

Christchurch Model Yacht Club Incorporated

Constitution

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Part I – Objects & Powers

1. Name & Registered Office

- 1.1 The name of the incorporated society is Christchurch Model Yacht Club Incorporated (the “Club”).

2. Objects

- 2.1 The primary object of the Club is to provide facilities and promote interest in the sport of Model Yachting,

To facilitate the primary objective, the Club will:

- a. seek and promote membership of the Club;
- b. at all times act on behalf of, and in the interests of, its Members and model yachting;
- c. provide mentoring for new members in the sport of model sailing.

3. Powers & Responsibilities

- 3.1 **Powers:** the Club has the power, subject to this Constitution to do the following:
- a. make, alter, rescind and enforce this Constitution, and any rules, regulations, policies and procedures for the governance, management and operation of the Club;
 - b. establish and maintain the Club Committee, sub-committees, and other groups and to delegate its powers and functions to such groups;
 - c. determine its membership including withdrawing, suspending or terminating Members;
 - d. enter into, manage and terminate contracts or other arrangements with employees, sponsors, Members, and other persons and organisations;
 - e. purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire, hold, manage, maintain, insure, sell or otherwise deal with property, equipment, and other rights, privileges and licences;

- f. control and raise money including borrow, invest, loan or advance monies and secure the payment of such money by way of mortgage or charge over all or part of any of its property and enter into guarantees;
- g. sell, lease, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of any property of the Club and grant such rights and privileges over such property as it considers appropriate;
- h. construct, maintain, and alter any buildings, premises, or facilities, and carry out works it considers necessary or desirable for the advancement or improvement of such buildings, premises, or facilities;
- i. determine, raise and receive money by subscriptions, donations, fees, levies, entry or usage charges, sponsorship, government funding, community and/or trust funding, or otherwise;
- j. publish information to promote the Club by any media (such as newsletters, articles, brochures, and the internet.
- k. delegate powers of the Club to the Club Committee or any sub-committee or any person;
- l. organise and control sailing competitions, events and programmes administered by the Club, and provide trophies and prizes for the same;
- m. organise social events for Members and the promotion of the Club;
- n. resolve disputes in accordance with this Constitution and the Regulations;
- o. award, grant, or otherwise honour achievements in, and service to, the Club;
- p. purchase or otherwise acquire all or any part of the property, assets and liabilities of any one or more companies, institutions, incorporated societies, or organisations whose activities or objects are similar to those of the Club, or with which the Club is authorised to amalgamate or generally for any purpose designed to benefit the Club; and
- q. do any other acts or things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Club.

3.2 **Responsibilities:** The Club is responsible for promoting, developing, and promoting interest in the sport of Model Yachting, and in particular for:

- a. actively promote model yachting to promote club membership;
- b. developing strategies, policies, programmes, and initiatives for the Club;
- c. delivering programmes, activities, initiatives and events at the Club to encourage participation in the Christchurch Model Yacht Club;
- d. seeking and securing revenue, funding, grants, and sponsorship for the delivery of the Club's strategies, programmes and initiatives;

- e. implementing systems and standards for the consistent and efficient management and administration of the club;
- f. appointing delegates to attend national General Meetings of support organisations for model yachting;
- g. doing all that is reasonably necessary to enable the Objects of the Club to be achieved;
- h. at all times, acting in the interests of the members and model yachting.

Part II – Membership

4. Members

4.1 **Club Members:** The Club shall have as its Members such individuals as the Club Committee considers appropriate provided that the membership is consistent with the Club Constitution and Regulations. For the purposes of this Constitution, the types of Members of the Club are as set out below:

- a. **Active Members:** Any person who desires to take part in the sport of Model Yachting may make application to become a member of the Club, such application to be made in writing. The application is to be submitted to a Committee meeting of the Club and approved or rejected by the Committee members in accordance with Rule 5; and
- b. **Junior Members** - Persons 18 years of age or under on the 1st July who has been accepted as an Junior member by the Club in accordance with Rule 5;
- c. **Life Members:** a Life Member is a person who has been granted life membership of the Club in recognition and appreciation of long term service to the Club in accordance with Rule 6.

4.2 **Change in Membership Status:** The relevant category of membership for a Member may change during the year. If this occurs, the Member agrees to pay any additional fee(s) (if required) to cover such change.

5. Becoming a Member

5.1 **Membership Applications:** Any person wishing to apply to be a Member of the Club must:

- a. complete the application for membership as prescribed by the club; and
- b. pay any applicable membership fees of the Club.

5.2 **Process:** On receipt of an application for membership, the Club Committee (or such other person(s) as designated by the Club Committee) shall determine if the

application is to be accepted, and if accepted shall determine the category of membership for that Member in accordance with any applicable Regulations, and any policies or guidelines of the Club.

5.3 **Duration of Membership:** Subject to Rule 8 (Membership Fees & Other Fees) and Rule 10 (Resignation, Suspension, and Termination of Membership) the duration of membership of:

- a. Active Members and Junior Members is annual commencing on the date of joining in each year and concluding on 30 June (so that membership is always twelve (12) months or less); and
- b. Life Membership is granted for the lifetime of the Life Member.

5.4 **Renewal of Membership:** Membership of the Club may be renewed annually upon payment of any applicable membership fees to the Club without the need to complete the process specified in Rule 5.1a.

6. Life Members

6.1 **Nomination:** Any member who has rendered special service may be elected a Life Member of the Club. A Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club including that of voting at Meetings,

- a. Nominations for life membership may be made by any Member or the Club Committee. The name of the proposed Life Member must first be submitted to and approved by the Club Committee.

6.2 **Election:** Life Members shall be elected by the Members at a General Meeting by Special Resolution. No person shall be elected a Life Member except with the approval of 75% of the members present at such meeting.

6.3 **List of Life Members:** The Club shall maintain a list of all Life Members of the Club and ensure that their details are included in the Register in accordance with Rule 12 (Register of Members).

7. Rights & Privileges of Membership

7.1 **Active Members:** Subject to Rule 10 (Resignation, Suspension, and Termination of Membership) and for the period of their membership, all Active Members who have paid their membership fees shall be entitled to:

- a. compete for the Club in sailing competitions and events;
- b. use the Club's facilities and equipment as permitted by the Club;
- c. participate in programmes and activities offered by the Club;

- d. at their own cost attend, speak, and vote at all General Meetings of the Club (either directly, or if under 18 years of age, through their parent or other legal guardian);
- e. if over 18 years of age, be elected as a member of the Club Committee in accordance with Rule 14 (Club Committee).

7.2 **Junior Members:** Subject to Rule 10 (Resignation, Suspension, and Termination of Membership) and for the period of their membership, all who have paid their membership fees shall be entitled to:

- a. compete for the Club in sailing competitions and events
- b. use the Club's facilities and equipment as permitted by the Club;
- c. participate in programmes and activities offered by the Club;
- d. if over 18 years of age, be elected as a member of the Club Committee in accordance with Rule 14 (Club Committee).

7.3 **Life Members:** Subject to Rule 10 (Resignation, Suspension, and Termination of Membership), all Life Members shall be entitled to:

- a. compete for the Club in sailing competitions and events
- b. use the Club's facilities and equipment as permitted by the Club;
- c. participate in programmes and activities offered by the Club;
- d. at their own cost attend, speak, and vote at all General Meetings of the Club;
- e. be elected as a member of the Club Committee in accordance with Rule 14 (Club Committee).
- f. are not required to pay any membership fee.

8. Membership Fees & Other Fees

8.1 **Membership Fee:** The Club Committee shall determine:

- a. the membership fee(s) and any other fees payable by each Member;
- b. the due date for the fee(s) is immediately after the AGM each year and
- c. the manner of payment for the fee(s).
- d. new members joining after January 31st shall be liable only for a half year subscription

8.2 **Differing Fees:** The Club Committee may differentiate between different categories of Members, or within the same category of Members, as to the annual fees or subscriptions that each category of Member shall pay to the Club. The Club Committee may offer Members discounts for prompt payment, and may impose reasonable penalties for late payment.

8.3 **Failure to pay Membership Fee:** Each Member shall pay the membership fee(s) by the 31st October each year. Failure to pay the membership fee(s) by the due date (or by any subsequent date agreed to in writing by the Club Committee) shall mean the individual concerned is no longer a Member of the Club, and all rights and privileges s/he had as a Member shall cease to apply.

9. Member Obligations

9.1 Members acknowledge and agree that:

- a. this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and the club, and that they are bound by this Constitution, the Regulations, and any policies and procedures of the Club;
- b. they shall comply with and observe this Constitution, the Regulations, and any policies and procedures of the Club, and any determination, resolution or decision which may be made or passed by the Club Committee;
- c. they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Club;
- d. this Constitution, the Regulations, and any policies and procedures of the Club, are necessary and reasonable for promoting the objects of the Club;
- e. this Constitution, the Regulations, and any policies and procedures of the Club, are made in the pursuit of a common object, namely the mutual and collective benefit of the Club.

9.2 In order to receive or continue to receive entitlements Members must meet all requirements of membership set out in this Constitution or as otherwise set by the Club Committee.

10. Resignation, Suspension & Termination of Membership

10.1 A Member may have their membership ended by:

- a. resignation under Rule 10.2
- b. termination for default in fees under Rule 10.3; or
- c. termination under Rule 10.3;

10.2 **Resignation of Membership:** A Member may resign from their membership of the Club by giving notice in writing to the Club Committee (or such person(s) as

designated by the Club Committee). Upon the expiration of the notice period, and provided that the Member has paid all arrears of membership fees and any other fees due and payable by the Member, the Member shall cease to be a Member. In the absence of any written notice of resignation, the Member's membership shall be deemed to have been resigned once the thirty (30) Day period referred to in Rule 10.3 has passed.

- 10.3 **Termination for Failure to Pay Fees:** Failure to pay the membership fee(s) by the due date (or by issue of a written 30 days notice to pay, by the Club Committee) shall mean the individual concerned is no longer a Member of the Club, and all rights and privileges s/he had as a Member shall cease to apply.
- 10.4 **Termination:** At a General Meeting of the Club the Members may terminate membership of any Member if the Club Committee or the Club Judicial Committee makes a recommendation to do so **provided that** a motion to that effect is notified in accordance with this Constitution. The motion for termination of membership must be adopted by a Special Resolution and shall not be voted on until the Member concerned has been given an opportunity to be heard at the General Meeting.
- 10.5 **Consequences of Termination:** A Member who ceases to be a Member of the Club (whether by resignation or termination of membership) shall forfeit all rights in and claims upon the Club and the property (including Intellectual Property) of the Club, and shall not use any property (including intellectual property) of the Club.
- 10.6 **Reinstatement:** Where a person has had his or her membership of the Club **suspended or terminated**, his or her membership may only be reinstated at the discretion of the Club Committee.

11. Discipline

- 11.1 **Discipline:** If the Club Committee considers that any Member has or may have:
- a. breached, failed, refused, or neglected to comply with a provision of this Constitution, the Regulations, or any other resolution or determination of the Club Committee, or under any rules of in connection with an Event; or
 - b. acted in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the objects or the interests of the Club, or
 - c. brought the Club into disrepute;
- 11.2 the Club Committee may:
- (a) refer the matter to a Club Judicial Committee (consisting of three (3) persons preferably with experience in disciplinary matters, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Club Committee) for investigation in accordance with the principles of natural justice and any applicable rules and provide a recommendation to the Club Committee; or

- (b) make its own enquiries (including appointing a person independent of the Club Committee to undertake such enquiries and provide a recommendation to the Club Committee).

11.3 **Procedure:** The Club Committee having considered the recommendations may give 14 days notice to the member concerned, of the Club Committee meeting at which the proposed recommendation is to be determined.

- (a) the Committee Notice must explain how the Club Member is breaching the rules by acting in a manner inconsistent with the purpose of the Club.
- (b) The Notice must state that the Member concerned has the right to be present, make submission, be supported by fellow members and be heard at the Club Committee meeting in which the proposed recommendation is to be determined

11.4 **Suspension:** If the Club Committee considers a Member has or may have engaged in one or more of the circumstances in Rules 11.1a to 11.1c, and it believes it is in the best interests of the Club to do so, it may suspend the Member pending determination of the disciplinary matter in accordance with this Rule 10. Before invoking any such suspension, the Member shall be given notice of the proposed suspension and the right to be heard.

11.5 **Consequences of Suspension:** If a Member is suspended from membership of the Club, then until such time as the suspension is revoked, the Member concerned shall:

- a. not be entitled to attend, speak, or vote at a General Meeting;
- b. not be entitled to continue to hold office in any position within the Club.
- c. not be entitled to any other privileges or benefits to which he or she would otherwise be entitled including participation in any competition, activity, event, function, or meeting of the Club.

12. Register of Members

12.1 **Register:** The Club shall keep and maintain a Register of Members in accordance with the Act and the Regulations.

12.2 **Privacy:** The collection of any personal information for the Register of Members shall comply with the Privacy Act 1993. Any entry on the Register of Members shall be available for inspection by Members upon reasonable request and in compliance with the Privacy Act 1993.

12.3 **Changes:** All Members shall provide written notice of any change to their name, address and other contact details to the Club within fourteen (14) Days of such change.

Part III – Officers

13. Patron

- 13.1 There shall be a Patron as determined by the Club Committee. The Patron shall be invited by the Club Committee to hold such position. The Patron shall be entitled to attend and speak at General Meetings but shall have no right to vote.

14. Club Committee

- 14.1 **Role of the Club Committee:** The Club Committee shall be responsible for determining strategies, policies, and financial arrangements of and for the Club and managing the Club. Subject to this Constitution, the Club Committee may exercise all the powers of the Club and do all things that are not expressly required to be undertaken by the Club at a General Meeting.

- 14.2 **Composition of the Club Committee:** the Club Committee shall comprise the following elected three Flag Officers and Committee Members:

- a. Chairman (Commodore); Flag Officer
- b. Secretary;
- c. Treasurer;
- d. Vice Commodore; Flag Officer
- e. Sailing Master; Flag Officer
- f. Frequency Marshall
- g. Newsletter Editor
- h. Web Skipper; and
- i. up to two (2) other committee members.

- 14.3 No person may hold more than one position on the Club Committee at any time.

- 14.4 **Commodore:** The Chair shall be elected annually at the AGM and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM. The Chair may be re-elected for subsequent and consecutive terms of office to a maximum of three terms at the completion of which s/he will be replaced by the Vice Commodore. The Chair shall attend and chair Club Committee meetings and General Meetings of the Club and shall be entitled to a casting vote. The Chair shall carry out the functions and duties as prescribed by the Club Committee.

Vice Commodore: To assist the Commodore in carrying out the duties appertaining to his office and at the wish or in the absence of the Commodore, he

shall act in his place and may exercise all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the Commodore.

Secretary: To carry out all lawful instructions that may be given by the Committee or by a meeting of the Club. Call and attend all meetings of the Club and of the Committee and record the minutes of meetings.

Treasurer: Keep a register of the names and addresses of members showing the dates of their enrolment and of their withdrawal. Collect and receive all moneys due to the club and give receipts. Bank all moneys in the name of the Club in a bank approved by the Committee and in no case retain a sum exceeding \$50.00 for longer than 1 week. Keep the accounts of the Club in proper form. Prepare immediately prior to the AGM a statement showing the receipts and payments for the previous year, together with a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities of the Club at the close of the yearly period, duly audited in accordance with rule 16.4.

Sailing Master: To act within a sub committee to facilitate the sport of model sailing. Arrange for the scheduling and conduct of such formal and informal sailing days that the Club may choose to hold. Provide for the educational needs of the members with respect to sailing rules and the conduct of sailing.

Frequency Marshall: To co-ordinate the rational usage of available radio-control frequencies so that members might be assured of an individual operating frequency for their regular use. To liaise with new members as to the best choice of band and frequency when purchasing new radio units.

Newsletter Editor: To prepare on behalf of the committee regular newsletters containing items of interest and future events for circulation to all Club members.

Web Skipper: To monitor and maintain the Clubs website.

14.5 **Election of Club Committee:** The Committee Members shall be elected by a majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting. Notice of the date on which nominations for Committee Members close shall be included in, or accompany, the notice of General Meeting. If the number of nominees for the Club Committee:

- a. is equal to the number of vacancies, the person chairing the General Meeting shall declare the nominees elected;
- b. is less than the number of vacancies, further nominations may be received from the floor at the General Meeting and if no further nominations are received positions may be left vacant on the Club Committee; and
- c. is greater than the number of vacancies, an election shall be conducted by secret ballot.

- 14.6 **Nominations:** Nominations for Committee Members must be made by two (2) Members, or by the Club Committee. Nominations must be received by the Club at least fourteen (14) Days before the date set for the Annual General Meeting.
- a Nominations for all positions must be accompanied by intimation from the person nominated that he consents to the nomination
- 14.7 **Eligibility:** Individuals may not serve on the Club Committee if any of the following apply:
- a. **Bankrupt:** a person who is an undischarged bankrupt, or is subject to a condition not yet fulfilled, or any order under the Insolvency Act 1967;
- b. **Under 18 Years:** a person who is under the age of 18 years;
- c. **Dishonesty Offences:** a person who has been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty (within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961) and has been sentenced for that crime within the last 7 years;
- d. **Disqualified Director:** a person who is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in, the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the Companies Act 1993, Securities Act 1978, the Securities Markets Act 1988, the Takeovers Act 1993, or from being an officer of a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005;
- e. **Property Order:** a person who is subject to a property order made that the person is lacking in competence to manage their own affairs under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988, or whose property is managed by a trustee corporation under section 32 of the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988;
- f. and if any of the above circumstances occur to an existing Committee Member, they shall be deemed to have vacated their office upon such circumstance.
- 14.8 **Term of Office:** Subject to Rule 14.10 (Removal), the term of office for all Committee Members shall be one (1) year, expiring at the conclusion of the relevant Annual General Meeting. All Committee Members may be re-elected (under Rule 14.5) to the Club Committee.
- 14.9 **Co-Option:** The Committee Members may co-opt up to two (2) further people to attend Club Committee meetings and/or assist the Club Committee in the performance of its functions, as and when the Club Committee considers it necessary or desirable.
- 14.10 **Removal:** The Members in an SGM called for this purpose may, by Special Resolution remove any Committee Member before the expiration of their term of office in accordance with the following process:

- a. upon the Club receiving a request for a SGM for the purpose of removing a Committee Member, or the Club Committee as a whole, the Commodore shall send the notice of the SGM to the Committee Member concerned, or the Club Committee (as the case may be), in addition to the Members of the Club; and
- b. following notification under Rule 15.8 (Notice of SGM) and before voting on the resolution to remove a Committee Member or the Club Committee as a whole, the Committee Member, or the Club Committee as a whole (as the case may be) affected by the proposed resolution shall be given the opportunity prior to, and at, the SGM to make submissions in writing and/or verbally to the persons entitled to be present at the General Meeting about the proposed resolution.

14.11 **Conclusion of Office:** A Committee Member shall cease to be a member of the Club Committee as and from the date when the Committee Member:

- a. dies, or, in the opinion of the majority of the Club Committee, becomes so incapacitated that s/he is effectively incapable of performing the duties required of a Committee Member;
- b. resigns by notice in writing to the Chairperson;
- c. is absent from three (3) consecutive Club Committee meetings without explanation in writing, duly accepted by the Club Committee as satisfactory; or
- d. is removed from office.

14.12 **Vacancies:** Where there is a vacancy on the Club Committee, the remaining Committee Members may appoint a person of their choice to fill the vacancy or the Club Committee may leave the vacancy unfilled until the next AGM. The term of office for a person appointed as a Committee Member to fill a vacancy under this Rule shall expire at the conclusion of the AGM following their appointment, or of any SGM called to fill the vacancy.

14.13 **Duties of Committee Members:** The specific duties pertaining to each role on the Club Committee are as determined by the Club Committee, and the general duties of each Committee Member are to:

- a. act in good faith and in the best interests of the Club at all times;
- b. exercise the powers of the Club Committee for proper purposes;
- c. act, and ensure the Club acts, in accordance with this Constitution;
- d. not agree to, nor cause or allow, the activities of the Club to be carried on in a manner likely to create a substantial risk of serious loss to the Club's creditors;

- e. not agree to the Club incurring any obligations unless the Committee Member believes at that time on reasonable grounds that the Club will be able to perform the obligations when it is required to do so; and
- f. exercise the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonable Committee Member would exercise in the same circumstances taking into account, but without limitation, the nature of the Club, the nature of the decision and the position of the Committee Member and the nature of the responsibilities undertaken by the Committee Member.

14.14 **Powers of the Club Committee:** Without limiting the generality of the Club Committee's powers to carry out the objects of the Club as it considers necessary, the Club Committee shall have the following specific powers, to:

- a. develop and implement strategies, policies and procedures for the administration, promotion, and development of Christchurch Model Yacht Club;
- b. develop and implement prudent policies to protect and enhance the Club's finances and property;
- c. set the fees payable by the Members and enforce payment of such fees in accordance with this Constitution;
- d. designate areas of responsibility to each of the Committee Members;
- e. establish, appoint, and determine the composition of any sub-committees or other groups as it considers appropriate to assist it to carry out its responsibilities and to delegate such powers as it considers appropriate to those sub-committees or other groups;
- f. engage, contract or otherwise agree to obtain the assistance or advice of any person or organisation for the Club Committee;
- g. make, repeal, and amend rules for the regulation and control of any competitions or events at the Club including conditions of entry;
- h. appoint and administer the Club Judicial Committee;
- i. discipline Members as specified in this Constitution;
- j. control expenditure and raise any money to fulfil the objects of the Club;
- k. open and operate in the name of the Club such banking accounts as deemed necessary;
- l. determine the dates on which competitions are held at the Club;
- m. to fill any vacancy on the Club Committee, or to co-opt further people to the Club Committee, as specified in this Constitution;
- n. to call SGMs;

- o. to resolve and determine any disputes or matters not provided for in this Constitution; and
 - p. to review its own processes and effectiveness.
- 14.15 **Club Committee Meetings:** Club Committee meetings may be called at any time by the Chair or two (2) Committee Members but generally the Club Committee shall meet at regular intervals agreed by the Club Committee. Except to the extent specified in this Constitution, the Club Committee shall regulate its own procedure.
- 14.16 **Quorum:** The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Club Committee shall be six (6) Committee Members.
- 14.17 **Voting:** Each Committee Member shall have one (1) vote at Club Committee meetings except the Chair who shall have a casting vote in the event of a deadlock. Voting shall be by voices, or upon request of any Committee Member, by a show of hands or by a ballot. Proxy and postal voting is not permitted.
- 14.18 **Resolutions:** The Club Committee may make a decision by signed resolution in lieu of a meeting or telephone conference, provided that:
 - a. a copy of the proposed resolution is sent to every Committee Member; and
 - b. a majority of the Committee Members sign or consent to the resolution and return their copies of the resolution to the Chairperson (or such other person as agreed by the Club Committee) by mail, facsimile, or other forms of visible or other electronic communication. Any such resolution shall be valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Club Committee.
- 14.19 **Meetings using Technology:** Any one or more Committee Members may participate in any meeting of the Club Committee and vote on any proposed resolution at a meeting of the Club Committee without being physically present. This may occur at meetings by telephone, through video conferencing facilities, or by other means of electronic communication provided that prior notice of the meeting is given to all Committee Members and all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear each other effectively and simultaneously. Participation by any Committee Member in this manner at a meeting shall constitute the presence of that Committee Member at that meeting.
- 14.20 **Expenses:** The Committee may, by majority vote, reimburse its Committee Members for their actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the conduct of the business of the Club. Prior to doing so the Club Committee must establish a policy to be applied to the reimbursement of any such expenses.
- 14.21 **Matters Not Provided For:** If any situation arises that, in the opinion of the Club Committee, is not provided for in the Regulations, policies or procedures of the Club, the matter will be determined by the Club Committee.

Part IV – General Meetings

15. Meetings of Members

- 15.1 **AGM:** The Club must hold an Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) once every year at such time, date and place as the Club Committee determines but not more than fifteen (15) months after the last AGM.
- 15.2 **SGMs:** Any other General Meetings of the Members shall be Special General Meetings (“SGMs”).
- 15.3 **Notice of AGM:** The Club must give at least thirty (30) Days notice in writing to all Committee Members, and Members of the AGM. The notice shall set out:
- a. the date, time and venue for the AGM; and
 - b. the closing date(s) for nominations for any elections, proposed motions and other items of business to be submitted to the Club.
- 15.4 **Notice of AGM Business:** Not less than fourteen (14) Days before the date set for the AGM, any nominations for any elections, proposed motions, and other items of business must be received in writing by the Club from Members.
- 15.5 **Business of AGM:** The following business shall be discussed at each AGM:
- a. the receipt from the Club Committee of a report and audited statement of financial position and statement of financial performance for the preceding year;
 - b. reports from each Flag Officer.
 - c. the election of committee members of the Club;
 - d. any motion or motions proposing to alter this Constitution; and
 - e. any other motions or matters, including general business, that have been properly submitted for consideration at the AGM.
- 15.6 **Agenda:** An agenda containing the business to be discussed at an AGM (as set out in Rule 15.5) shall be sent to all Members no later than seven (7) Days before the date of the General Meeting. Any additional items of general business may be raised from the floor.
- 15.7 **SGM:** The Club must call a SGM upon a written request from:
- a. the Club Committee; or
 - b. ten percent (10%)] or more of the Members.

- c. The written request for an SGM must state the purpose for which the SGM is requested including any proposed motion or motions. No business shall be transacted at any SGM other than that specified in the notice convening the meeting.

- 15.8 **Notice of SGM:** Not less than twenty-one (21) Days written notice must be given by the Club to all Members, which notice shall include the:
 - a. date, time and venue and/or the manner in which the meeting is to be held; and
 - b. proposed motion or motions that have been properly submitted for consideration.

- 15.9 **Notices:** A notice may be given to any Member by, or on behalf of the Club or the Club Committee, by:
 - a. letter sent to the Member's home address;
 - b. fax to the Member's fax number;
 - c. email to the Member's email address;
 - d. personal telephone call to the Member; or
 - e. any other method approved in writing by the Member; and
 - f. any notice sent to a Member may also be posted on the club notice board if the Club Committee considers it appropriate to do so.

- 15.10 **Minutes:** Minutes shall be kept of all General Meetings and made available upon request to any Member.

- 15.11 **Errors:** Any irregularity, error or omission in notices, agendas and relevant papers of General Meetings or the omission to give notice within the required time frame or the omission to give notice as specified in these Rules and any other error in the organisation of the meeting shall not invalidate the meeting nor prevent the meeting from considering the business of the meeting provided that full minutes shall be kept of all General Meetings and made available upon request by any Member:
 - a. the Chairperson in his or her discretion determines that it is still appropriate for the meeting to proceed despite the irregularity, error or omission; and
 - b. a motion to proceed is put to the meeting and carried by Special Resolution.

- 15.12 **Quorum:** No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting is due to commence as set out in the notice of meeting. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 25% of the Members. The quorum must be present at all times during the meeting. If a quorum is not obtained within thirty (30) minutes of the intended commencement time of the General

Meeting, then the General Meeting shall be adjourned to such other day, time and place as determined by the Club Committee and if no quorum is obtained at the stage of such further General Meeting, then the persons present at that further General Meeting are deemed to constitute a valid quorum.

15.13 **Chairperson:** The Chair shall preside at the General Meeting. If the Chair is unavailable or unwilling to chair the meeting, then the persons entitled to be present at the General Meeting shall elect a person present to be the chairperson of the General Meeting.

15.14 **Voting:** Unless otherwise required by this Constitution:

- a. an Ordinary Resolution shall be sufficient to pass a resolution;
- b. every Active Member and every Life Member is entitled to one (1) vote. If an Active Member is under 18 years of age their parent or other legal guardian may exercise their vote on their behalf;
- c. voting shall generally be conducted by voices or by show of hands as determined by the Chair unless a secret ballot is requested by the Chair or a majority of the Members present at the meeting;
- d. on a show of hands, a declaration by the Chair is conclusive evidence of the result, provided that the declaration reflects the show of hands. Neither the Chair nor the minutes of the meeting shall state the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour and against the motion;
- e. in the event of equality of votes at a General Meeting, the Chair shall have an additional or casting vote;
- f. in the event that a secret ballot is called, up to two (2) scrutineers may be appointed at the General Meeting to count the votes; and
- g. proxy voting is not permitted.

Part V – Miscellaneous

16. Finances

16.1 **Financial Year:** The financial year of the Club shall end on the 30 June.

16.2 **Club Funds:** The Club Committee is responsible for the receipt and banking of all monies received by the Club. All funds of the Club shall be paid to bank account(s) in the name of the Club and the bank account(s) must be operated in accordance with the policy determined by the Club Committee.

- 16.3 **Accounting Records:** The Club Committee must ensure correct accounting records are kept. The accounting records of the Club must be kept at the office of the Club or at such place as the Club Committee may determine and must be open to inspection by Members at such reasonable times agreed by the Club Committee.
- 16.4 **Auditor:** The Club Committee shall appoint an independent auditor to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Club and report on these at the Annual General Meeting and as otherwise required by the Club Committee.

17. Application of Income

- 17.1 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club.
- 17.2 Except as provided in this Constitution:
- a. no portion of the income or property of the Club shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise to any Member or Committee Member; and
 - b. no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be paid, or given, by the Club to any Member or Committee Member.
- 17.3 Nothing in Rule 17.2 shall prevent payment in good faith of, or to, any Member or Committee Member for any of the following provided that any such payment shall not exceed the amount ordinarily payable between ordinary commercial parties dealing at arm's length in a similar transaction:
- a. any services actually rendered to the Club, whether as an employee or otherwise;
 - b. goods supplied to the Club in the ordinary and usual course of operation;
 - c. any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a Member or Committee Member on behalf of the Club for any other reason.

18. Annual Report

- 18.1 The Club Committee shall prepare an Annual Report for presentation to the Annual General Meeting setting out a summary of the activities and major decisions of the Club Committee each year. (See requirements of section 15.5 a & b)

19. Rules of Model Yacht Racing

- 19.1 All races shall be sailed under the ISAF and Radio Control racing rules and as interpreted from time to time by ISAF

- 19.2 Where required "Sailing Instructions" shall be maintained by the Club to further define and provide clarity to the Rules of Model Yacht Racing.

20. Club Flag

- 20.1 The Club Flag shall be a white burgee, with a red cross

21. Alteration to Constitution

- 21.1 Subject to Rule 22.1, this Constitution may only be altered, added to, or repealed by a Special Resolution at a General Meeting in accordance with this Constitution. Notice of an intention to alter this Constitution must be given by the Club Committee or any Member no later than fourteen (14) Days prior to a General Meeting.
- 21.2 No alteration, addition to or revision of this Constitution shall be approved if it affects the not-for-profit objects, personal benefit prohibition, or the winding up rules of the Club. This Rule must not be removed from this Constitution and must be included in any alteration, addition to, or revision of this Constitution.
- 21.3 When a Rule change is approved by a General Meeting no Rule change shall take effect until the Secretary has filed the changes with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

22. Previous Rules

- 22.1 Any by-laws, standing orders, regulations, or other rules of the Club that were in force prior to the commencement of this Constitution shall, upon the commencement of this Constitution, be deemed to be revoked and superseded by this Constitution.

23. Winding Up

- 23.1 The Club may be voluntarily liquidated, wound up, or dissolved if a Special Resolution is passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority at a General Meeting of the Club to do so and such resolution is confirmed by Special Resolution in a subsequent General Meeting called for that purpose and held not earlier than thirty (30) Days after the date on which the resolution was passed.
- 23.2 The Club may also be put into liquidation in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act.
- 23.3 If upon the liquidation, winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, that property shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable organisation, or charitable body having objects similar to the objects of the Club.

24. Indemnity

- 24.1 The Club may be voluntarily liquidated, wound up, or dissolved if a Special Resolution is passed at a General Meeting of the Club to do so and such resolution is confirmed by Special Resolution in a subsequent General Meeting called for that purpose and held not earlier than thirty (30) Days after the date on which the resolution was passed.
- 24.2 The Club may also be put into liquidation in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act.
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25. Interpretation

- 25.1 **Definitions:** The words and phrases used in this Constitution shall mean as follows:

Act means the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, including any amendments to it.

Active Member has the meaning specified in Rule 4.1a.

AGM means the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

Club Committee means the committee of the Club as elected under Rule 14.

Club Judicial Committee means the committee described in Rule 11.1i.

Committee Member means a member of the Club Committee.

Day means any day of the week (including Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays). Where an action is required to be done within a specified time (such as thirty (30) Days) this means clear days', so it should be calculated by excluding the date of notice (or other relevant action) and the date of the meeting (or other relevant activity).

Event means any competition held by (or under the auspices of) the Club, and any other event, meeting, function, or activity held by (or under the auspices of) the Club.

Flag Officer identifies the roles of senior leaders within the Club.

General Meeting means an AGM or a SGM.

Life Member has the meaning specified in Rule 4.1c.

Member means a person that is a Member of the Club as specified in Rule 4.

Ordinary Resolution means a resolution passed by a majority of votes properly cast.

Register of Members means the register in which details of the Members and other participants are held by the Club as specified in Rule 12.

Regulations means the regulations established in accordance with the Clubs Constitution, and as amended from time to time at the AGM.

SGM means a Special General Meeting.

Special Resolution means a resolution passed by two thirds of the votes properly cast.

25.2 **Construction:** In this Constitution:

- a. a gender includes all other genders;
- b. the singular includes the plural and vice-versa.

25.3 **Amendment Record:**

Version	Reasons for Amendment	Date
1	Recognised the Newsletter Editor as a "Flag Officer"	AGM 2004
2	Recognised the Web Skipper as a "Flag Officer"	AGM 2007
3	A complete rewrite of the constitution	AGM 2013