## CONSTITUTION

## of the

## EMMARENTIA SAILING CLUB

## 1. TITLE AND HEADQUARTERS

1.1. The name of the Club shall be the EMMARENTIA SAILING CLUB hereinafter referred to as the "Club."
1.2. The headquarters of the Club comprising clubhouse, boat houses, dinghy park, bridge, patio and lawns, shall be at Emmarentia Dam, Corner Olifants Rd and Louw Geldenhuys Johannesburg.
1.3. The founding date of the Club is acknowledged to be 22nd January 1956.
1.4. This Revision of 25 March 2021.

## 2. CLUB COLOURS

2.1. The Club Burgee shall be a triangular flag, vertically halved red and white, with a sailing cockleshell in white on the red next to the staff.
2.2. The Commodore's Broad Pennant shall be of similar design but swallow-tailed. The ViceCommodore's pennant shall be similar to the Commodore's, but with a red disc in the fly. The Rear Commodore's pennant, also similar to the Commodore's, shall have two red discs in the fly.
2.3. The Club cap badge shall be reduced size replica of the Club Burgee.
2.4. The Club blazer badge shall be a replica of the Burgee, flying from a staff and set over the letters "E.S.C."
2.5. The Club tie shall be navy blue, patterned with miniature replicas of the Club Burgee.
2.6. The Club uniform may be worn by all members and shall consist of a navy blue or black blazer, having a Club Badge on the breast pocket, worn with a Club tie and a yachting cap with the Club cap badge.

## 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

The objectives of the Club shall be to foster and promote :-
3.1. Recreational and competitive sailing
3.2. Associated aquatic sports,
3.3. Organising and managing recreational, racing, training and social functions both on land and on water.

## 4. CRAFT

4.1. The craft which shall be permitted to be used and sailed at Emmarentia Dam by members of, or visitors to the Club shall be limited to:
4.1.1. Sailing dinghies, yachts or sailboards with a total sail area of mainsail and foresails (not including spinnaker) not exceeding $20,0 \mathrm{~m} 2$.
4.1.2. Canoes, kayaks or boards propelled by a paddle or by sail, provided that canoes operating under sail conform to the sail area limit.
4.1.3. Power-driven vessels other than official craft are forbidden, except for the safety boats operated by the Club.
4.1.4. Catamarans are permitted at the discretion of the Committee on the day of sailing with a total sail area of mainsail and foresails ( not including spinnaker) not exceeding $20,0 \mathrm{~m} 2$.
4.2. The Committee has the right to ban any craft which is in its opinion unsafe, unseaworthy, or potentially dangerous to other users of the water or other craft.
4.3. The Club shall primarily promote and encourage scratch racing between boats of recognised racing classes, and shall provide for such in its racing program. A "class" shall be deemed to have been established in the Club for any season by the due entry for racing in that season of not less than FIVE boats of that class and that a class race shall only be recognised if not less than THREE boats of the said class start.
4.4. The race program shall also include such general handicap racing, as the Committee shall from time to time think desirable.
4.5. The Club shall also provide handicap racing for an 'O' (Open) class consisting of boats of recognised racing classes of which there are not enough to form a separate class in terms of clause 4.3 and of boats otherwise ineligible for inclusion in a racing class.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to persons who are interested in the objects of the Club and who shall apply for membership and be accepted as provided herein.
5.2. Membership does not and shall not give any member any right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to any of the money, property or assets of the Club.
5.3. Membership shall confer upon any such member only the rights of entering in and upon the premises and grounds of the Club, of participating in the activities of the Club and of enjoying the facilities provided. All members shall be bound by the Constitution and by such rules and regulations as the Committee may have from time to time imposed and which are then in force.
5.4. In case of dispute as to the interpretation of the Constitution, rules and regulations, members shall be bound by the decision of the Committee.
5.5. The liability of members is limited to Water Access fees, SA Sailing fees and charges due and payable to the Club and no Member shall be liable for the debts or obligations of the Club.
5.6. The Club reserves the right to align membership grades, associated ages and definitions in line with SA Sailing membership grades as necessary without constitutional amendment.
5.7. Membership shall consist of the grades listed in Table 1 with benefits as listed in Table 2:

Table 1 Member Grades

| Member Grade | Age Range | Definition <br> Note 1 - Other than Family Membership any Member 's family are access restricted as guests where allowed. <br> Note 2 - Parental consent required if <19yrs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Family - Partners <br> Children | >19yrs | Multiple person membership for first-order familial relationships to each other |
|  | <19yrs | Child/children (biological, step or adopted) |
| Individual | 30-69yrs |  |
| Intermediate | 19-29yrs |  |
| Intermediate Tertiary Institution | 19-29yrs | Studying at Tertiary Institution. |
| Youth Tertiary Institution Members | <19yrs | Studying at Tertiary Institution. |
| Youth Members | <19yrs | Parental consent necessary. |
| Social Family-Partners <br> Children | >19yrs | Multiple person membership for first-order familial relationships to each other. Non-sailing |
|  | <19yrs | Child/children (biological, step or adopted) |
| Social (Individual) | Any age | Non-sailing |
| Development | Any age | Sail training only - transition to other member grade on completion of training period. |
| Radio Sailing | Any age | Radio controlled boat |
| Associate Club Representative | Any age | Represents any aquatic Associate club permitted by arrangement to utilize Club facilities. Associate club members shall register as Social Members. |
| Associate Club Social | Any age | Non-sailing associate club members shall register as Social Members. |
| Temporary | Any age | Once off day member |

Table 2 Benefits

| Member Grade | Grounds/ <br> Facilities <br> Access | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Vote } \\ & >19 y r s \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 2 \\ \text { Vote } \\ <19 y r s \end{gathered}$ | Electable as Committee Officer | Co-optable as Committee Officer | Invite Guests |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { Family -Partner } \\ \text { each } \\ \text { Children each } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\checkmark$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |
|  | $\sqrt{\text { Excl Bar }}$ |  | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |
| Individual | $\checkmark$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Intermediate | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |
| Intermediate Tertiary Institution | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Youth Tertiary Institution Members | $\checkmark$ |  | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |
| Youth Members | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Social FamilyPartner each | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  | $\sqrt{ }$ |
|  | $\sqrt{\text { Excl Bar }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social (Individual) | $\sqrt{ }$ |  |  |  |  | $\sqrt{ }$ |
| Development | $\sqrt{ }$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Radio Sailing (Vote subject to age) | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |
| Associate Club Representative (Vote subject to age) | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |
| Associate Club Social | $\sqrt{ }$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary | $\sqrt{ }$ |  |  |  |  |  |

5.8. Benefit Definition
5.8.1. Grounds/Facilities - Make use of the facilities on Club days and by arrangement at other times. Members under 19yrs may not use the bar.
5.8.2. Vote - Full member vote
5.8.3. $\quad 1 / 2$ Vote - Half full member vote
5.8.4. Electable as Committee Officer - those functions defined in Section 9 Officers of the Club
5.8.5. Co-optable as Committee Officer - assist the Committee by invitation to fill a vacant office or an ad hoc role.
5.8.6. Guests - Invite once per month as defined in Section 7.

## 6. REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS

6.1. Prospective members shall register on the Club website at
www.emmarentiasailingclub.co.za, filling in all details, and using their birthday (CCMMDD) and seven other digits instead of an Identity number, clicking on "conditions
of membership" and then submitting the electronic form. This will confirm their email address and serve to register a prospective member.
6.2. Payment of Fees shall confirm membership of the Club including:-
6.1.1 Water Access fees which may be single or several part payments by
arrangement.
6.1.2 SA Sailing Water Access fees - always payable in full for the year.
6.1.3 Other levies as determine by Committee if applicable.

## 7. VISITORS

7.1. A Member, where allowed, may introduce guests to the Club once a month, by the entry of the name and address of such guest in the Visitors Book hardcopy or electronic provided for the purpose and by signing their own name opposite to it. Such introductions shall hold good for one day only, and each member shall be limited to a maximum of four guests at any one time.
7.2. The spouse/partner and children, under 19 years of age, of a Member may be introduced by the Member without putting their names in the Visitors Book hardcopy or electronic .
7.3. Only members of the Club, or at the discretion of the Committee, visitors who are members in good standing of other Sailing Clubs, may take part in organised Club races as a skipper or helmsman. Relatives of members wishing to participate in races as skippers or helmsman must apply for the appropriate grade of membership.
7.4. Members introducing visitors shall be responsible for their conduct and shall ensure that their guests comply with the Constitution of the Club and any rules and regulations in force at the time.

## 8. FEES AND ACCOUNTS

8.1. Entrance fees and Water Access fees to the Club shall be as determined at each Annual General Meeting.
8.2. The Financial Year of the Club shall commence on the $1^{\text {st }}$ April and terminate on $31^{\text {st }}$ March of the following year.
8.3. Persons applying for membership shall pay per rata the full Water Access fee, from the nearest quarter year from date of joining to the end of the financial year. The joining fee shall be paid in full irrespective of the remaining period of the financial year $1^{\text {st }}$ April to 31 March. The SA Sailing yearly levy shall be paid in full to the Club, to pay over on the Member's behalf, irrespective of the date of joining the Club.
8.4. Any Member who fails to pay the Water Access fee within three months of the date of the rendering of any account for the same shall ipso facto cease to be a member. An account shall be deemed to have been rendered if handed personally to the member, or if emailed
to the member's email address in the Club Register, or by any other means of electronic transmission instituted by the Club from time to time.
8.5. Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club may do so by notifying the Secretary or Treasurer, and upon payment of any liabilities due to the Club by the Member. No refund of Water Access fee will become due for any unexpired period.
8.6. Members shall be liable to a Water Access fee for the following fiscal year unless the Secretary has received notice of resignation before $31^{\text {st }}$ March.

## 9. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

9.1. President
9.1.1. An adult Member of the Club may be elected to hold office as Club President.
9.1.2. Election to the position shall be in recognition of outstanding services rendered to the Club or for other special reason.
9.1.3. The President shall be elected on the special recommendation of the General Committee by a two-thirds majority of votes at an Annual General Meeting or by Special General Meeting of Members, due notice of nomination having been placed on the Agenda for the Meeting.
9.1.4. The President shall rank as an Officer of the Club and shall ex-officio be entitled to membership of the General Committee, the Sailing Committee and all other duly appointed committees or sub-committees of the Club and shall have a vote thereon.
9.1.5. The provisions of Rule 10.3 shall not apply to the President.
9.1.6. Once appointed, the President shall continue to hold office until voluntary resignation, but shall resign if requested to do so by a resolution of members passed by a two-thirds majority of votes at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of Members, due notice of the resolution having been placed on the Agenda of the Meeting.
9.1.7. The President shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Full Member without payment of an annual Water Access fee
9.2. The Officers of the Club are listed in Table 3

Table 3 Club Officers

| Office | Role / Duties |
| :--- | :--- |
| President | $\circ$ |
|  | Be the Patron of the Club. <br> $\circ$ |
| Do all in their power to further its objectives. |  |


| Office | Role / Duties |
| :---: | :---: |
| Vice-Commodore | - Support the Commodore <br> - Deputise on their behalf in their absence. <br> - Organise racing, <br> - Act as liaison officer with the Dabulamanzi Canoe Club, Normalair Underwater Club, Linden Lifesaving Club, local Scout Groups, Emmarentia Rate Payers Association and any other associated clubs and bodies. <br> - Management of Operational Staff as delegated |
| Rear-Commodore | - Support the Commodore, and Vice Commodore. <br> - In their absence fulfill all their roles - refer role duties above <br> - Management of Operational Staff as delegated |
| Secretary | - Keep minutes of all meetings of the Club, <br> - Receive and reply to all correspondence as directed by the Committee, <br> - Keep the official log of the Club, Member Register, Watercraft Register. |
| Treasurer | - Invoice members for Water Access fee and other charges due within a short period of charges falling due, <br> - Hold the funds of the Club, <br> - Bank them in a Bank or other suitable institution determined by the Committee, <br> - Produce statements of the accounts at Committee meetings, <br> - Receive and account for all monies coming into the Club, <br> - Make payments as directed by the Committee, <br> - Keep financial records, <br> - Prepare a Balance Sheet when required, and at the end of each financial year, <br> - Make electronic payments in conjunction with the Commodore or another duly appointed officer as required by the Committee. <br> - Together with the Club Administrator as agreed, manage the execution of these functions to ensure good governance |
| Bosun - Sailing | - Under the direction of the Committee, maintain in good order and repair, the Club boats and sailing equipment of the Club. <br> - Organise and control all work and working parties relevant to it as necessary. |
| Bosun - Shore | - Under the direction of the Committee, maintain in good order and repair, the grounds, property and non-sailing equipment of the Club. <br> - Organise and control all work and working parties relevant to it as necessary. |


| Office | Role / Duties |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bosun's mates (1 or more) | - Under the direction of the Bosun, assist individually and or as part of a work party as required. |
| Public Relations Officer (marketing \& communications) | - Actively market the club to the wider community <br> - Maintain a 1-2 weekly periodic flow of Club information in newsletters, on social media. <br> Ensure the website is up to date in conjunction with Committee. |

### 9.3. Office Term Limits

9.3.1. Members elected to Committee office bearers may not stand in the same role for more than 3 consecutive terms.

## 10. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

10.1. The management and control of the Club shall be vested in a General Committee, referred to heretofore and hereafter as the "Committee" consisting of:

### 10.1.1. The Commodore

10.1.2. The Vice-Commodore
10.1.3. The Rear-Commodore
10.1.4. The Secretary
10.1.5. The Treasurer
10.1.6. Bosun - Sailing
10.1.7. Bosun - Shore
10.1.8. Public Relations Officer - (marketing and communications)
10.2. They shall meet for the transaction of business on such occasions as the Commodore or the deputy shall decide. They shall have the power to fill vacancies on the Committee from amongst members in good standing to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
10.3. A member of the Committee, who has failed to attend three consecutive meetings, without a valid reason accepted by the Committee, shall vacate the seat.
10.4. The Committee shall make, vary and repeal rules and regulations for the management of the affairs of the Club, the use of Club grounds, property and equipment and all matters connected with the Club.
10.5. A majority of votes shall decide questions arising at any meeting of the Committee, and in case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to the deliberative vote.
10.6. The Committee shall cause Minutes of the proceedings to be kept electronically for that purpose together with a record of all resolutions duly passed.
10.7. The Committee shall, at its discretion, appoint sub-committees for such purposes and with such delegated powers as it may from time to time determine and to dissolve such sub-committees.
10.8. The Committee has the power to provide by resolution for the signature on behalf of the Club of all deeds, agreements, contracts and documents requiring such signature.
10.9. For the sustainability and development of its objects, the Club shall have the following ancillary powers which shall be exercised through the Committee:
10.9.1. To purchase, hire, lease, build or otherwise to acquire movable or immovable property for the Club.
10.9.2. To improve, alter, maintain and manage land, buildings or other erections controlled by the Club.
10.9.3. To sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with all or any part of the grounds, property or equipment owned by the Club.
10.9.4. To make financial arrangements for the functioning of the Club and to spend the monies of the Club in such a manner as they deem conducive to the Club's interests.
10.9.5. To open and operate a banking account at a bank or similar institution in the name of the Club, and to draw, accept and endorse bills, promissory notes and other negotiable interests, provided that monies shall only be withdrawn from a Club account under the signatures of at least two members of the Committee duly designated by the Committee.
10.9.6. To borrow or raise money, and as security for any monies so borrowed, pledge the whole or any part of the assets of the Club excluding the title to land which is owned by the Johannesburg Property Company for and on behalf of the City of Johannesburg.
10.9.7. To invest any monies of the Club and to vary any such investment provided that the income or profits therefrom shall be applied to the furtherance of the objects of the Club.
10.9.8. To apply to the relevant authorities for the grant, extension or renewal of any licenses or leases required by the Club.
10.9.9. To sue and be sued and to institute legal proceedings in the name of the Club and to defend or oppose any legal action brought against the Club, and for that purpose to engage the services of attorneys and council and to pay the fees.
10.9.10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee shall not have the power to expend or enter into any obligation leading to the expenditure of a sum exceeding R50,000 (Fifty Thousand Rand) on any one item. Nor to dispose of Club assets to a like value without the prior consent of the members of the Club by resolution passed at a properly convened Annual or Special General Meeting.
10.9.11. Each Member of the Committee shall be and is hereby indemnified by the Club against any loss, expense or damage incurred in the discharge of their duties, provided that such loss, expense or damage is not attributable to the own negligence. No Member of the Committee shall be held personally liable for acts done in good faith and for the benefit of the Club. No Members of the Committee shall be held liable for the acts or omissions of any other Member of the Committee.
10.10. Club Operations Staff

The Club may appoint Club operating staff on a part or full-time paid basis, including but not limited to those listed in Table 4.

Table 4 Club Operations Staff

| Operations Staff | Role / Duties |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Club Administrator | $\circ \quad$ Be the first contact person for prospective Club members. . |  |
|  | $\circ$ | Carry out job description to be defined by Committee. |
| Club Duty Officer | $\circ \quad$ Open and Secure the clubhouse on Sundays and other days |  |
|  | including public holidays as arranged with the Committee and or |  |
|  | Club Administrator. |  |

10.11. Club Operations Staff
10.11.1.Each paid staff member shall have a comprehensive job description against which they are performance managed by a designated Committee member.
10.11.2.Staff service conditions shall meet or exceed the Basic Conditions of Employment Act requirements.

## 11. SAILING COMMITTEE

11.1. The Sailing Committee shall consist of:

### 11.1.1. The Commodore

11.1.2. The Vice-Commodore
11.1.3. The Rear-Commodore

### 11.1.4. The Secretary

who may together, at their discretion, appoint Bridge Officers, a Rescue Officer, Handicapper and other officials to assist in the administration of the sailing affairs of the Club. They may co-opt to and discharge from the Sailing Committee, any or all of these
appointees or other persons, who because of special experience or qualifications, they consider would be able to assist them.
11.2. The Sailing Committee shall draw up a race program for each season in conformity with Clauses 4.3 to 4.5 of the Constitution. They shall promulgate such rules to govern racing as may be deemed advisable and be responsible for all matters appertaining to it.
11.3. They shall when necessary designate members or co-opted members of the Sailing Committee to hear and decide upon Protest Cases.
11.4. They may select a yacht or yachts to represent the Club in competitions and assist the owner in the selection of crew.
11.5. Bridge Officers shall, under the direction of the Sailing Committee, officiate at Club races and act as starters, timekeepers and judges.

## 12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### 12.1. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in, or about, March/April of each year. Fourteen days notice of such meeting shall be sent to every Member, together with a full Agenda. The Committee shall decide the place and type of meeting.

12.2. The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
12.2.1. Notice convening the meeting
12.2.2. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting
12.2.3. Minutes of any subsequent Special General Meetings
12.2.4. Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report
12.2.5. Commodore's Report
12.2.6. Confirmation of the election of Honorary Members
12.2.7. Consideration of any resolutions to alter or add to the Constitution of the Club, of which due notice has been given.
12.2.8. Election of Officers
12.2.9. Appointment of Examiners, if requested
12.2.10. Determination of Water Access fees and other Fees
12.2.11. Consideration of any resolutions concerning the affairs of the Club, of which due notice has been given.

### 12.3. General

12.3.1. At an Annual General Meeting the Committee shall not form part of the quorum.
12.3.1.1. The quorum for non-constitutional issues shall be the number of members equal to the active General Committee office bearers plus one other full voting member.
12.3.1.2. For constitutional alterations the quorum number of members shall equal the number of active General Committee office bearers plus two further full voting members.
12.3.2. Questions arising at an Annual General meeting shall be expressed as a Formal Resolution and decided by a majority of votes among those entitled to vote, and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to their deliberative vote. The election of officers shall be by written secret ballot. Other voting shall be by show of hands unless otherwise directed by the Chairman. Where virtual meetings are held voting may use applications that allow vote casting or a parallel application to the virtual meeting platform will be used.
12.3.3. Written votes will not be accepted, but Members who are entitled to vote may nominate in writing any other voting Member as their proxy to vote at an Annual General Meeting on their behalf. Proxy votes will not be considered as forming a part of the necessary quorum.
12.3.4. Any proposed alterations or additions to the Constitution of the Club shall be put into force only if the motion is carried by a two-thirds majority of the votes recorded by the voting members present at the meeting, including proxy votes.
12.3.5. Meetings may be held on a virtual basis where conditions require, with voting based on practical considerations of registration with the platform used. Where secret voting as in Section 12.4 is necessary an alternative communication media other than the virtual meeting platform will be used to record the vote, based on a designated vote recorder and their contact details who shall be present in the virtual meeting.
12.4. Clause 19.2 shall apply to any AGM.

## 13. PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS

13.1. A Member wishing to propose any alteration or addition to the Constitution or to raise any other matter related to the Club at an Annual General Meeting shall notify the Secretary putting the text of the proposal in writing in the form of a resolution. The resolution shall bear their own signature together with that of another member as seconder.
13.2. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time and shall be called by them upon receipt of a written request either through electronic media originating from or hardcopy, signed by the proposer and not less than eight other members, stating the business to be discussed.

## 14. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

14.1. The Secretary shall send Fourteen (14) days notice of a Special General meeting, called per clause 13.2 to every member unless the meeting is called for the alteration of or addition to the Constitution when at least twenty-eight (28) days notice shall be given.
14.2. Only such business may be discussed at a Special General meeting as appeared on the Agenda of the meeting. The voting procedure shall be as that for an Annual General Meeting.
14.3. Clause 19.2 shall apply to any SGM.

## 15. EXAMINER

15.1. An examiner or examiners may be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to examine the financial records of the Club at the end of each Financial year when requested to do so by the Committee.

## 16. WATERCRAFT

### 16.1. REGISTRATION

16.1.1. Every type of watercraft owned by a member of the Club shall be registered in a Register kept for that purpose by the Committee. The Register is to state the name, class and number of each vessel together with the owner's name, and contact details.
16.1.2. Any change of ownership or name shall be notified to the Secretary or ViceCommodore and entered in the Register.

### 16.2. WATERCRAFT STORAGE

16.2.1. Watercraft including dinghies, canoes, sailboards, SUPs and powered craft may be stored at the club subject to the Members good standing and space availability.
16.2.2. Storage shall be subject to fees set by the Committee each year at the AGM.
16.2.3. The committee shall allocate storage based on a waiting list for watercraft storage, available on request or published to the Club website or other electronic media.
16.2.4. Access to the storage area will be by arrangement or purchase of a spare key and an access tag/remote.
16.2.5. Storage in the boat houses is location specific. Storage in the dinghy park is not specific and craft used frequently will be parked close to the access gates. Infrequently used watercraft will gravitate to the rear of the dinghy park.
16.2.6. Any watercraft not being used regularly for more than 12 months shall be liable to lose storage rights and Members will, on request from the Committee, be asked to remove the watercraft within a month of the written notice being issued regardless of whether storage has been paid for or not. Member storage key will be withdrawn and their access tag/remote will be de-activated after the notice period.
16.2.7. Members failing to remove their watercraft after the notice period will forfeit ownership of the watercraft to the Club. The watercraft will be removed from storage and disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.

## 17. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

17.1. Should the conduct of any Member, either at the Club Headquarters or elsewhere, upon being brought to the attention of the Committee, be in the opinion of the Committee, unsportsmanlike or injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee may suspend the member or request the Member to resign. The Committee's opinion shall be formed after a full enquiry at which the member shall be given the opportunity of making representations. After receiving written notice from the Secretary, should any member persistently refuse to conform to the Constitution or any rules or regulation which may at the time be in force, and should the member not comply within 15 days from the date of the letter or email containing such request, the Committee is empowered to remove their name from the list of members.
17.2. A member so expelled has the right to appeal against the decision to a Special General Meeting provided that the appeal is lodged with the Secretary within seven days of the date of receipt of the notice of expulsion. The expulsion shall remain in effect pending the hearing of the appeal.
17.3. A member so expelled may rejoin the Club only by being proposed as a new Member and by unanimous vote of the Committee.

## 18. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

18.1. Alterations or additions to the Constitution of the Club shall only be made on the recommendation of the Committee, or at the request of a Member, by a motion duly carried at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, all in conformity with Clause 12 and Clause 14 of the Constitution.

## 19. WINDING UP

19.1. The Club may be wound up and its assets disposed of by resolution passed by a majority at a Special General Meeting. At such a Special General Meeting a majority shall be not less than two-thirds of the votes, given either in person or by proxy, of Members in good standing and eligible to vote provided that votes are received from not less than half of the total number of eligible voters.
19.2. If at any meeting so called, the requisite number of voting Members fails to attend, then the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day, time and place in the following week. At such adjourned meeting the voting Members present shall constitute a quorum and shall have full power to act.
19.3. In the event of winding up, and unless otherwise decided by Special General Meeting, the Club shall be wound up by the Committee then holding office, in conformity with resolutions passed at such Meeting.

## 20. GENERAL

20.1. The Club shall maintain a register of Club guidelines to improve general management and administration.
20.2. These guidelines shall be set on an ad hoc basis by the Committee and distributed via the website or other electronic media to Members whenever necessary.
20.3. The guidelines shall support the Constitution.
20.4. Guidelines may be adjusted by Members exercising their Constitutional rights by engaging in writing to the Committee.

## ORIGINALLY DRAFTED JANUARY 1956

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AMENDED 26 JUNE 1976
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COMPLETE REVISION AND UPDATE 8 June 2014
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