretary of the address at which communications may be addressed to that member and of any change therein.

10.2 All notices required by these rules to be given or sent to a member shall be sent by post to such address or delivered to him personally and every member to whom a notice has been so sent or delivered shall be deemed to have received such notice.

10.3 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice by any person entitled to receive such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

11. Trustees

- 11.1 Club property shall be vested in Trustees, who may be either individuals or a Trust Corporation. The number of individual Trustees shall be not less than two nor more than four.
- 11.2 No person shall be at the same time a Trustee and Secretary or Treasurer of the Club.
- 11.3 In the event of the Trustees being individuals they shall be ordinary members of the Club over the age of eighteen, and shall remain in office until they shall cease to be members of the Club, retire from the office of Trustee, or until the Club in general meeting shall nominate a new Trustee or Trustees in their place.
- 11.4 In the event of a Trustee ceasing to be a member of the Club or retiring as a Trustee, the Club in general meeting shall have the right to nominate a new Trustee in his place.
- 11.5 In the event of a Trustee being a Bank or other Trust Corporation it shall be a custodian Trustee and shall hold office until a resolution of the Club in general meeting nominates individual Trustees or a new custodian Trustee in its place.
- 11.6 For the purpose of giving effect to a nomination of a new Trustee the Commodore is nominated by these rules as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he must by deed appoint the person or persons or Trust Corporation nominated in accordance with this rule. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club be conclusive evidence of the facts so stated.
- 11.7 The Trustees shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the General Committee or, in the event of dissolution under rule 21, by the Club in general meeting, and they shall be effectually indemnified 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 which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club.
- 11.8 Any Trustee being an individual Trustee shall receive notice of and be entitled to attend and speak at all General Committee meetings, but shall not propose, second or vote upon any resolution at any such meeting.

12. Committee Members

- 12.1 General Committee members shall be elected at the annual general meeting, and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until the third annual general meeting following their appointment. Retiring General Committee members shall not be eligible for re-election until one year after retirement.
- 12.2 At each annual general meeting there shall be elected to the General Committee the number of members necessary to make the total number of elected members twelve for the ensuing year.

- 12.3 Sailing Committee and Evening Race Committee members shall be elected at the annual general meeting, and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until the annual general meeting next following their appointment and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 12.4 Every nomination for a committee must be made by one member and seconded by another and sent in writing together with the names of the proposer and seconder to reach the Secretary not less than four weeks prior to the annual general meeting. Every such nomination shall be accompanied by the written assent of the nominee.
- 12.5 Where the number of nominations for a particular committee is the same as or less than the number of vacancies on that committee, the members so nominated shall be declared elected. In any other case the election shall be by secret ballot.
- 12.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of rule 12.4, if insufficient valid nominations for a particular committee have been received by the appointed date, the chairman of the annual general meeting shall call for nominations at the meeting to fill such vacancies. Such nominations must be seconded and have the nominees' prior assent and the election of any members so nominated shall be conducted in accordance with rule 12.5.
- 12.7 The Club in general meeting may at any time remove any committee member before the expiration of his period of office. Any vacancy so created shall be filled in accordance with rule 12.8.
- 12.8 In the event of a vacancy occurring in any committee between two annual general meetings the vacancy may be filled by the committee concerned at a meeting summoned with notice that such an appointment will be considered. Any member so becoming a committee member shall hold office only until the annual general meeting next following his appointment, but he shall be eligible for re-election.

13. Meeting of members

- 13.1 The Club shall during the month of October or November in each year hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it.
- 13.2 Any meeting of the members other than an annual general meeting shall be an extraordinary meeting.
- 13.3 The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be:
 - (a) Confirmation of minutes in accordance with rule 13.7.
 - (b) Consideration of the annual accounts.
 - (c) Consideration of the committee reports.
 - (d) The election of officers and committee members.
 - (e) The appointment of independent examiners of the accounts.
 - (f) The appointment of representatives to other yachting associations.
- 13.4 The General Committee may at any time upon giving twenty-one days notice in writing convene an extraordinary general meeting 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 stated in the notice sent to the members.

- 13.5 The General Committee shall convene an extraordinary general meeting within twenty-eight days from the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed either by an executive flag officer, or by not less than twenty-five ordinary members of the Club or one fifth of the ordinary members, whichever is the smaller number. The discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to the members.
- 13.6 Any motion of special business for consideration at the annual general meeting shall be submitted in writing with the names of the proposer and seconder, who must both be ordinary members to reach the Secretary fifty-six days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall post a copy of all such motions on the Club notice board within seven days of the receipt thereof. Any amendments to such motions shall similarly be submitted in writing with the names of the proposer and seconder, who must both be ordinary members, to reach the Secretary at least twenty-eight days prior to the meeting, and a copy thereof shall be posted by the Secretary on the Club notice board within seven days of receipt.
- 13.7 The Secretary shall not less than fourteen days before any general meeting deliver or send to each member a notice stating the date, time and place of the meeting and the business to be transacted. In the case of an annual general meeting the Secretary shall deliver or send to each member with such notice:
 - 13.7.1 Copies of all minutes requiring confirmation at that meeting.
 - 13.7.2 A copy of the annual accounts of the Club.
 - 13.7.3 A list of the persons nominated as officers and as committee members.
 - 13.7.4 A copy of all motions and amendments thereto to be brought before the meeting under rule 13.6.
- 13.8 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as provided in rule 13.10 (adjourned meeting), fifty members present in person shall be a quorum.
- 13.9 If within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for any general meeting convened upon the requisition of members, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 13.10 If within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for any general meeting, other than a meeting convened on the requisition of ordinary members, a quorum is not present it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at such time and place as the General Committee may determine.
- 13.11 At any general meeting adjourned under rule 13.10, if a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

- 13.12 Notice of any adjourned general meeting under rule 13.10 need not be given to individual ordinary members, but shall be posted on the Club notice board on the day of the adjournment.
- 13.13 At all general meetings the senior executive flag officer present shall be the chairman of the meeting. If no executive flag officer is present the members present shall elect one of their number to be the chairman of the meeting.
- 13.14 At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting, other than a resolution to alter the Club's rules or to dissolve the Club, shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of an equality of votes the resolution shall be lost. Except as provided by rules 6 and 12.5 (election of officers and committee members) voting shall be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is demanded by any member present either before or immediately upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands.
- 13.15 Proper minutes shall be recorded of all resolutions and proceedings of meetings of the Club. Minutes of an annual general meeting shall be read and confirmed at the next following annual general meeting; minutes of an extraordinary general meeting shall be read and confirmed at the next following general meeting.
- 13.16 Any notice of meeting required to be given by these Rules may be sent by post or by email or such other manner as the General Committee may determine from time to time.

14. Committee Meetings

- 14.1 The General Committee shall meet on the last Thursday of every month or at such other times as it may decide.
- 14.2 The Sailing Committee and the Evening Race Committee shall meet as required.
- 14.3 A meeting of any committee may be called by order of an executive flag officer or at the request in writing of four members of such committee.
- 14.4 A Sailing Committee or the Evening Race Committee may be called by the Sailing Secretary.
- 14.5 Notice in writing of any committee meeting other than the Sailing Committee or the Evening Race Committee shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of such committees. Notice of Sailing Committee and the Evening Race Committee meetings shall be sent by the Sailing Secretary. All such notices shall be sent at least three days before the meeting, and shall contain as far as possible a statement of the business to be transacted at that meeting.
- 14.6 Where a committee meeting has been ordered by an executive flag officer and he certifies that an emergency exists notice of that meeting need not be in writing and need be delivered or sent only twenty four hours before the time of such meeting.
- 14.7 The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a General Committee meeting shall be seven of its members.
- 14.8 The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at all committee meetings other than the General Committee shall be five of its members.

- 14.9 Subject to the provisions of rule 14.10 the senior executive flag officer present shall be the chair of all meetings but where no executive flag officer is present or such flag officer declines to chair the meeting the members at such meeting shall elect one of their members to be chair of the meeting.
- 14.10 The chairman of the Evening Race Committee shall be elected by the committee members from its membership.
- 14.11 Except as provided for by rule 9.6 voting at all committee meetings shall be by show of hands and resolutions shall be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by the committee members present save as otherwise provided for in these rules. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

15. Accounts and Audit

- 15.1 The Treasurer shall at all times cause proper books of accounts to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of finances of the Club.
- 15.2 A statement of accounts shall be made up annually to the 31st December and laid before the members at the next following annual general meeting.
- 15.3 The Club books and accounts shall be audited annually by auditors appointed at the annual general meeting.

16. Borrowing Powers

- 16.1 If at any time the Club in general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the General Committee to borrow money, the General Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time, and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution.
- 16.2 Where the Club borrows money in accordance with rule 16.1 the Trustees shall at the direction of the General Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the General Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest.
- 16.3 All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not, and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

17. Bye-laws

- 17.1 The General Committee may from time to time make, alter and repeal bye-laws regulating:
- 17.1.1 use of the clubhouse by members;
 - 17.1.2 admission of guests to the clubhouse; and
 - 17.1.3 generally the good conduct of the affairs of the Club.

17.2 Provided that they are not inconsistent with these rules or any statutory enactment the bye-laws are binding on all members of the Club as if they were part of the rules of the Club.

17.3 A copy of the bye-laws for the time being in force shall at all times be posted in the Club premises.

18. Guests and Visitors

18.1 Ordinary members may introduce visitors to the Club as guests subject to the regulations and restrictions made by the General Committee from time to time.

18.2 There shall be kept at the Club premises a visitors book which a member or guest shall sign.

18.3 The member introducing a guest shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing these rules and the Club bye-laws and shall not leave the Club premises before his guest. If meals or other refreshments are supplied to a guest and are not paid for by the guest the member introducing him must be responsible for payment. Save as provided for in these rules, guests may not purchase excisable goods and beverages.

18.4 No person may be introduced as a guest more than seven times in one year.

18.5 No person may be introduced as a guest who has been expelled from membership of the Club under rule 9.

18.6 Meals and other refreshments may be sold to visitors to the Club on the occasion of pre-arranged regattas, social functions and such other events as determined from time to time by the General Committee.

18.7 Members of recognised yacht clubs may from time to time be authorised by the General Committee to avail themselves of the facilities of the Club.

18.8 Persons staying overnight in the Club accommodation may use the facilities of the Club between 6pm on the day of arrival and 11am on the day of departure.

18.9 Any person who is a competitor or crew member in any race sponsored or organised by or on behalf of the Club is entitled to use the Club premises within a period of twenty-four hours before and after the race or series of races in which they are competing.

18.10 Excisable articles may be sold for consumption on the premises to those persons aged eighteen or over who use the Club premises in pursuance of rules 18.6, 18.7, 18.8 and 18.9.

19. Exclusion of liability

19.1 Members of the Club, their guests or visitors use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club including the Club boats entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that:

19.1.1 the Club, its officers, committee members and employees do not accept any liability to any member or visitor for any loss of or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises or in the Club boats;

19.1.2 the Club does not accept any liability for any injury sustained by any member or visitor arising out of the use of the Club premises any facilities of the Club or its boats whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect or default of the officers committee or employees of the Club.

19.2 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 purposes of the Data Protection Act 1984.

20. Alteration of rules

20.1 The rules of the Club may be changed only at a general meeting of the members.

20.2 Any motion for the addition, alteration, or deletion of any rules shall require a majority in its favour of not less than two thirds of the votes cast.

21. Dissolution

21.1 If either:

21.1.1 the number of ordinary members of the Club shall at any time fall below twenty five, or

21.1.2 at any time the Club in general meeting shall pass by a majority comprising 75% or more of the ordinary members present and voting a resolution (in this rule called "the first resolution") of its intention to dissolve

then the Club shall be dissolved.

21.2 Where the Club is to be dissolved by virtue of rule 21.1.1 or rule 21.1.2 the General Committee, or failing them the Trustees, shall take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the Club, with power however to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Club shall in general meeting so authorise.

21.3 From the proceeds of such conversion the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club, including the costs of such conversion and any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them as the Club in general meeting shall resolve, and thereupon the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved.

21.4 If the Club shall not within six months of the first resolution resolve upon the disposition of any such balance the same shall be divided equally between all persons aged eighteen and over who were ordinary members of the Club at the date of the first resolution.

21.5 Except on dissolution of the Club there shall be no distribution of the income or of the capital of the Club.