

# HISC Rules

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## 1. NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the Club shall be Hayling Island Sailing Club with premises situated at Sandy Point, Hayling Island.

## 2. STATUS

- 2.1 The Club shall maintain the status of a members' club. The Club is a non-profit making organisation and all surpluses shall be used to maintain or improve the Club's facilities.
- 2.2 Subject to Rule 2.3, in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Club any surplus after the payment of all liabilities shall be distributed, at the discretion of the General Committee, to one or more of the following:
  - (a) To another club with similar sports purposes which is a charity, and/or
  - (b) To another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), and/or
  - (c) To the sport's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.
- 2.3 Distribution of Assets by way of Reconstruction. A proposal that the Club distribute its assets by way of a scheme of reconstruction to a limited company with similar objects to the Club and then dissolve, shall be passed if supported by two thirds or more of those members present and voting at a General Meeting.

## 3. OBJECTS

- 3.1 The objects of the Club shall be to promote excellence in racing under sail and to encourage cruising under sail and/or power through:
  - (a) developing and nurturing a club culture based on social interaction, member engagement, team spirit and safety.
  - (b) facilitating and encouraging participation and enjoyment of all forms of sailing and water sports as approved by the General Committee.
  - (c) inspiring current and future generations in the pursuit of sailing excellence.
  - (d) offering world class events and championships.
  - (e) ensuring financial sustainability for the Club, its resources and facilities.
  - (f) protecting and sustaining our local natural environment.

## 4. RULES AND BYE-LAWS

- 4.1 All members shall accept and abide by these Rules and the Bye-laws. A copy of the Rules and Bye-laws currently in force shall be permanently posted on the Club notice board.
- 4.2 The General Committee shall have power to make such Bye-laws as it may think expedient for the management of the Club and it may, at any time, amend or repeal the same.
- 4.3 Such Bye-laws shall be binding upon members of the Club until they are repealed by the General Committee or set aside by a resolution carried by a simple majority at a General Meeting.

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## 5. *BURGEE*

The Club burgee shall be the arms of Hayling in blue, yellow and white on a red field.

## 6. *ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION*

The Club shall be fully affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association

## 7. *TRUSTEES*

- 7.1 There shall be three Trustees of the Club who shall be voting members of the General Committee.
- 7.2 A Trustee shall hold office for a maximum term of 12 years from the date of election or unless he first resigns or is removed from office at a General Meeting of the Club by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the votes cast by members voting in person or by proxy. A Trustee shall be eligible to stand for immediate re-election on the expiry of the 12 year term, or subsequently. The 12 year term shall not apply to those Trustees holding office on 25 April 2010.
- 7.3 Election by the members at a General Meeting shall fill vacancies occurring among the Trustees. In the event of there being only one Trustee remaining, the Commodore shall automatically become a Trustee and hold such office until the immediately following General Meeting.
- 7.4 All the property of the Club (other than cash, which shall be under the control of the Rear Commodore Finance), 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.
- 7.5 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 General Committee and shall have the 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 General Committee's directions (of which an entry in the approved Minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence). Before acting the Trustees shall have the option of seeking the approval of the members at a General Meeting.
- 7.6 The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the General 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 or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club. The liability of the Trustees for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club.
- 7.7 A serving Trustee shall not be eligible for election as an Officer of the Club.

## 8. *COMMITTEE STRUCTURE*

- 8.1 The main committee, shall be the General Committee and there shall be five

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permanent Committees subordinate to the General Committee, namely Sailing, House, Estates, Strategy and Membership.

- 8.2 There shall be three permanent Committees subordinate to the Sailing Committee, namely Club Racing, Cruising and Youth. There shall be a Class Captains' Forum which shall provide a focus for the Class Captains to represent the views and wishes of their classes to the Sailing and House Committees regarding both on-water and shore-side activities.
- 8.3 The Club encourages members to form special interest groups to pursue sailing and non-sailing activities, but if these require the use of Club resources or facilities this must be approved by the appropriate committee.
- 8.4 Temporary Sub-Committees may be formed to manage specific projects as required, and shall be dissolved once the project is complete. Temporary Sub-Committees shall be agreed by the General Committee.
- 8.5 All Committees may co-opt (in addition to the authorised numbers) up to a maximum of four people per committee. Their co-option is to be agreed by the General Committee and co-optees may be voting members, if the General Committee deems it appropriate.
- 8.6 All Committees may invite persons to attend if they are able to provide a specific expertise. These invited attendees shall be non-voting members.
- 8.7 The General Committee shall meet not less than eight times per year and at least every two months. All other Committees shall meet as directed by the General Committee.

## 9. *OFFICERS*

The Flag Officers of the Club shall comprise a Commodore, Vice Commodore Sailing, Vice Commodore House, Rear Commodore (Racing), Rear Commodore (Cruising), Rear Commodore (Youth). The Rear Commodore Finance, the Chair of the Membership Committee and the Chair of the Estates Committee shall also be Officers.

## 10. *RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS*

- 10.1 The Commodore shall lead the Club and chair the General Committee and the Strategy Committee.
- 10.2 The Vice Commodore Sailing shall chair the Sailing Committee and be responsible for co-ordination between the Rear Commodore (Racing), Rear Commodore (Cruising) and Rear Commodore (Youth).
- 10.3 Other committees shall be chaired as follows:
  - (a) The Vice Commodore House shall chair the House Committee;
  - (b) The Rear Commodore (Racing) shall chair the Club Racing Committee;
  - (c) The Rear Commodore (Cruising) shall chair the Cruising Committee;
  - (d) The Rear Commodore (Youth) shall chair the Youth Committee;
  - (e) The Chair of the Membership Committee shall chair the Membership Committee;
  - (f) The Chair of the Estates Committee shall chair the Estates Committee.
- 10.4 A Vice Chairman shall be appointed by each Committee from among their number to chair the Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

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10.5 The Rear Commodore Finance shall oversee the financial administration of the Club including the preparation and presentation of audited accounts to the Spring General Meeting annually; shall liaise with the Club's auditors; and shall direct the General Manager on accounting, management of the cash-flow and the necessary book keeping requirements.

## 11. *EMPLOYEES*

11.1 The General Committee shall appoint full time staff as necessary to ensure the smooth functioning of the Club. The "senior employees" (also known as "Senior Club Managers") shall be:

- (a) A General Manager accountable to the General Committee and responsible for the management of the Club. The General Manager shall be the line manager of the Marine and House Managers, central services staff and employees;
- (b) A Marine Manager accountable to the General Manager and responsible for the management of marine activities and marine employees;
- (c) A House Manager accountable to the General Manager and responsible for the Club hotel services and the catering, bar, cleaning and security employees. The Marine and House Managers shall be of equal standing.

11.2 The General Manager shall have power to recruit, and discharge, employees (both permanent and temporary) within the allocated budget to run the Club. The General Manager shall be responsible for implementing the Club's health and safety and child protection policies.

11.3 All employees shall work across disciplines as a 'whole' team when deemed necessary by the General Manager.

11.4 The General Manager shall be responsible for the management of the in-year budgets and may delegate to the Marine and House Managers as appropriate.

11.5 The Commodore shall be responsible for the line management, performance management and appraisal of the General Manager.

11.6 The responsibility for employment and discharge of the senior employees and the remuneration thereof which shall be set within the overall budgeting process is vested in the Commodore and Vice Commodores, who shall consult the General Committee as appropriate.

## 12. *OFFICIALS*

The General Committee shall have power to appoint members of the Club to act as officials to carry out such duties (not inconsistent with these Rules) as it may determine.

## 13. *THE GENERAL COMMITTEE*

13.1 The General Committee shall normally be chaired by the Commodore and be accountable to the membership for the affairs of the Club. In the absence of the Commodore the Vice Commodore Sailing or Vice Commodore House shall chair the General Committee. The General Manager may attend by invitation as a non-voting member.

13.2 The General Committee shall comprise the Commodore, the three Trustees,

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the Vice Commodore Sailing, the Vice Commodore House, the Rear Commodore Finance, the Chair of the Membership Committee, the Chair of the Estates Committee and three non-officer elected members, all of whom are voting members, making a total of 12.

- 13.3 The General Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring amongst the Officers or amongst its members during its year of office. Any member chosen to fill a casual vacancy shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting.
- 13.4 On taking office the General Committee shall agree the non-elected members of all other committees and appoint officials.
- 13.5 The General Committee shall have the power to remove an Officer of the Club, a member of the General Committee, a member of any other committee or sub-committee by a vote of 'no confidence' in which two thirds of those eligible to vote assent.
- 13.6 The General Committee shall:
  - (a) establish the operating policies for the running of the Club, monitor the outcomes of such policies and revise as necessary;
  - (b) set policies for health and safety, equality and child protection, and monitor their implementation;
  - (c) manage all affairs and property of the Club except as otherwise provided for in these Rules;
  - (d) develop and maintain a five year Forward Plan for the Club setting the strategic direction of the Club on recommendations from the Strategy Committee. The five year Forward Plan shall be reviewed and up-dated annually;
  - (e) set policies for the recruitment and retention of members based upon recommendations from the Membership Committee;
  - (f) approve the annual sailing programme of Club racing, open meetings and championships up to five years ahead based upon advice from the Sailing Committee;
  - (g) be responsible for:  
receiving reports from the Commodore and Vice Commodores concerning the employment and discharge of senior Club staff when appropriate; establishing the level of all charges made to members on account of services, facilities, joining fees, subscriptions, moorings, winter lay-up and boat registration fees; oversight of the Club Rules; making and repealing Bye-laws in accordance with Rule 4.2; coordinating sponsorship, publicity, marketing and sales; appointing Club Officials (other than race officials); agreeing the co-option of members to committees; maintaining the integrity of the Club's sea defences; oversight of the Thursday Club and the 500 Club; nominating two members to represent the Club on the Chichester Harbour Federation following recommendations from the Sailing Committee; nominating a representative to sit on the station committee of the Hayling Branch of the RNLI;
  - (h) discharge the following financial responsibilities:  
the administration and investment of Club funds; setting the Club budgets; managing the overall in-year finances of the Club; monitoring income and

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expenditure against all budgets on a monthly basis; setting the requirement for capital expenditure on maintenance of Club property and on replacement and renewals; preparing the general account budget;

- (i) co-ordinate the activities of, and manage priorities between, the House, the Estates, and Sailing Committees.
- (j) manage the interface between elected officers, committees, sub-committees and the General Manager.
- (k) oversee the Club administration.
- (l) allocate the various areas of the Club site for management by the Sailing, Estates and House Committees.
- (m) make provision for an on-site chandlery.

13.7 One elected non-officer member of the General Committee shall undertake the task of being 'Guardian of the Rules' during the elected term, the responsibilities of such role to be agreed by the General Committee.

13.8 The General Committee may initiate the formation of temporary sub-committees to manage any major project. Such sub-committees shall dissolve on completion of its project.

13.9 In the event that one or more of the senior staff roles is not filled, the General Committee shall make temporary arrangements to ensure that the tasks normally undertaken by that staff member are covered.

13.10 The General Committee shall present a written report to members at the Annual and Spring General Meetings.

## 14. SAILING COMMITTEE

14.1 The Sailing Committee shall comprise the Vice Commodore Sailing, Rear Commodores (Racing), (Cruising) and (Youth) and two non-officer elected members, who shall be voting members. The Marine Manager may attend as a non-voting member, making a total of seven.

14.2 The Sailing Committee is responsible for ensuring that all on-water activities of the Club are coordinated and that there is appropriate liaison between the Club Racing, Cruising and Youth Committees to ensure an effective use of available resources to enable each Committee to carry out its functions.

14.3 The Sailing Committee shall be responsible for advising the General Committee on the formulation of policy concerning on-water activities and related on-shore services and facilities of the Club, including safety, championships, open meetings and winter lay-up.

14.4 The Sailing Committee is responsible for:

- (a) development and generation of the annual sailing programme of Club racing, open meetings and championships up to five years ahead, in consultation with the House Committee, for approval by the General Committee, including marketing the Club to Class Associations and National Authorities as a location for their major sailing events;
- (b) co-ordinate and have conduct of the in-year championship and open meeting programme including the provision of adequate on water safety resources during club organised events;

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- (c) providing and maintaining permanent racing marks inside and outside the harbour;
- (d) identification of those classes currently most active in racing and cruising for the purposes of organising Club racing and allocating dinghy parking priorities in accordance with the Bye-laws;
- (e) setting priorities for boat space allocation ashore;
- (f) receiving feedback from the Class Captains' Forum, and liaison with them on sailing matters;
- (g) advising the General Committee on boat registration fees;
- (h) co-ordination with the RYA and to oversee the RYA recognised 'Training Centre Principal';
- (i) provision and maintenance of Club boats, boat hoists, winches and the pontoon jetty;
- (j) provision and maintenance of the equipment necessary for racing, including marks, radios, flags, sound signals and the race box;
- (k) maintaining the Club slipways and launching runways and sand clearance to ensure their accessibility for the launching and recovery of boats.

14.5 The Sailing Committee shall ensure that open meetings and championships are properly resourced with race officers, race officials, committee, safety and mark boat crews, and an onshore beachmaster as appropriate, coordinating duty allocations with the Club Racing Committee;

14.6 The Sailing Committee shall:

- (a) in consultation with the Rear Commodore Finance and General Manager prepare and submit to the General Committee the proposed annual budgets for the Racing, Cruising, and Youth Committees which shall include its recommendations on boat registration fees and those of the Cruising Committee on mooring and lay-up fees;
- (b) receive monthly trading accounts for all matters within its area of responsibility. It shall examine variations from agreed budgets and make recommendations to the General Committee for improvement or remedial action;
- (c) be responsible for advising the General Committee of the requirement for capital expenditure on replacement and renewals of boats, moorings, winches and the pontoon jetty and facilities required in conjunction with such matters;
- (d) recommend two members to the General Committee to represent the Club on the Chichester Harbour Federation;
- (e) present a written report that incorporates reports from the Racing, Cruising and Youth Committees to members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (f) be responsible for the co-ordination of all training activities relating to competency afloat and in race management;
- (g) be responsible for ensuring that the Club maintains its status as an RYA Recognised Training Centre and all training activities organised by the Club including the Thursday Club accord with the RYA's requirements for Recognised Training Centres.

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## 15. *HOUSE COMMITTEE*

- 15.1 The House Committee shall comprise the Vice Commodore House, two non-officer elected and two non-elected members, who shall be voting members. The House Manager may attend as a non-voting member, making a total of 6.
- 15.2 The House Committee shall oversee the onshore hotel services (food, accommodation, bars, car parking), and the coordination of internal and externally sponsored social events and their security.
- 15.3 The House Committee shall:
  - a) in consultation with the Rear Commodore Finance and General Manager prepare and submit to the General Committee the proposed annual budgets for accommodation, bar and catering budgets, corporate sailing and non-sailing events;
  - b) (b) receive monthly trading accounts for bars, catering services and accommodation. It shall examine variations from agreed budgets and make recommendations to the General Committee for improvement or remedial action;
  - c) be responsible for advising the General Committee on the formulation of policy concerning domestic facilities in the Club including public rooms, accommodation, bars, catering and car parking;
  - d) liaise with the Sailing Committee, Estates Committee and Class Captains' Forum on House-related matters;
  - e) be responsible for marketing the Club as an attractive location for corporate sailing and non-sailing events, including dinners, meetings, away days and wedding receptions;
  - f) present a written report to members at the Annual General Meeting.

## 16. *ESTATES COMMITTEE*

- 16.1 The Estates Committee shall comprise an elected officer Chair, a Trustee and up to four appropriately experienced non-elected members who shall be voting members. The General Manager may attend as a non-voting member, making a total of 7.
- 16.2 The Estates Committee shall oversee the management of the Club land and buildings and the security facilities of the Club premises.
- 16.3 The Estates Committee shall:
  - a) be responsible for advising the General Committee, by way of an Asset Management Plan, on the facilities management and maintenance of the club premises, and on the requirement for capital expenditure on replacement and renewals for maintenance of club onshore property (excluding boats, moorings, winches and the pontoon jetty);
  - b) in consultation with the Rear Commodore Finance and General Manager, prepare and submit to the General Committee the proposed annual budgets for maintenance of the Club land and buildings. It shall examine variations from agreed budgets and make recommendations to the General Committee for improvement or remedial action;
  - c) be responsible for advising the General Committee on the formulation of policy concerning Club land and buildings;

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- d) be responsible for advising the General Committee on actions required to ensure compliance with legal obligations relevant to Club land and buildings;
- e) present a written report to members at the Annual General Meeting.

## 17. *STRATEGY COMMITTEE*

- 17.1 The Strategy Committee shall consist of the Commodore, the Rear Commodore Finance and up to two other members, who shall be voting members.
- 17.2 The Strategy Committee shall:
  - (a) annually review the five year Forward Plan and make recommendations to the General Committee on the strategic direction of the Club;
  - (b) Liaise with the other committees on the delivery of the Forward Plan.

## 18. *MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*

The Membership Committee shall be the focal point for membership matters and shall consist of an elected officer Chair and up to five experienced non-elected members, who shall be voting members. The Membership Secretary may attend as a non-voting member, making a total of seven. The Committee shall be responsible for:

- (a) making recommendations to the General Committee on policies to support the recruitment and retention of members, including advice on entrance fees and subscriptions;
- (b) undertaking the briefing of new applicants for membership of the Club, assessing their suitability and ensuring that their induction to and familiarisation with the Club are completed satisfactorily until elected as Full Members on completion of their probation.

## 19. *CLUB RACING COMMITTEE*

- 19.1 The Club Racing Committee shall comprise the Rear Commodore (Racing) and up to six other non-elected members representing in so far as possible the classes currently active in Club racing, one of whom shall be the Chair of the Class Captains' Forum, who shall be voting members. The Sailing Secretary may attend as a non-voting member, making a total of eight.
- 19.2 The Club Racing Committee shall:
  - (a) have control of and be responsible to the Sailing Committee for all matters relating to Club racing;
  - (b) conduct the in-year Club racing programme, ensuring that it is properly resourced with race officers, committee, safety and mark boat crews as appropriate and co-ordinate duty allocations with the Sailing Committee;
  - (c) receive feedback from the Class Captains' Forum and take their views into account in developing and running the Club racing programme;
  - (d) provide adequate on water safety resources during Club racing;
  - (e) co-ordinate the allocation of on-shore boat parking space on behalf of the Sailing Committee.

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## 20. CRUISING COMMITTEE

- 20.1 The Cruising Committee shall comprise the Rear Commodore (Cruising) and up to four other non-elected members who shall be voting members, making a total of five.
- 20.2 The Cruising Committee shall have control of and be responsible to the Sailing Committee for all matters relating to Club organised and arranged cruising and dinghy social sailing activity under sail and/or power.
- 20.3 The Cruising Committee shall:
  - (a) prepare and submit to the Sailing Committee the proposed annual cruising budget which will include recommendations to the Sailing Committee on mooring and winter lay-up fees;
  - (b) receive a monthly trading account for cruising. It shall examine variations from the agreed budget and make adjustments to remain within budget keeping the Sailing Committee informed;
  - (c) conduct the in-year cruising and dinghy social sailing programme;
  - (d) co-ordinate the winter lay-up of cruising boats and the allocation of moorings on behalf of the Sailing Committee;
  - (e) liaise with the Marine Manager over the construction, siting, laying and maintaining of moorings within the area under the Club's jurisdiction;
  - (f) co-ordinate safety awareness amongst those cruising in cruising boats and dinghies;
  - (g) represent the views of cruising boat owners to the Sailing Committee.

## 21. YOUTH COMMITTEE

- 21.1 The Youth Committee shall comprise the Rear Commodore (Youth) and up to six other non-elected members of which two should be youth representatives, who shall be voting members making a total of seven.
- 21.2 The Youth Committee shall be responsible to the Sailing Committee for the general well-being of all Club members under 18 years of age, including the conduct of their sailing and seamanship training.
- 21.3 The Youth Committee shall:
  - (a) prepare and submit to the Sailing Committee the proposed annual youth budget;
  - (b) receive a monthly trading account for youth activities. It shall examine variations from the agreed budget and make adjustments to remain within budget keeping the Sailing Committee informed;
  - (c) have control of and be responsible to the Sailing Committee for all matters relating to the racing of youth classes;
  - (d) conduct the in-year Club racing programme for youth classes, ensuring that it is properly resourced with race officers, committee, safety and mark boat crews as appropriate and co-ordinate duty allocations with the Sailing Committee.

## 22. CLASS CAPTAINS' FORUM

All members owning registered boats of a class or group of classes approved by the Sailing Committee may elect one of their number to represent their class, or group of

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classes, as Class Captain. The Class Captains' Forum is a focus for the views of the membership in these classes or groups of classes regarding both on-water and shore-side support to on-water activities, and is charged to bring such opinions to the attention of the Sailing Committee and Club Racing Committee, as appropriate. The Class Captains shall elect a chairperson from among their number who shall represent the Forum on the Club Racing Committee. In the absence of a candidate the Vice Commodore Sailing shall nominate.

## 23. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 23.1 A meeting of any committee or sub-committee shall be summoned at the request of its chairman, the Commodore, or the number of members of that committee, as laid down in Rule 24 as a quorum for that committee.
- 23.2 The Commodore and Vice Commodores shall have the right to attend the meeting of any committee or sub-committee.
- 23.3 The General Manager may attend meetings of the Sailing and House Committees as a non-voting member.
- 23.4 To support good governance of the Club, committees and sub-committees shall be responsible for making a written record of decisions, actions and recommendations, and making these available to other committees and to members.
- 23.5 Where a vote is taken in a committee and there is an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

## 24. QUORUMS

Quorums for meetings shall be as follows:

General Meetings	Forty members
General Committee	Six members
Sailing Committee	Four members
House Committee	Three members
Club Racing Committee	Four members
Cruising Committee	Three members
Youth Committee	Four members
Other Committees and Sub-Committees	50% of those entitled to attend as voting members of the relevant committee, but not less than two

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25. ***ELECTION OF FLAG AND OTHER OFFICERS, TRUSTEES & COMMITTEE MEMBERS***
- 25.1 All Officers of the Club and one non-officer elected member of each of the General, Sailing and House Committees, shall retire at each Annual General Meeting such that there is one vacancy for non-officer elected membership on each Committee. They shall be eligible for re-election, except that no member may hold the office of Commodore or as one of the Vice Commodores for more than three consecutive years.
- 25.2 The non-officer elected members of the General, Sailing and House Committees shall retire in order of seniority calculated from the date of their most recent election to that Committee. In the case of equal seniority, the order of retirement shall be determined by lot, if agreement between those concerned cannot be obtained.
- 25.3 If a member of the General, Sailing or House Committees is elected as an Officer at the Annual General Meeting, and there has been a ballot, the resulting vacancy shall be filled by the nominee for election who received the highest number of votes and was not elected. Any member so filling such a vacancy shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting. If a ballot has not taken place the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with rule 13.3.
- 25.4 No member shall be eligible for election unless they will have reached the age of eighteen years at the date of the General Meeting at which the election results are announced and in the case of election as:-
  - (a) an Officer, unless they have been a Full Member for at least two years. Nominations for an Officer must be supported by at least eight voting members including a proposer and seconder;
  - (b) a Trustee, unless they have been a Full Member for at least five years. Nominations for Trustees must be supported by at least eight voting members (of whom at least three must be members of the General Committee) including a proposer and seconder;
  - (c) a member of the General, Sailing or House Committees, unless they have been a Full Member for at least two years. A proposer and seconder, both of whom must be voting members, must support nominations.
- 25.5 No member may seek nomination or be proposed for more than one office, or for an office and as a member of the General, Sailing and House Committees, unless specifically provided otherwise in these Rules.
- 25.6 The General Manager shall send to all voting members, at their registered postal or e-mail address, requests for nominations not less than 65 days and not more than 70 days before the Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be made on an official nomination form available from the Club office. Nominations shall not be valid unless received by the General Manager, or the nominated representative, at the Club office on a properly completed nomination form by 1700 hours on a day specified on the form at least 38 days before the Annual

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## General Meeting.

- 25.7 In the event of a vacancy occurring for a Trustee, the replacement shall be elected at the next Annual or Spring General Meeting. In the event that the next meeting is the Spring General Meeting then the procedure at 24.6 above shall be followed.
- 25.8 There shall be separate elections for the non-officer elected member representatives on the General, Sailing and House Committees. Members may put their names forward for no more than one of these committees each year and if elected shall serve on that committee. However, the General Committee may following an election for one committee invite an unsuccessful candidate to serve on another committee if there is a vacancy.
- 25.9 If the number of members nominated for any office or the positions on the committees equals the number of vacancies for that office or committee positions, the member or members shall be deemed to be elected. If the number of members nominated for any office or for the positions on the committees exceeds the number of vacancies for that office or the committee positions, a ballot shall be held. If no nomination is received for any office or membership of the committees then the General Committee may make the necessary appointment, subject to the proviso that no member may hold more than one office unless specifically provided otherwise in these Rules.
- 25.10 The General Manager shall notify every candidate for election of the details required by the General Committee to be circulated prior to the ballot taking place. Candidates must return the information requested to the General Manager at least 30 days before the Annual General Meeting. The General Manager shall, not later than 23 days before the Annual General Meeting, send to all voting members, at their registered postal or e-mail addresses, notice of the nominations received, the details provided by each candidate, instructions on the conduct of the ballot and the closing date of the ballot. The ballot procedure will be decided by the General Committee and may be an electronic ballot using an on-line facility. In this case, any Member may choose to use an alternative paper ballot by notifying the General Manager at least 10 days before the declared date for the closing of the ballot. These ballot papers are to be marked and returned, as directed by the General Manager, by the declared date for the closing of the ballot. If a ballot is not required, the General Manager shall, within the same period, post on the Club notice board a list of those deemed to be elected.
- 25.11 A brief statement, including biographical details of the candidates, in a format approved by the General Committee, together with their attendance record at any committee on which they have served during the previous 12 months and their photograph, shall be circulated following nomination or proposal and in accordance with 25.10 prior to the ballot taking place. No other written documentation shall be circulated by or on behalf of any candidate for election.
- 25.12 Where an electronic on-line ballot is held, the votes shall be counted by an

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25.13 independent company who will be contracted by the General Committee.

Where a paper ballot is held, the votes shall be counted by the immediate past Commodore, in the presence of at least one of the Trustees or, in the absence of the immediate past Commodore, by two of the Trustees. They will calculate the ballot results by counting all votes received by any method approved for that ballot by the General Committee. Those counting or in any way involved with conducting the ballot shall not nominate or sign in support of any of the candidates for election. The result of the ballot shall be announced by the Commodore, once all candidates have been informed of the results. This may be by email or on the HISC website. The newly elected Officers and committee members shall take office immediately after the Annual General Meeting irrespective of any adjournment thereof.

25.14 In the event of a tie in any election, the chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall have a casting vote.

25.15 In the event of a candidate breaking any of the Rules relating to elections, his or her candidature shall be invalid.

## 26. *MEMBERSHIP*

Categories of membership and the rules and conditions appertaining thereto are set out in the Schedule to these Rules of which they form part.

## 27. *ELECTION OF MEMBERS*

### 27.1 Probationary Membership:

- (a) Any candidate seeking membership shall, in the first place, be subject to a period of Probationary Membership.
- (b) Probationary Membership shall not come into force until a period of at least 48 hours has elapsed since the receipt of membership application by the Club. Probationary Members shall pay the same subscriptions as elected members of the same category. Probationary Membership carries with it the full benefits and privileges of the Club, except that Probationary Members:
  - shall not qualify for election as Officers of the Club or the Committees and shall not be eligible as members of any committee;
  - may attend, but may not vote at, a General Meeting of the Club.
- (c) Probationary Members shall not transfer to Full Membership until they have served a probationary period of at least six months by 1 November.

### 27.2 Full Membership:

- (a) On or about the 1 October before the Annual General Meeting, a list of Probationary Members eligible for election to Full Membership shall be posted on the Club notice board for a period of not less than thirty days. If the General Manager or any member considers that a Probationary Member is an unsuitable candidate for Full Membership, then he/she should submit their concerns in writing to the General Committee before 1 December.
- (b) Should such a concern be raised, the General Committee will investigate the grounds for the concern, and may hold a ballot of the Committee in respect of the candidate. If a ballot takes place, a simple majority on a show of hands of

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those voting shall exclude. The Trustees shall not take part in any such proceedings of the General Committee and shall abstain from voting in any such ballot.

- (c) Before the exclusion of any such Probationary Member shall become effective, the General Committee shall give the Probationary Member 28 days' notice to attend a meeting with the Trustees, which notice shall contain particulars of the intended resolution of exclusion and reasons therefore. No Probationary Member shall be excluded without first having an opportunity of meeting with the Trustees. The meeting with the Trustees may take place in the presence of at least two of the three Trustees.  
Upon hearing the representations of the Probationary Member as to why they should not be excluded the Trustees, acting by majority shall determine whether or not such Probationary Member shall be excluded. The decision of the Trustees shall be final and binding and shall be communicated promptly in writing to the Probationary Member, the General Committee and any member who raised the concerns.
- (d) The election of Probationary Members to Full Membership is vested in the General Committee and should be actioned by 15 December in each year. Those listed shall be deemed elected to full membership unless excluded under the procedure set out in paragraphs 27.2 a, b and c above.
- (e) Immediately on election, notice thereof shall be given to the new member by the Commodore.

## **28. LIFE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

The General Committee shall have the power to invite any person to become a Life Honorary Member of the Club. Life Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any entrance fee or subscription. They shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of the Club.

## **29. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

- 29.1 The General Committee shall have the power to invite any person to become an Honorary Member of the Club for such a period as the General Committee shall think fit. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any entrance fee or subscription. They shall be entitled to such benefits and privileges of the Club as shall be determined, from time to time, by the General Committee and set out in the Bye-laws.
- 29.2 The Flag Officers of sailing clubs designated as Category "A" member clubs of the Chichester Harbour Federation, together with the Officers of the Federation, shall be Honorary Members of the Club.

## **30. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

- 30.1 The General Committee shall set the entrance fee (if any) for new members and the members' annual subscription.
- 30.2 The General Committee can sub-divide any of the main categories of

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membership into age bands and vary the annual subscription applicable to each age band.

- 30.3 The General Committee can vary the ages at which children and grandchildren are included in family, or qualify for individual, membership.
- 30.4 All annual subscriptions shall become due on 1 January each year.  
The General Committee may vary the schedule of payment by a Bye-law.
- 30.5 The General Committee may, at its discretion, reduce the entrance fee and/or annual subscription for any individual member or membership.

## 31. *SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ARREARS*

- 31.1 Any member whose subscription is two months in arrears on or after 1 March shall cease to be a member of the Club.
- 31.2 No points or prizes for any Club race shall be awarded to any member whose subscription is in arrears.

## 32. *RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS*

Any member who wishes to resign from the Club shall give the Club 3 months' notice in writing of their intention and shall be liable for the subscription payments until this notice has expired.

## 33. *DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS*

- 33.1 A member may be subject to disciplinary action if such a member has:
  - (a) Acted in breach of the Club Rules, or Bye-laws;
  - (b) Engaged in conduct whether inside or outside the Club that renders him unfit for membership of the Club or brings his suitability for membership of the Club into question.
- 33.2 The process of such disciplinary action is called a "Rule 33 Reference". A Rule 33 Reference shall, so far as is practicable, be made in accordance with the "Rule 33 Policy and Procedure" as approved and amended from time to time by the General Committee. The Rule 33 Policy and Procedure shall set out guidelines for the procedure generally to be adopted in respect of Rule 33 References, but departures therefrom shall not invalidate any Rule 33 Reference or any decision made pursuant to it.
- 33.3 Generally, in conformance with detailed guidance in the Rule 33 Policy and Procedure, a Rule 33 Reference shall initially be investigated by an uninvolved member of the General Committee to determine the facts; then considered by a disciplinary panel consisting of three further independent and uninvolved members of the General Committee. The right of appeal shall exist to an appeal panel consisting of three uninvolved Trustees or past Commodores. The outcome of an appeal is final.
- 33.4 A Rule 33 Reference may result in one or more of the following sanctions:
  - (a) Advice as to the member's future conduct;
  - (b) The member being formally reprimanded in respect of the conduct in question;
  - (c) The member being required to provide a written apology in terms as specified;
  - (d) Where appropriate, the imposition of a financial payment consistent with the

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Rule 33 Policy and Procedure;

- (e) The suspension or expulsion of the member from the Club;
- (f) In the case of a Probationary Member, the deferment of the period before which the Probationary Member is eligible for admission as a member.

33.5 The member who is the subject of a Rule 33 Reference may be suspended from the Club pending the determination of that Rule 33 Reference.

33.6 A member may be suspended from membership with immediate effect where the persons effecting the suspension consider that the action is necessary and appropriate considering all the circumstances and the best interests of the Club. These persons shall make a Rule 33 Reference at the earliest reasonable opportunity afterwards.

33.7 Such an immediate suspension may be effected by or in consultation with:-

- (a) two Elected Officers as defined in Rule 10;
- (b) or an Elected Officer and a Senior Club Manager as defined in Rule 11.1;
- (c) or, if and only if it is impracticable to contact an Elected Officer immediately, a Senior Manager alone. That Senior Manager shall inform an Elected Officer of the action taken at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

## 34. *CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP*

Any person, on ceasing to be a member of the Club, shall forfeit all right to have any claim upon the Club, its property and funds (except for any claim to the repayment of any loan made to the Club).

## 35. *ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the autumn of each year for the following purposes:

- (a) To receive reports from the General, Sailing and House Committees;
- (b) To receive reports from such other Committees and Sub-Committees the General Committee deems appropriate;
- (c) To receive the result of the election of any Trustee, Officers and members of the General, Sailing and House Committees;
- (d) To appoint auditors for the ensuing year;
- (e) To discuss and decide upon any resolution, which may be duly submitted to the meeting, as provided for in Rule 39.

## 36. *SPRING GENERAL MEETING*

A General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the spring of each year:

- (a) To receive the balance sheet and statement of accounts for the past year;
- (b) To receive the Rear Commodore Finance's report on the balance sheet and statement of accounts;
- (c) To receive the result of the election of any Trustee;
- (d) To approve the five year Forward Plan;
- (e) To conduct such business as may arise there from;
- (f) To decide upon any resolution submitted to the meeting, as provided for in Rule 40.1.

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## 37. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be summoned to be held within 28 days upon receipt of:

- (a) A resolution approved by the General Committee;
- (b) A request from all of the Trustees acting together;
- (c) A request, in writing, signed by at least 30 voting members and stating the purposes for which a meeting is required.

## 38. ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Except for Temporary Members, children under 12 years of age and Honorary Members under Rule 28.2, all other categories of members are entitled to receive notice of and may attend General Meetings of the Club.

## 39. VOTING RIGHTS

- 39.1 All Full and Honorary Life Members over the age of 18 (unless excluded elsewhere in these Rules) shall have voting rights at General Meetings of the Club. The number of adult non-voting members shall not at any time exceed twenty percent of the total membership.
- 39.2 A member who is unable to attend a General Meeting of the Club may appoint a proxy, who must be a voting member of the Club, to vote in his or her stead. The General Committee shall approve the form of the proxy.

## 40. NOTICE OF BUSINESS

- 40.1 A member who desires to move a resolution at any General Meeting of the Club shall give notice thereof, in writing, not less than 38 days before such meeting. Notice of such resolution, and any resolutions put forward by the General Committee, shall be posted on the Club notice board not less than 23 days before the date of the General Meeting. A copy of all such resolutions shall be circulated to all members having voting rights with the notice convening that meeting.
- 40.2 A resolution moved by a member, but not spoken for at the relevant General Meeting by its proposer, seconder or another member present at the meeting, shall be deemed to have been withdrawn from the agenda, unless adopted by the General Committee.

## 41. CONVENING GENERAL MEETINGS

Not less than 10 days before any General Meeting of the Club, a notice convening such meeting and stating the business to be transacted, shall be posted on the Club notice board and a copy sent to every member having voting rights at their registered postal or e-mail address.

## 42. CHAIRMAN AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 42.1 The senior Officer present shall take the chair at General Meetings of the Club, but may delegate the chairmanship to another Officer. In the absence of an Officer, a member elected by those present shall take the chair. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting

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vote.

42.2 The Chairman shall produce and make available for all members, the minutes of the General Meeting within one calendar month after the said meeting.

## 43. FINANCE

43.1 The General Committee shall have power to borrow, for the purpose of the Club, such sums of money at such rates of interest and such form and manner and upon such security as the General Committee may, from time to time, decide. Thereupon 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 agreement in relation thereto as the General Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest provided that the sum or sums borrowed shall not, in the aggregate, exceed £75,000 (excluding interest) or such larger amount as may be authorised by a resolution of which notice has been given and which has been approved in accordance with the provisions of Rules 39 and 52 respectively by the members in General Meeting.

43.2 All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not, who remain in membership 14 days after the passing of such resolution 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 a resolution.

43.3 The General Committee shall have the power to issue debentures and loan notes which, in the aggregate shall not exceed £450,000 (and to the extent that such issuance does not raise the sum of £450,000, to borrow from a bank any such shortfall) in addition to the £75,000 referred to above, to members on such terms as it shall decide in order to raise funds to assist in the financing of extraordinary capital expenditure.

## 44. AUDIT

The accounts of the Club shall be made up to 31 December in each year and audited. The accounts shall be circulated to members and shall be presented at the Spring General Meeting.

## 45. MOORINGS

45.1 All moorings owned by the Club, and not specifically designated by the Sailing Committee for use by the Club, are let on an annual contract, the terms of which shall be approved by the General Committee from time to time. This contract is renewable annually by mutual agreement between the Club and the mooring holder.

45.2 Members requiring moorings or renewal of contracts for moorings shall apply to the Chairman of the Cruising Committee, in writing, by 31 October of the preceding year.

45.3 Allocation of the moorings is vested in the Cruising Committee.

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## 46. GUESTS

- 46.1 Each member shall be entitled to introduce guests, subject to such Bye-laws as shall be made from time to time by the General Committee. Every guest shall be the guest of, and be accompanied by, the introducing member who shall enter particulars in and sign the Visitor's Book immediately on entering the Club premises, provided that no person shall be introduced as a guest into the Club who shall have ceased to be a member under Rule 33 or whose conduct or presence on the Club premises shall be considered by the General Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
- 46.2 Any visitor (including those from overseas) who is a member of a bona fide yacht or sailing club, and any sailor arriving by water from outside Chichester Harbour, shall be offered the benefits and privileges of the Club as a guest up to six times a year, provided such a visitor has the authority of the Duty Manager or an Officer of the Club and has, where appropriate, paid any mooring fees due or the day sailing fee in accordance with the Bye-laws. Such a visitor shall be signed into the visitor's book immediately on entering the Club premises. Entitlement as a guest shall, in the first instance, be for a maximum period of 24 hours, but may be extended by the Duty Manager or an Officer of the club.
- 46.3 Any sailors who are competing in any race or taking part in any training sponsored, hosted or organised by the Club shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of the Club as a guest, provided such sailor has completed an entry, application or registration form for the event and the appropriate event fee has been paid. Entitlement as such a guest shall include the family of the sailor and shall be for a maximum of 24 hours before and after the event concerned.

## 47. COMPLAINTS

Any complaint by a member shall only be made to the General Manager an Officer or Official as appropriate. In no case is any member to reprimand a member of staff.

## 48. USE OF THE CLUB BY OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- 48.1 Persons not members of the Club shall be entitled to attend the Club premises, together with their guests, when attending bona fide private functions and/or conferences that have been approved by the House Committee.
- 48.2 The General Committee shall not permit the number of functions and/or conferences organised and attended by persons other than Club members, to exceed 40 in any one calendar year. A maximum of 20 of such events shall be permitted at weekends, where weekend is defined, for purposes of this Rule, as between 1700hrs on Friday and midnight on the following Sunday or Monday if a Bank Holiday.

## 49. LIEN

The Club shall at all times have a lien over boats or other chattels kept, parked or left on the Club premises in respect of all monies due to the Club.

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## 50. *REMOVAL OF BOATS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT*

If any boat or ancillary equipment is left on the Club property without the correct dues having been paid and the relevant plaques or identification markings displayed as required, or is parked in breach of the Bye-laws, the Sailing Committee shall be entitled to take any of the following actions:

- (a) to move boats, trailers and any ancillary equipment to any part of the Club premises or to a designated off-site parking facility, without being liable for any loss of, or damage to, the boat or ancillary equipment however caused;
- (b) in accordance with the Club's policy and process for unregistered boats, upon giving three months' notice in writing to the owner of the boat at his last known address, to sell the boat and any ancillary equipment and to deduct from the proceeds any monies due to the Club before accounting for the balance (if any) to the owner.
- (c) any boat or ancillary equipment which, in the opinion of the Sailing Committee, has little or no value may upon such notice as aforesaid be disposed of in any manner that the Sailing Committee may think fit and any expenses incurred shall be charged to the owner.

## 51. *COMPUTER RECORDS*

Membership of the Club and acceptance of the Rules of the Club by a member shall be deemed to be approval of and consent to the maintenance by the Club of personal details about the member on computer for the purposes of Club administration.

## 52. *REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS*

- 52.1 Any member of the Club having any financial interest in any contract with the Club or in any company, other than by owning shares in a publicly quoted company or as an employee thereof, or in any firm which enters into a contract with the Club shall declare such interest to the Commodore, who shall record the interest in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the General Manager.
- 52.2 Any member deriving any profit from any development of the Club shall be invited to gift a portion thereof to the Club.
- 52.3 The Register of Members' Interests shall be available for inspection by any member at the Club office during normal business hours.

## 53. *AMENDMENT OF RULES*

These Rules may be amended, repealed, or added to only by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Club. Any resolution shall be deemed to have been carried if due notice as provided for under Rule 39, has been given and the resolution has been carried by at least two-thirds of the members eligible to vote and excluding abstentions, by members voting in person or by proxy.

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## Schedule to the Rules concerning Membership

### 1. *MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES*

- 1.1 ADULT SINGLE (AS) is applicable to individual members aged 18 and over. This category of membership includes the member's children and grandchildren under the age of 8.
- 1.2 ADULT COUPLE (AC) is applicable to couples (defined as those in a marriage, civil partnership or a permanent cohabiting relationship) aged 18 and over. This category of membership includes the members' children and grandchildren under the age of 8.
- 1.3 FAMILY (FAM) is applicable to either of the above categories but includes the member's or members' children and/or grandchildren under the age of 24. The membership code shall be "FAM (AS)" where there is one parent or grandparent on the membership and "FAM (AC)" when both parents or grandparents are on the membership.  
Note: A SENIOR (S) suffix is applicable to persons aged 70 and above and can be applied to any of the above-mentioned categories.
- 1.4 YOUTH is applicable to young people between the ages of 12 and 17 who join but whose parents/guardians are not members. The written consent of the parent/guardian is required for such membership. A Club member is required to accept in loco parentis responsibility when a Youth Member under the age of 16 is using the Club. Youth Members shall have no voting rights.
- 1.5 ABSENT shall be granted for a period of a whole calendar year (but not less) to members who apply for it in writing to the General Manager prior to 31 December in the immediately preceding year. It is a dormant membership and carries with it no rights or privileges, except as laid down in the Bye-laws. Occasional visits to the Club may be made in accordance with Bye-law 2.2. Absent Members may not be introduced as guests. Absent Members shall have no voting rights.
- 1.6 TEMPORARY is applicable to those who apply to use the Club's facilities for a period of between 1 day and 1 month, up to a maximum of 31 days in any calendar year, to participate in or support a sailing-related activity. Temporary Members may not introduce guests to the Club. Temporary Members shall have no voting rights.
- 1.7 LIFE HONORARY and HONORARY may be offered by the Club in accordance with Rules 28 & 29. Honorary (as opposed to Life Honorary) Members shall have no voting rights. Life Honorary membership includes the member's children and grandchildren under the age of 24.
- 1.8 WINTER YOUTH TRAINING is available from 1 October to 31 March for those under age 18 joining to participate in Club class training. It includes parents in a non-sailing capacity, who shall have no voting rights.

2. *AGE LIMITS*
- 2.1 Where age is mentioned in the above categories of membership or in the schedule of charges, it shall refer to the member's age on 1 January.

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- 2.2 On reaching the upper limit of age mentioned in any of the above categories of membership or the schedule of charges, the membership shall automatically be transferred to the appropriate new category, and the changed subscriptions, as laid down in the Bye-laws, shall be payable from the following 1 January.

# HISC Bye-laws

These bye-laws were updated after the HISC General Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## **1. GENERAL**

Failure to comply with these Bye-laws will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action being taken under Club Rule 33.

### **1.1 CONDUCT AND DRESS**

Members their guests and visitors are expected to behave safely and with politeness, respect and consideration for others and to behave at all times with politeness, respect and consideration for other Club users and staff.

Those using the dining room or bars shall dress in a clean and tidy manner and wear a shirt and footwear. No wet or sandy persons are allowed inside the Clubhouse on the first floor.

### **1.2 DAMAGE TO CLUB PROPERTY – LIABILITY**

Any damage to the premises or property of the Club shall be made good by the person(s) concerned who shall inform the General Manager when it occurs. Members are responsible for any damage caused by their guests.

### **1.3 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBER**

Members, their guests and visitors use the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, entirely at their own risk and in so doing agree that:

The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.

Before inviting any guests or visitors on to the Club premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, members should draw their attention to this Bye-law.

### **1.4 CONSERVATION**

Digging and the building of sandcastles is to be confined to the beach. To prevent erosion, digging in the sand dunes is prohibited.

Digging for bait in the fundus owned by the Club is prohibited.

### **1.5 CAR SPEED LIMIT AND CAR PARKING**

Vehicles should be driven at an appropriately safe speed while on Club premises, but at not more than 10mph, or 5mph in the dinghy park.

Access to the Club by vehicle is controlled by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (“ANPR”), so members and guests must provide the office with the number plate of any vehicle they wish to bring to the Club.

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Vehicle parking is prohibited in areas other than the designated car parks.

Vehicles (excluding vehicles owned by HISC) are not allowed into the main dinghy park, beyond the barriers, without permission from the duty manager or a Flag Officer. All movements of vehicles in the dinghy park, during weekend or the months of July and August, must be supervised and directed by a nominated adult who is outside the vehicle.

The overflow car park (behind the RNLI Hayling Station) shall be opened by the Club when additional space is required for daytime car parking. Additionally, the Club has local authority permission for use of the site for overnight parking for up to 28 nights per year for cars, boats and trailers. These will be designated by the General Committee. At no time shall any vehicles, boats or trailers within the car park be moved between the hours of 2000 and 0700.

A number of parking spaces alongside the Stocker accommodation block shall be reserved for those holding Blue Badge parking permits or restricted mobility passes issued by the club. Other members or visitors must not park in these spaces.

## **1.6 ANIMALS**

With the exception of guide dogs, animals may not be brought into the Club building, accommodation blocks or onto the balcony.

Dogs must be kept on a short leash at all times and must not be left unattended when on the Club premises, which includes the beach.

Members must clean up after their animals.

## **1.7 PROPERTY**

All property belonging to members legitimately left on the Club premises must be clearly marked with the owner's identity.

## **1.8 GRATUITIES AND STAFF FUND**

Where members wish to give a gratuity to any employee this should be through a donation to the Staff Fund made through the office.

## **1.9 RADIOS**

Playing loud music is prohibited within the precincts of the Club except when authorised for Club social events. In the accommodation blocks radios and music systems may be used at low volume and only between 0700hrs and 2300hrs.

## **1.10 FISHING**

Fishing using rods, hand lines or nets is prohibited in any form from the pontoon and boats secured to the pontoon. Fishing from the foreshore is only permitted when

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sailing is not taking place. Fish hooks are to be kept in closed containers when on Club premises to prevent accidents.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1 MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND WRISTBANDS**

Membership cards or wristbands must be carried whilst on the Club premises and produced on request. These should be used as the normal method of payment in Club bars and the restaurant.

### **2.2 ABSENT MEMBERS**

Absent members are encouraged to maintain contact with the Club, and for this purpose may visit the Club on up to a maximum of 6 days per calendar year. A member who wishes to visit more frequently should seek the Club's prior approval by writing in the first instance to the General Manager explaining the reasons for the visits.

### **2.3 MEMBERS' GUESTS**

Members may introduce guests, but no individual may be introduced on more than six days in a calendar year, except as determined otherwise by the General Committee. The host member must enter the name and address of a guest in one of the visitors' books which are to be kept in the main bar and reception and should at no time leave the Club premises while the guest is present, except to go afloat.

Family members aged 16 and 17 and Youth members aged 16 and 17 may sign in a maximum of two guests at any one time.

Family members aged under 16 and Youth members aged under 16 may not sign in guests except on the occasion of dances and discos when they may introduce a single guest.

The host member is responsible for ensuring that the guest is aware of and complies with the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club. The General Manager, any member of the General Committee or the senior member of staff on duty may expel any guest whose conduct is unacceptable.

### **2.4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN**

Children must be always under the control of a responsible adult whilst on Club premises.

The Club cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control over children whether afloat or ashore. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's behaviour on Club premises and for ensuring that their children comply with the Club rules and bye-laws. Parents and guardians are advised that safety facilities afloat are only provided for children engaged in official Club activities.

Children and/or any person under the age of 18 must not use the beach winches - see

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also 4.19 below.

## 2.5 SAILING DUTIES

Members in the Adult Single, Adult Couple and Family membership categories aged 18 or over and under the age of 70, are required to undertake sailing duties, but may be excused if they have special limitations or circumstances made known to the General Manager in accordance with the Club Duties Policy.

Any member who fails to book their required duties by the specified deadline will be referred to General Committee to decide appropriate action.

Failure to carry out a booked duty, or to organise a replacement for such a duty, will incur a fine as defined in the Club Duties Policy.

Members in the Absent, Temporary and Honorary categories and members under the age of 18 and age 70 or over are exempt from sailing duties except on a voluntary basis.

## 2.6 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions become payable on 1 January each year. Subscriptions will be paid in equal instalments over 12 months of the year by direct debit, or in a lump sum at the start of the year. New members will pay their first year's subscription on joining either by direct debit or in a lump sum. Those joining after 31 January will have the annual membership subscription for the year of joining reduced pro rata on a monthly basis, paying the rate appropriate to the month of their acceptance as probationary members.

## 2.7 CHANGING CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may apply to change their category of membership at any time by writing to the General Manager and paying the subscription appropriate to the new category. However, where a change of membership category occurs before the full entrance fee has been paid the fee appropriate to the membership category on joining must be paid to completion.

## 2.8 HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Members appointed under Rule 29 shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership, but subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) they shall have no voting rights, and are not eligible to stand for elected positions or sit as members of Club committees;
- (b) their membership does not extend to spouses/partners or children;
- (c) they shall have no rights to register a boat at the Club, or to a mooring, or participate in Club sailing activities;
- (d) they may only introduce spouses/partners as guests;
- (e) their membership shall not count towards mooring points.

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## 3. HOUSE

### 3.1 OPENING HOURS OF PUBLIC ROOMS

The Clubhouse shall be open at times agreed by the General Committee and posted on the Club website, but to save staff costs these may be changed at short notice if there are insufficient members present to justify opening the club.

No more than six times a year the House Committee may close the Main Bar, Dining Room, and Servery areas of the Club, for a House Event, to anyone without a valid ticket to attend the function. During these occasions the Lounge Bar will be open to all including under 18's.

### 3.2 SMOKING and E-CIGARETTES

- (a) The Club actively discourages smoking and vaping on Club premises.
- (b) Smoking and vaping is strictly prohibited inside Club buildings and on the balcony to the west side of the main bar.

### 3.3 MEALS

Hours of meals are as advertised on the Club website (but see Bye-law 3.1).

Picnic meals are not to be taken into or consumed in the Club's bars or dining room.

### 3.4 BAR

The bar will be open for the supply and consumption of alcoholic beverages on Club premises at times advertised on the Club website (but see Bye-law 3.1).

Drinks will be supplied during permitted hours in the bars. All glasses should be returned to the bar.

The staff are authorised to use their discretion in refusing to supply alcoholic beverages should they feel there is good reason.

With the exception of champagne, persons are not permitted to bring their own liquor onto the premises. Corkage on champagne may be charged at a rate to be decided by the House Committee.

Persons under the age of 18 may not order or be supplied with intoxicating liquor.

### 3.5 ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation bookings should be made to the club office, by phone or online, as early as possible. Accommodation must be paid for in full at the time of booking.

Our cancellation policy states that we will refund you in full if you cancel your booking 48 hours prior to your arrival. Cancellation within the 48 hours is non-

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refundable.

No persons under the age of 16 will be allocated accommodation unless an adult, who has responsibility for the young person, is also accommodated in the club.

Members can book guests into accommodation if the accommodation is booked and paid for by the member. Guests must be signed in by the member in the visitor's book.

## ***3.6 CAMPER VANS AND SLEEPING ON SITE – LIMITATIONS***

No vehicle may be used for sleeping accommodation within the precincts of the Club.  
No caravan or tent may be placed within the precincts of the Club.

Motorhomes or campervans over 5.5m in length, or privately owned commercial vehicles over 6.0m in length, shall not be allowed to park on site at any time.

Vehicles over this length may enter the site briefly for the purpose of dropping off or collecting dinghies and equipment. Such access is confined to before 0930 and after 1700 (1600 on Sundays). Exceptionally, and only when the Club is quiet, access at other times may be possible by prior arrangement with the Club office.

## ***3.7 USE OF THE BEACH***

The beach surrounding the Club's site is the property of the Club and its use is confined to Club members, their guests and authorised visitors, and fishermen at permitted times.

Members are permitted to hold informal barbeques on the beach. Large barbecue parties (more than 20 attendees) require the prior approval of the General Manager to ensure that they do not conflict with Club social events and comply with the Club's health and safety policy; and where such events involved provided catering, the Club's catering services must be used.

Members holding barbeques must have regard for the Club's relationships with its neighbours; and must ensure that the beach is left clean of litter arising from their activities.

Use of the water and hosepipes on the beach should be kept to the shortest possible time. Hosepipe users are responsible for turning off the water and putting the hosepipe away after use.

## ***3.8 LOUNGE BAR – LIMITATIONS TO ACCESS***

Persons under the age of 18 may only enter the lounge bar when given permission by the General Manager, except when it is operating as a coffee bar (when persons under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult), or as permitted in bye-law 3.1.

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## **3.9 USE OF THE CHANGING ROOMS**

To help limit the Club's environmental impact, keep costs down and be considerate to other members, the showers should be used for the shortest possible time, ideally for no more than 3 minutes.

Use of cameras is prohibited in the changing rooms.

## **3.10 MOBILE PHONES/LAPTOPS**

Mobile phones may be used discreetly and with due consideration to others in the Clubhouse. Use of mobile phones, computers and home/office working is prohibited in the dining room when it is required for the service of meals apart from breakfast.

Mobile phones should only be used for essential calls in the changing rooms.

## **3.11 SECURITY**

Members are to comply with security arrangements into and within the Club. Members are not permitted to enter prohibited areas or to fail to comply on direction on access.

# **4 MARINE**

## **4.10 APPLICABILITY**

All references to craft relate to the Club's approved list of watersports craft which is reviewed regularly by the General Committee and is posted on the Club Noticeboard.

## **4.11 REGISTRATION OF SAILING DINGHIES ("DINGHIES")**

- (a) A member wishing to bring a sailing dinghy to the Club must apply to have it registered. Dinghies may only go afloat from the Club if they have been registered.
- (b) Upon payment of the appropriate fee, dinghies accepted will be issued with one of the following classes of registration:
  - i. Annual Registration for Launching; entitling that dinghy to be launched from HISC, but not to be parked overnight. It may be left at the Club during the nights immediately before and after the day on which it is launched.
  - ii. Annual Registration for Launching and Parking; entitling that dinghy to be launched from HISC and parked for all that year in an allocated space.
  - iii. Day Registration for Launching; entitling that dinghy to be launched from HISC, but not to be parked overnight unless consecutive days have been registered for in advance.
- (c) Registration plaques/tags will be issued and shall be displayed on the dinghy and / or its trolley such that they are clearly visible when covers are on.
- (d) All dinghies shall be registered in the name of a person aged 18 or over. Dinghies normally used by persons under 18 shall be registered in the name of a parent/guardian.

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## 4.12 REGISTRATION OF RIGID INFLATABLE BOATS (“RIBs”)

- (a) A member wishing to bring a RIB to the Club must apply to have it registered. RIBs may only go afloat from the Club if they have been registered.
- (b) Upon payment of the appropriate fee, RIBs accepted will be issued with one of the following classes of registration:
  - i. Annual Registration for Launching; entitling that RIB to be launched from HISC by arrangement with the Marine Team when requested by the member, but not to be parked overnight. It may be left at the Club during the nights immediately before and after the day on which it is launched.
  - ii. Annual Registration for Launching and Parking; entitling that RIB to be launched from HISC by arrangement with the Marine Team when requested by the member, and parked for all that year in an allocated space.
  - iii. Annual Registration without launch; entitling that RIB to be launched from HISC by the member, but not to be parked overnight.
  - iv. Day Registration with launch: entitling that RIB to be launched from HISC by arrangement with the Marine Team on that day, but not to be parked overnight unless consecutive days have been registered for in advance.
  - v. Day Registration without launch: entitling that RIB to be launched from HISC by the member on that day, but not to be parked overnight unless consecutive days have been registered for in advance.
- (c) Day registration fees may be waived by arrangement with the Marine Manager where a RIB is being launched in support of a Club activity or event.
- (d) Registration plaques/tags will be issued and shall be displayed on the RIB and/or its trolley such that they are clearly visible when covers are on.
- (e) All RIBs shall be registered in the name of a person aged 18 or over.

## 4.13 REGISTRATION AND STORAGE OF BOARD SPORTS, ROWING AND PADDLE CRAFT

- (a) A list of the Club’s approved board sports, rowing and paddle craft is posted on the Club Noticeboard.
- (b) Members are required to register and pay the appropriate fee if there is anyone in their membership that launches sailboards (including with foils) and/or wingfoils from HISC. One registration is required at membership level, regardless of how many users there are within that membership or how many boards are being used.
- (c) Members within a membership that has registered must wear, or be prepared to show, any proof of registration that may be issued by HISC.
- (d) Members are not required to register rowing and paddle craft (including stand-up paddle boards) to launch from HISC.

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- (e) Board sports craft (including stand-up paddle boards) can only be kept at the Club overnight in a locker or trailer space which has been allocated and paid for in accordance with Club policy, or if they are neatly stored in a dinghy or securely fastened above the deck of a dinghy which has an allocated space.
- (f) Rowing and paddle craft can only be kept overnight at the Club if they are neatly stored in a dinghy or securely fastened above the deck of a dinghy which has an allocated space, or in a space approved by the Marine Manager.

## *4.14 REMOVAL OF CRAFT*

In the event that it is required to remove a craft or any associated equipment from Club premises, the process shall comply with Club Rules 48 and 49, and follow the guidance given in the policy document entitled 'Policy and Process for Unregistered Craft'.

## *4.15 DINGHY AND RIB PARKING*

- (a) Craft accepted by the Club for Annual Registration for Launching and Parking may only be parked at the Club on allocation of an authorised space. Spaces are offered at the discretion of the General Committee and are allocated to members in accordance with the Club's policy which is regularly reviewed.
- (b) Members are responsible for the tidiness of their allocated space.
- (c) Craft may be moved on the direction of a member of the Sailing Committee or the Marine Manager.
- (d) Craft and equipment may not be left on the sand dunes or within any fenced-off area, unless approved by the Marine Manager.

## *4.16 MOORING TENDERS*

Mooring holders may keep a tender to the boat kept on their Club mooring (of maximum length 4 meters, including any attached outboard motor or other appendages) upon payment of an appropriate fee. This tender must be clearly marked "Tender to (name of moored boat)" and must be kept in the area set aside for tenders, which is east of the pontoon and must be removed from this area by 31 October for the duration of the winter. Harbour dues for tenders must be paid directly to Chichester Harbour Conservancy. The Harbour plaque supplied with the registration fee, and Club tag must be clearly displayed.

## *4.17 TRAILERS*

There are no facilities for trailer storage on site, and trailers must be removed from Club premises when not in use. Where this is not possible, trailers must be parked under registered craft in allocated spaces. These trailers must be clearly marked at the front, in paint or indelible pen, with the owner's name and class of craft.

The club offers an off-site facility at which members may store trailers on payment of a fee.

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In accordance with Rules 49 and 50 the Club may move improperly parked and unmarked trailers to this facility (removing locks when necessary) and charge their owners a storage and administrative fee.

## **4.18 DAY SAILING**

Members' guests and authorised visitors may bring non-powered craft to the Club for day sailing. They must obtain permission in advance from the office and pay a day sailing fee prior to going afloat, which will be charged at a rate to be laid down by the General Committee. Permission is likely to be withheld when the Club is busy. The craft may not be left at the Club overnight unless consecutive days have been paid for in advance and may only participate in Club racing with prior agreement of a member of Racing Committee or the Marine Manager.

On entering Club premises guests must be signed into the Visitor's Book by the member hosting them; and authorised visitors must be signed into the Visitor's Book by a member of staff.

Day sailing for guests and authorised visitors is limited to 6 days per calendar year.

## **4.19 REGISTRATION AND STORAGE CHARGES**

Charges for registration and for the parking and storage of craft will be at rates laid down by the General Committee.

## **4.20 HARBOUR DUES**

- (a) Members are required to abide by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy requirements regarding the payment of harbour dues and the display of the appropriate plaque.
- (b) The Club has entered into an agreement with the Chichester Harbour Conservancy where by the Club is responsible for the collection of harbour dues and the issue of plaques for certain types of craft (broadly speaking, those up to 20 feet in length). Members owning such craft shall be responsible for the payment of the harbour dues to the Club.
- (c) For all other craft members should pay their harbour dues directly to the Harbour Office.

## **4.21 HARBOUR BYE-LAWS**

No member may engage in any activity, which contravenes the harbour Bye-laws.

## **4.22 RACE BOX**

- (a) Access by members to the race box is prohibited (except in cases of emergency) with the exception of Flag Officers, staff as designated by the Marine Manager and the Sailing Committee for the event(s) underway and those permitted by the latter.
- (b) Children under the age of 12 are prohibited from the race box and its access at all times.

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## **4.23 INSURANCE OF CRAFT**

All craft kept on, or going afloat from, Club property or moorings, or taking part in any event or training organised by the Club shall be insured against third party risks to a minimum of two million pounds (or its equivalent in any other currency) or such other amount as shall be agreed by the General Committee. Any change in the required level of insurance cover will be posted on the Club website.

## **4.24 DAMAGE TO MOORED BOATS**

Any member whose craft is in collision with a moored boat at the Club causing any damage whatsoever must report the facts to the Club office at the earliest opportunity.

## **4.25 LIMITATIONS TO GOING AFLOAT**

- (a) Any member or visitor going afloat at any time does so at his or her own risk.
- (b) Members going afloat should comply with RYA Safety Recommendations.
- (c) When Club patrol (rescue) boats are not manned, a charge may be made for any rescue performed at a rate as decided by the General Committee.

## **4.26 RETURN OF CLUB TROPHIES**

All Club trophies must be returned to the Marine Manager by the Spring General Meeting. Trophy winners are expected to meet the costs of engraving (except where this is met from Class funds).

## **4.27 RUNWAYS AND SLIPWAYS**

- (a) Runways and slipways are to be kept clear of vehicles and road trailers.
- (b) Member's and visitor's RIBS may only be launched from the east slipway. In exceptional circumstances, permission may be given by the Duty Manager or a Flag Officer, for RIBS to be launched from the dinghy slipway.

## **4.28 EQUIPMENT**

Any mechanically propelled equipment, such as tractors, loaders and dumpers, shall only be operated on the Club's premises by a trained driver who has been approved by the General Manager. For safety reasons, the General Manager may require the operation of such equipment to be supervised by at least one person in addition to the driver.

## **4.29 USE OF THE MARINE SHED**

The Marine Shed may, from time to time, be available for hire for the purpose of working on craft in accordance with the Club policy. The space may be hired by the day (up to a maximum of 5 days at any one time) at a rate as decided by the General Committee. Bookings should be made through the office.

## **4.30 PONTOON**

- (a) Use of the pontoon is restricted to those who require access to boats using the pontoon.
- (b) Swimming, diving, running and horseplay from/on the pontoon, or from/on boats secured to the pontoon, is prohibited.

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- (c) Anyone using the pontoon and/or the HISC Tender Service must wear a personal flotation device.
- (d) Children under the age of ten must be accompanied by an adult when using the pontoon.
- (e) The outer side of the outer end of the pontoon is reserved for HISC committee boats.
- (f) Vessels are permitted to secure to the pontoon for a maximum of 20 minutes. This timelimit does not apply to boats being used in support of race or other Club duties.
- (g) No vessel, other than the HISC tender service boat may secure to the outer side of the pontoon between sunset and sunrise.
- (h) Rafting of vessels on the outer end of the pontoon is prohibited. Berths designated for rescue and tender service boats must be kept clear of other vessels at all times.
- (i) Access throughout the length of the pontoon deck shall not be obstructed at any time.
- (j) Commercial fishing boats are not permitted to use the pontoon.
- (k) No mooring or securing of vessels to the walkway or bridge is permitted.

## *4.31 BEACH WINCHES*

The beach winches must not be operated by any member or guest;

- under the age of 18, and/or
- who has not been trained in their use.

Any member or visitor using the beach winches has an obligation of care to other beach users and or those in proximity to the winches.