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1 Name

- 1.1 The Name of the Club is the National Yacht Club.

2 Object

- 2.1 The principal object for which the Club is established is to promote amateur sailing and yachting. In order to achieve this principal object the Club has the Subsidiary Objects listed in the Appendix hereto, which Appendix shall form part of these Rules.

3 Definitions

- 3.1 In these rules, unless inconsistent with the subject or context:

“Club” means the National Yacht Club;

“The General Committee” means the members of the General Committee for the time being as defined in Rule 25 hereof or members of the General Committee present at a meeting of the General Committee including any person occupying the position of a General Committee Member by whatever name called;

“In Writing” and “Written” includes typewriting, printing, lithography and all other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form;

“Month” means the calendar month;

Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;

Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.

4 Members

- 4.1 There shall be nine classes of Members, namely: Full Members, Honorary Members, Senior Members, Ensign Members, Clubhouse Members, Associate Members, Cadet Members, Junior Members and Temporary Members.
- 4.2 The number of Full Members is limited to a maximum of 650 within which maximum the number of Life Members is limited to those 35 created by resolution of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th March 1987. The number of other Members is unlimited.
- 4.3 Only Full Members and Honorary Members who were formerly Full Members, have rights in the property and management of the Club and are entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

5 Full Members

- 5.1 Full Members shall be ladies or gentlemen who are eighteen years of age or over at the date of their election. Full Members shall include Life Members whose Membership is identical to that of other Full Members in every respect except that they have paid their subscription for life in advance.
- 5.2 Full Members have reached 65 years of age and having been a Member of the Club for a minimum of ten years may apply to the General Committee for Senior Membership. If satisfied of the eligibility of a Member for Senior Membership status, the General Committee may declare a Member a Senior Members from the 1st of January in the year following the Senior Membership application. Senior Membership shall confer the same rights, entitlements and obligations as Full Membership in every respect except that from 2010 the annual subscription for new Senior Members shall be half of the subscription of Full Members in any year. For those Senior Members who qualified prior to 2010 and with effect from January 2014 the subscription rate for Senior Members will be 40% of the full subscription. With effect from January 2015, the subscription rate for Senior Members eligible prior to 2010 will be 45% of the full subscription. With effect from January 2016 the subscription rate for Senior Members eligible prior to 2010 will be 50% of the full subscription.

6 Family Members

- 6.1 A family consisting of husband and wife together with their children up to the age of 19 years may apply for Family Membership.
- 6.2 The family must nominate either husband or wife to be a Full Member. The other spouse is designated an Associate Member-Spouse. Children are designated Junior or Cadet Members as appropriate.
- 6.3 The entrance fee and annual subscription for family membership shall be decided in accordance with Rule 13.1

7 Honorary Members

- 7.1 The following shall, upon first election to office, be offered Honorary Membership which shall be effective upon acceptance in writing and which shall continue for their duration in office or until terminated by the Members in General Meeting, whichever shall be earlier:

The President of Ireland;
The President of the Irish Sailing Association;
The Commodore, Conway Yacht Club;
The Commodore, Dublin Bay Sailing Club;
The Commodore, Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht

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The Commodore, Holyhead Sailing Club;
The Commodore, Howth Yacht Club;
The Commodore, The Irish Cruising Club;
The Commodore, Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club;
The Commodore, Pwllheli Sailing Club;
The Commodore, Royal Alfred Yacht Club;
The Admiral, Royal Cork Yacht Club;
The Commodore, Royal Irish Yacht Club;
The Commodore Royal St George Yacht Club;
The Commodore, South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club;;
The Commodore, Wicklow Sailing Club;
The Chairman, Dun Laoghaire Combined Clubs;
The Chairman, Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company
The Chief Executive, Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company;
The Dun Laoghaire Harbour Master;
The Secretary of Dun Laoghaire Lifeboat;
The Chairman of the Dun Laoghaire Regatta;
Cathoirleach of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council;
Ambassadors as recommended by the Committee.
- 7.2 Serving Officers of Asgard II, Officers of the Irish Naval Service, Officers of the ILV Granuaile and Officers of Stena Line, while in uniform, shall, ex officio, be Honorary Members.
- 7.3 In addition, the General Committee shall have the power at its discretion also to propose, and the Members in General Meeting to elect:
- (a) Such Members as they consider desirable as Honorary Members of the Club. Such Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription, or Levy, and shall retain the same rights, entitlements and obligations as their previous membership category.
- (b) Such persons as they consider desirable as Honorary Members of the Club. Such Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription, or Levy and shall have the same rights, entitlements and obligations as Full Members save that they shall not have any rights in the property or management of the Club, or be eligible to propose for or to be elected as Officers of the Club or as members of the General Committee, or to attend or vote at General Meetings or to act as proposer or seconder for any category of Membership. Such Honorary Members shall be subject to re-election annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- 7.4 Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any Entrance Fee or Annual Subscription and shall have the same rights, entitlements and obligations
- as Full Members save that they shall not be eligible to propose for or to be elected as Officers of the Club or as members of the General Committee, or to attend or vote at General Meetings or to act as proposer or seconder for any category of Membership.
- ## 8 Clubhouse and Associate Members
- 8.1 Every candidate for Associate Membership shall be 18 years of age or over at the date of their election and shall fall into one of the following categories:
- (a) The spouse of a Full Member, Ensign Member or Clubhouse Member, widow or widower of a deceased Full Member who, if elected, shall be titled "Associate Member."
- (b) Persons whose principal place of business and primary residence is outside Ireland, and who in the opinion of the General Committee are likely to be limited in their ability to use the services of the Club, in which case if elected to membership, shall be titled "Associate Member - Overseas".
- (c) Persons whose principal place of business and primary residence is outside a radius of 100 kilometres from the Clubhouse, and who in the opinion of the General Committee are likely to be limited in their ability to use the services of the Club, in which case if elected to membership, shall be titled "Associate Member - Country".
- (d) A regular crew on a yacht owned by a full Member, not previously having held any category of membership of the Club, in which case, if elected to Member shall be titled "Associate Member - Crew". This category of membership is a concession and the committee may refuse to allow it where they feel it is not appropriate.
- (i) Associate Members - Crew shall enjoy the same privileges and incur the same obligations as conferred on other categories of Associate Member, save that they shall be entitled to use the Club facilities only between 1st April and 31st October in their membership year.
- (ii) Associate Members - Crew shall be eligible for such membership for a maximum of 3 years.
- 8.2 A Full Member in good standing of a corresponding yacht or sailing club or other association with which a special arrangement has been approved by the Members in General Meeting in accordance with Rule 17. Such Member shall, if elected, be titled "Associate Member - [Name of yacht or sailing club or association]" and such a Member shall

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immediately and automatically cease to be a Member of the National Yacht Club on the termination for whatever reason of his or her membership of the corresponding club or association. This form of membership is not available to candidates who normally sail in Dun Laoghaire, or whose place of residence is such, that in the opinion of the committee, this form of membership is inappropriate.

- 8.3 Clubhouse and Associate Members shall have no right in the property or management of the Club and shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any General Meeting of the Club, shall not be entitled to propose, second or support candidates for membership or for election to the General Committee, shall not be entitled to the allocation of yacht mooring or parking spaces and, if requiring election to Full Membership, shall be considered and approved by General Committee.
- 8.4 Candidates for Clubhouse Membership shall be ladies or gentlemen aged over fifty-five who are not and may not be (save as guests of other categories of Member as provided for in Rule 39) involved in sailing activities.
- 8.5 A Clubhouse Member shall not be liable for any entrance fee. His annual subscription shall be two-thirds that of a Full Member. In addition to the subscription he shall pay, in such manner as the General Committee may from time to time direct, an amount equivalent to his annual subscription by way of credit against the purchase of catering services from the Club.
- 8.6 Clubhouse Members having reached 70 years of age and having been a Clubhouse Member for a minimum of ten years may apply to the General Committee for Senior Clubhouse Membership. If satisfied of the eligibility of a Clubhouse Member for Senior Clubhouse Membership status, the General Committee may declare a Clubhouse Member a Senior Clubhouse Member from the 1st of January in the year following the Senior Clubhouse Membership application. Senior Clubhouse Membership shall confer the same rights, entitlements and obligations as Clubhouse Membership in every respect except that the annual subscription for Senior Clubhouse Members shall be the same as the subscription of Senior Members in any year.

9 Ensign and Cadet Members

- 9.1 Candidates for Cadet Membership may be ladies and gentlemen between the ages of 16 and 19 years at the date of their election and must show evidence of active participation in sailing.
- 9.2 Ensign or Cadet Members are not entitled to the allocation of boat mooring facilities, have no right in the property or management of the Club, are not

entitled to attend or vote at Club meetings and have no right to propose, second or support candidates for admission to the Club or for election to the General Committee. Cadet Members under the age of 18 years shall not be permitted to use any of the Club's facilities where alcoholic drink may be served except dining facilities when accompanied by a Member aged 18 years or over.

- 9.3 Cadet Membership shall automatically cease on the 31st day of December in the year in which the Cadet Member reaches the age of 20 years.
- 9.4 A Cadet Member who has reached the maximum age for such membership may apply to transfer to Ensign Membership and, upon satisfying the General Committee of his eligibility may be elected an Ensign Member without liability for any entrance fee then applicable.
- 9.5 Candidates for Ensign Membership shall be ladies or gentlemen aged between twenty and twenty six years and shall have a declared and continuing interest in active sailing.
- 9.6 An Ensign Member who has reached the maximum age for such membership and has been an Ensign Member for three years immediately preceding may apply to transfer to Full Membership and, upon satisfying the General Committee of his eligibility may be elected a Full Member without liability for any entrance fee then applicable.

10 Admission Family, Full, Associate and Cadet Members

- 10.1 Members of all categories are elected to membership by ballot of the General Committee.
- 10.2 Candidates for admission to Family Membership, Full Membership, Ensign Membership, Clubhouse Membership, Associate Membership, or Cadet Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Full Members of the Club of at least three year's standing to each of whom he or she has been personally known for a continuous period of at least three years. Each application for Membership shall be supported by two Full Members who are, at the time, either Flag Officers, Officers or Members of the General Committee and having met the candidate are satisfied as to his suitability. The application form for Membership shall give the candidate's name, residence, profession or other description and such other information as may be from time to time specified by the General Committee and it shall be forwarded together with the appropriate entrance fee and subscription, to the Hon Secretary who shall communicate it to the General Committee and if it is approved it shall be entered in the book of candidates. A summary of this entry shall be posted in the Club fourteen (14) clear days before the ballot. Application forms must be

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accompanied by a letter from both the proposer and the seconder stating:-

- (a) The period of time in which they have personally known the candidate.
 - (b) That the candidate is, in their opinion, a suitable person for admission as a Member of the Club.
 - (c) Their willingness to answer any queries arising on the application.
- 10.3 Applications for family Membership may be taken en-block as one application.
- 10.4 Admission to membership from 1st January 2007 shall be conditional upon the candidate paying annual subscriptions by Direct Debit. Save where waived or varied by the General Committee, the appropriate entrance fee must be paid in full at the time of submission of the application form. Such payment shall be immediately refunded by the Club in the event that the application is unsuccessful. The General Committee may agree at their discretion to waive the Direct Debit requirement in favour of alternative means of payment.
- 10.5 At elections of candidates six General Committee Members at least must vote: One adverse vote in five to exclude.
- 10.6 Candidates for admission to Associate Membership - Crew shall have as their proposer the owner of the yacht upon which the candidate sails as regular crew, which proposer shall sign a declaration, the detailed terms of which shall be defined from time to time by the General Committee, stating that the applicant is in fact a bona fide regular crew member on his yacht and that he shall immediately notify the Hon Secretary should the applicant cease to crew on his yacht during the term of such Associate Membership.
- 10.7 Any omission or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to any candidate shall render his election voidable at the discretion of the General Committee.

11 Junior Members

- 11.1 The children of Family Members, who are under 16 years of age are eligible for Junior Membership. Candidates for Junior Membership must make application on the form provided and may be proposed and seconded by any two Full Members, one of whom must be the child's parent or guardian, and may be elected to Junior Membership by a simple vote of the General Committee. Junior Members shall enjoy only such privileges as the General Committee may from time to time determine and their membership may be terminated by simple vote of the General Committee at any time.

- 11.2 The conduct of Junior Members and their use of the Club premises and facilities shall be under the jurisdiction of the sub-committee appointed to deal with the administration of Junior sailing in the Club.

12 Temporary Members

- 12.1 Full Members of Cumann Bádóirí Naomh Bréanainn (Dingle Sailing Club) normally resident within 80 kilometres of Dingle shall be temporary members while visiting Dublin.
- 12.2 The General Committee shall have power to admit as Temporary Members for a maximum period of two weeks any persons who are competing in an event or championship hosted by the Club.
- 12.3 Any Officer of the Club shall be at liberty to grant Temporary Membership to any Member of any recognised yacht club visiting Dun Laoghaire in his yacht or any of his friends on board; such Temporary Membership shall take effect from the time at which the visitor concerned signs the Register of Temporary Members kept in the Clubhouse for that purpose and shall be limited to a maximum period of one month and any individual shall be limited to one such period of Temporary Membership in any calendar year provided also that Temporary Membership shall be available only to persons who reside more than 80 kilometres from the Clubhouse. Any Officer of the Club shall at all times have the power of cancelling or curtailing the rights of a Temporary Members.
- 12.4 The General Committee shall have power to admit as a Temporary Member any person that they believe furthers the objectives of the Club. The names of such Temporary Members will be listed in the Register of Temporary Members and these Temporary Members will be reviewed each year. The General Committee will have the power to terminate these Temporary Members at any time.
- 12.5 The General Committee shall have power to admit as a Temporary Member any person who, in the opinion of the General Committee, is residing in Ireland on account of temporary official duties or persons visiting Ireland who have no domicile therein. Such persons may be admitted by the General Committee as Temporary Members provided they are nominated by any two Full Members to whom they are known and they pay in advance a subscription as may be determined by the General Committee in relation to the duration of membership requested. Such Temporary Membership may be granted for a maximum period of one year and may be renewed annually by the General Committee up to a maximum period of three consecutive years in any individual case.

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- 12.6 Temporary Members shall have no voting power and no right to propose or second candidates for membership or for office or any other privilege beyond the personal use of the Club premises for the duration of such Temporary Membership.
- 12.7 The General Committee shall have the power at all times to terminate Temporary Membership without notice or to cancel or curtail the rights of Temporary Members.

13 Entrance fees and subscriptions

- 13.1 The amounts of entrance fees and annual subscriptions for the succeeding year may be decided by General Committee, if the increase is less or equal to the Cost of Living Increase (CPI). Where the increases proposed are greater than the CPI, the amounts of entrance fees and annual subscriptions shall be decided by a vote at a General Meeting of the Club, such General Meeting to take place between 1st October and 30th November of each year. In the event of the said General Meeting not being held for whatever reason or the General Committee's recommendation being defeated, the entrance fees and annual subscriptions shall remain as in the year preceding.
- 13.2 Entrance fees are payable only by candidates for Full Membership and shall be deposited with their membership application.
- 13.3 New Members from 1st January 2007 will be charged by Direct Debit for their annual membership fees either on a monthly basis over 12 months, or annually in January each year. Those who join during the year will pay from the month following election either:
- (a) a monthly amount equal to the annual subscription divided by 12 or,
 - (b) the amount of the subscription for the remaining months to December in a single amount.
 - (c) All other categories shall pay their subscription by Direct Debit in one payment.
- 13.4 Annual subscriptions shall become due and payable on the first day of January in each year.

14 14. Reading Out

- 14.1 Any Member whose annual subscription or other charges approved by the Members in General Meeting or part thereof remains unpaid two calendar months after the date on which it becomes due shall automatically be suspended from membership for one calendar month and notice of his suspension shall be served upon him in accordance with Rule 35.1 herein and shall be posted on the Club notice board. Subject to a reasonable and acceptable explanation being provided by the Member to the General Committee during the said month of suspension,

such suspended Member may be reinstated at the discretion of the General Committee failing which membership will automatically terminate at the expiration of the period of suspension and notice of such termination shall be served upon him in accordance with Rule 35.1 herein and shall be posted on the Club notice board.

- 14.2 Members are required to settle all accounts or expenses incurred in the Club before leaving the premises and to make prompt payment in respect of any services rendered to them by the Club. Any Member who has incurred a liability to the Club which he has not paid in the normal course and which remains outstanding two months after it was first incurred or notified to him shall, unless a reasonable and acceptable explanation has been received by the General Committee, automatically cease to be a Member and shall not be entitled to any refund of Annual Subscription for any unexpired period of the subscription year. Notice of such cessation of membership shall be served upon such Member in accordance with Rule 35.1 herein and shall be posted on the Club notice board.

15 Implied Acquiescence in the Rules

- 15.1 Admission to membership entitles a Member to enjoy the facilities and benefits of the Club consistent with his category of membership and it is therefore considered that he distinctly implies his acquiescence in the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club and his submission to the restrictions they enjoin and the penalties they exact.

16 Conduct of Members

- 16.1 Any Member wilfully infringing or violating the Rules, regulations or Bye-Laws of the Club or whose conduct in or out of the Club is inconsistent with good behaviour or derogatory or injurious to the interest of the Club, may be reported to the General Committee which may decide to suspend for such period as the General Committee deem appropriate, and / or to expel the Member concerned. In addition, the Flag Officers shall have power at any time to suspend any Member from the Club for such period as they deem appropriate, but not exceeding 3 months, pending a review of the incident by the General Committee
- 16.2 A Member may be suspended by a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Committee meeting at which not less than 3 days notice has been given to the Member and at which the Member has had an opportunity of being heard.
- 16.3 Any member may be expelled from membership by a resolution of the General Committee passed by a majority of not less than three fourth's of those present at a meeting at which not less than 21 days notice specifying the intention to propose

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such a resolution will have been sent to the Member concerned and at which the Member shall have been given the opportunity to be heard.

- 16.4 A Member may appeal against an expulsion within twenty one days of the date thereof by writing to the Hon Secretary stating the grounds of his appeal. The Hon Secretary shall then convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club and a simple majority of those present and voting at this EGM shall decide whether the resolution of the General Committee should be confirmed or quashed. This procedure shall not be available to persons whose membership has been terminated by "Reading Out" under Rule 13.
- 16.5 Any member expelled under these provisions shall immediately forfeit all privileges of membership but shall continue to be liable for any subscription or other sums due to the Club prior to the date of his expulsion.

17 Resignation or Retirement from Membership

- 17.1 Any Member may retire, resign or withdraw from the Club by giving notice in writing to the Hon Secretary and on paying with such notice any subscription, levy or other payment due to the Club which is unpaid at the date of such notice and any such Member shall be deemed to have ceased to be a Member from the date of the giving of such notice. In no case shall any Member be entitled to repayment of any subscription paid, whether paid for the current year or for any year or years in advance.
- 17.2 The rights of any Member shall not be transferable and shall cease:
- On the death of the Member;
 - On notice being given by the Member pursuant to this Rule;
 - If the Member shall be read out under the terms of Rule 13 hereof;
 - On a Member being expelled by a resolution of the General Committee under Rule 15 hereof.
- 17.3 Subject to as hereinbefore provided, any person who ceases to be a Member, or his estate, shall be liable to pay to the Club all monies which, at the time of such cessation, may be due from such Member to the Club.
- 17.4 The representatives of a deceased Member shall have no claim upon or interest in the Club in respect of the membership of such Member.

18 Associate Yacht or Sailing Club or Association

- 18.1 The General Committee may propose and the Members in General Meeting may grant by two thirds majority of those present and voting, corresponding status to any yacht or sailing club or

other association the Members of which club or association may then be entitled to apply for Associate Membership under Rules 7.2 and 9 herein. Such corresponding status may be terminated by a majority of the Members voting in General Meeting at any time.

19 Accrued Rights

- 19.1 Members who, prior to the introduction of these Rules, benefited under the former Rules by being eligible for reduced subscription by virtue of age or Associate Membership by virtue of distance of residence from the Clubhouse shall not forfeit that benefit solely as a result of the introduction of these Rules.

20 Annual General Meeting

- 20.1 A General Meeting of the Club shall be held in every calendar year not later than the 1st day of April at such place as the General Committee shall determine. Such meetings shall be called Annual General Meetings and all other meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 20.2 The business of an Annual General Meeting shall be:
- To receive and consider the report of the General Committee for the past year;
 - To receive and consider the audited financial statements for the Club for the past year, which shall have been circulated to Members not less than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting;
 - To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year;
 - To elect the Officers of the Club as defined in Rule 25 hereof and to elect the other Members of the General Committee as defined in Rules 26 and 27 hereof;
 - If applicable, to elect Trustees as defined in Rule 24 hereof;
 - To elect Honorary Members as defined in Rule 6 hereof;
 - If applicable, to approve corresponding clubs or associations as defined in Rule 17 hereof;
 - To discuss and vote upon such resolutions as may be properly put for consideration at the meeting.
 - To discuss general business.

21 Extraordinary General Meetings

- 21.1 The General Committee may at such time and place and for such purposes as it thinks fit, and shall within 21 days after the deposit of a Members' Requisition given in accordance with

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this Rule, call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club.

- 21.2 The notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall specify the object of the meeting.
- 21.3 A Members' Requisition requiring the General Committee to call an Extraordinary General Meeting shall state the objects of the meeting, which may be for any purpose except business reserved for the Annual General Meeting under the terms of Rule 20.2(a) to (g) herein and shall be deposited with the Hon Secretary if the Club.
- (a) The requisition shall be signed by:
- (i) 40 Full Members of the Club who are entitled to vote at General Meetings; or
 - (ii) Such Full Members of the Club who are, at the date of the deposit of the requisition, entitled to exercise not less than one tenth of the total voting rights exercisable at General Meetings of the Club.
 - (iii) If the General Committee does not proceed to cause a meeting to be called within twenty one days from the deposit of the requisition, the requisitionists or a majority of them may themselves convene the meeting and any meeting so convened shall not be held after three months from the date of such deposit.
 - (iv) Any meeting convened by requisitionists under these Rules shall be convened in the same manner or as nearly as possible as that in which meetings are to be convened by the General Committee.
- 21.4 Twenty one days notice at the least of every Annual General Meeting or of an Extraordinary General Meeting, specifying the place, day and hour of the meeting and in the case of special business, the general nature of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be given by the Secretary to all voting Members and the auditors but the accidental omission to give any such notice to or the non receipt of such notice by any Member shall not invalidate any resolution or proceedings at any such meetings.

22 Proceedings at General Meetings

- 22.1 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum be present when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as is otherwise provided by these Rules twenty five Members present and eligible to vote shall be quorum for all purposes. If within a half hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum be not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members of the Club, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the

same time and place or such other day and such other time and place as the Chairman may determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum as above defined be not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present shall be a quorum.

- 22.2 The Commodore or failing him the Vice Commodore or failing him the Rear Commodore shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Club.
- 22.3 If at any meeting, either the Commodore the Vice commodore or the Rear Commodore shall not be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or if none of them be willing to act as Chairman, the Members present and eligible to vote shall choose one of their number a person to be Chairman.
- 22.4 A Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum be not present, those Members entitled to vote and being present shall be deemed to be a quorum and may do all the business which a full quorum might have done.

23 Voting at General Meetings

- 23.1 At any General Meeting every question shall be decided in the first instance by a majority of votes, save as otherwise specified herein, on a show of hands unless a poll be demanded.
- 23.2 Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands being carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Club shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
- 23.3 The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
- 23.4 Except as provided in paragraph 22.6 hereof, if a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 23.5 Where there is an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the Meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 23.6 A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman, or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith; a poll demanded on any other question

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shall be taken at such time as the Chairman of the meeting directs and any business other than that on which a poll has been demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.

24 Votes of Members

- 24.1 Every Full Member shall have one vote.
- 24.2 No Member shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting unless all monies immediately payable by him to the Club have been paid.
- 24.3 No objection shall be raised as to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

25 Trustees

- 25.1 The Club premises and other property of the Club is vested in the Trustees for the time being and any property which may hereinafter be acquired shall be held by the said Trustees and any Trustees who shall be hereinafter appointed, upon trust and for the use and benefit of the Club. The Trustees for the time being shall have power to make insurances in their joint names or to undertake the office of trustee, manager, secretary, registrar, or any other office or situation of trust in furtherance of the Club's objects, the property to be nevertheless under the control of the General Committee.
- 25.2 There shall be four Trustees who shall be appointed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting on the nomination of the General Committee. Any candidate for appointment as a Trustee shall be in good standing and shall have been a Full Member of the Club for at least ten years.
- 25.3 There shall be no set limit to the term of office of a Trustee save that any Trustee ceasing to be a Full Member of the Club shall cease to be a Trustee and any Trustee may resign or be required to vacate office or may be removed from office in the same manner as provided in these Rules for a member of the General Committee.
- 25.4 Any vacancy in the number of Trustees occurring by the decease of a Trustee or otherwise shall be filled by the appointment of another Trustee or Trustees at the next Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose.

26 Officers of the Club

- 26.1 The elected officer of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, a Vice Commodore and a Rear Commodore (the "Flag Officers"), and an

Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, a Sailing Secretary and a Boat-house Captain.

- 26.2 At each Annual General Meeting the Club shall elect the said officers by a simple majority of the Members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.
- 26.3 Officers of the Club may serve in any one office for a maximum period of three consecutive years in any one term.

27 The General Committee

- 27.1 The General Committee shall consist of:
 - The Commodore,
 - The Vice Commodore,
 - The Rear Commodore,
 - The Honorary Secretary,
 - The Honorary Treasurer,
 - The Sailing Secretary,
 - The Boathouse CaptainNot more than eight other Full Members of the Club.

28 Election of General Committee

- 28.1 At each Annual General Meeting of the Club all the members of the General Committee and the Officers shall retire from office but shall, subject to Rules 27.3 and 27.6, be eligible for re-election.
- 28.2 The Club shall at each Annual General Meeting proceed to elect the Officers and the other Members of the General Committee.
- 28.3 Any candidate for election as an Officer or a Member of the General Committee shall be in good standing and shall be a Full Member of the Club of at least three years standing and shall have been proposed and seconded by a Full Member of the Club who also shall have been Members for at least three years and in good standing at the date of the nomination and such nomination in writing shall be deposited with the Hon Secretary not less than seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. The Hon Secretary shall, immediately upon receipt of proposals, list the name of those proposed in two sections, Officers and Ordinary Members of the General Committee and shall place the lists on the Notice Board, adding to them as required.
- 28.4 In the event of their being insufficient nominations for the positions of Officers or Members of the General Committee, further candidates may be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting.
- 28.5 At the Annual General Meeting an election for Officers shall take place first, and then election for Ordinary Members of the General Committee. The names, up to a maximum of eight, on the list of Ordinary Members of the General Committee who shall receive most votes shall be declared elected. Election shall be by ballot. In the event

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of a tie in the election for Ordinary Members of the General Committee, the election between such Members shall be decided by lot.

- 28.6 When an election occurs under Rule 27.5:
- (a) Ballot papers shall list the names of the candidates for each position in alphabetical order of their surnames, the proposer and seconder of each candidate and, in the case of election for Officers, the position for which each is nominated. The ballot paper shall contain only the information stipulated under this Rule.
 - (b) It shall be the responsibility of the Hon. Secretary to ensure that the ballot papers are made available only to Members entitled to vote under Rule 23.2
- 28.7 A Member of the General Committee other than an Officer may serve for a maximum period of three consecutive years on the General Committee in any one term.
- 28.8 In the event of any vacancy occurring on the General Committee or among the Officers during any year the General Committee may co-opt a Full Member to fill such vacancy. A General Committee Member so co-opted shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 28.9 The Members may, by ordinary resolution of an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose, remove any Member of the General Committee for the expiration of his period of office, notwithstanding anything in these Rules or any agreement between the Club and such Member of the General Committee.

29 Disqualification of Trustees, Officers and Members of the General Committee

- 29.1 The office of Trustee or of a member of the General Committee or of any elected officer referred to in Rule 25 hereof shall be vacated if the Trustees, member of the General Committee or elected officer
- (a) be adjudged bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or
 - (b) becomes of unsound mind, or
 - (c) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Club, or
 - (d) is convicted of an indictable offence other than offence under the Road Traffic Acts unless the General Committee otherwise determine.
- 29.2 No Trustee, officer or member of the General Committee shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Club either as Vendor, Purchaser, or otherwise nor shall any such

contract, or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the firm or Company in which any Member of the General Committee shall be in anyway interested be voided, nor shall any Member of the General Committee be liable to account to the Club for any profit arising from any such office or profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason only of such Member of the General Committee holding that office or of the contractual relations thereby established, but the nature of such interest must be disclosed by him at the meeting of the General Committee at which the contract or arrangements are first taken into consideration if his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the General Committee after the acquisition of his interest. If a Member of the General Committee becomes interested in a contract or arrangement after it is made or entered into, the disclosure of his interest shall be made at the first meeting of the General Committee held after he has become so interested. Any Member of the General committee must offer to absent himself from the discussion and may not be present for the vote and may not vote in respect of any contract or arrangement in which he is so interested as aforesaid.

30 Proceedings of General Committee

- 30.1 The General Committee may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. Questions arising at any meetings shall be decided by a majority of votes except where otherwise specified herein. Where there is an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A Member of the General Committee may and the Hon Secretary on the requisition of a Member of the General Committee shall, at any time summon a meeting of the General Committee. If the General Committee so resolves it shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of the General Committee to any Member being resident in the State who is for the time being absent from the State. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the General Committee may be fixed by the General Committee, and unless so fixed shall be seven.
- 30.2 The continuing Members of the General Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number, but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to the Rules of the Club as the necessary quorum of Members, the continuing Members of Member may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Members to that number or of summoning a General Meeting of the Club, but for no other purpose.
- 30.3 The Commodore, or failing him the Vice-Commodore, or failing him the Rear Commodore

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shall preside as Chairman at any meeting of the General Committee and if none of such persons is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or if such person is unwilling to act, the General Committee present shall elect one of its number to be Chairman at that meeting.

31 Powers and obligations of the General Committee

- 31.1 The business of the Club shall be managed by the General Committee, which may pay all expenses incurred in running the Club, and may exercise all such powers of the Club as are not by these Rules required to be exercised by the Club in General Meetings, subject nevertheless to the provisions of these Rules and to such directions, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid provisions, as may be given by the Club in General Meetings.
- 31.2 No directions given by the Club in General Meetings shall invalidate any prior act of the General Committee which would have been valid if that direction had not been given.
- 31.3 The General Committee may from time to time at any time by power of attorney appoint any Company, Firm, Person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the General Committee, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Club for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretion (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the General Committee under these Rules) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit, and any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with such attorney as the General Committee may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.
- 31.4 All cheques, promissory notes drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments and all receipts for monies paid to the Club, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed as the case may be, by such person or persons and in such manner as the General Committee may from time to time by resolution determine.
- 31.5 The General Committee shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for that purpose:
- Of all appointments of officers made by the General Committee;
 - Of all names of Members of the General Committee present at each meeting of the General Committee and of any sub-committee of the General Committee;
 - Of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Club, and of the General

Committee and of sub-committees of the General Committee.

- 31.6 The General Committee may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such Member or Members of the General Committee or other Members of the Club as it shall think fit. Any committees so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegate, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the General Committee. The General Committee shall have power to dissolve any sub-committee at any time.
- 31.7 The General Committee shall appoint a Chairman of each sub-committee who shall be a Member of the General Committee. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Members present may choose one of their number to be Chairman at the meeting.
- 31.8 Any sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Members present, and when there is an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. All acts done by any meeting of the General Committee or of a sub-committee of the General Committee or by any person acting as a Member of the General Committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Member of the General Committee or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, shall be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and most qualified to be a Member of the General Committee.
- 31.9 The resolution in writing, signed by all the Members of the General Committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the General Committee shall be as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the General Committee duly convened and held.

32 Borrowing Powers of the General Committee

- 32.1 The General Committee, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Trustees, may exercise all the powers of the Club to borrow money, and to mortgage or charge, its undertaking or property or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock or other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Club or of any third party, provided however that the total indebtedness of the Club in the various respects specified shall not, save with the approval of the Members in General Meeting, exceed €125,000.

33 Bye-Laws

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- 33.1 The General Committee shall have power to make, alter and revoke Bye-Laws or regulations for regulating the affairs of the Club and such Bye-Laws or regulations shall be posted on the Club notice board and shall be binding on every Member of the Club unless set aside at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club called for that purpose.
- 33.2 If any regulation or bye-law of the General Committee is unclear or open to doubt, the General Committee shall have power to put such reasonable construction or interpretation on such regulation or bye-law as it may determine and such determination shall be final and binding on all Members.

34 Indemnity

- 34.1 Every member of the General Committee or other Officer of the Club shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Club against all losses or liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto, and no member of the General Committee or other Officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Club in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto.

35 Accounts & Auditors

- 35.1 The General Committee shall cause proper books of account to be kept relating to:
- (a) All sums of money received and expended by the Club and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
 - (b) All sales and purchases of goods by the Club;
 - (c) The assets and liabilities of the Club.
- 35.2 Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs and to explain its transactions.
- 35.3 The books of account shall be kept at the Clubhouse or at such other place as the General Committee think fit, and shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the General Committee.
- 35.4 The General Committee shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and subject to what conditions or regulations, the accounts and books of the Club or any of them should be opened to the inspection of Full Members, not being Members of the General Committee and no Member (not being a Member of the General Committee) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Club except as conferred by statute or as authorised by the General Committee or by the

Club in Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

- 35.5 The General Committee shall annually cause to be prepared such audited financial statements, in accordance with the accounting standards generally accepted as good practice by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, as are required to present a report of the financial affairs of the Club.
- 35.6 A copy of any balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Club together with a copy of the Auditor's Report shall, not less than 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, be sent to every Full Member.

36 Notices

- 36.1 Notice may be served by the Club upon any Member, either personally or by sending through the post in a pre-paid envelope or wrapper or by facsimile transmission or telex, addressed to such Member at his registered place of address. Any notices sent by post shall be deemed to have been served on the date following that on which the envelope or wrapper containing the same is posted. A certificate in writing signed by the Hon Secretary or other Officer of the Club that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice was so addressed and posted shall be sufficient evidence thereof.
- 36.2 No person other than a Member entitled to vote at a meeting and the Auditors for the time being of the Club shall be entitled to receive notice of any General Meeting of the Club.

37 The Club Insignia

- 37.1 The Club insignia is the State Harp in silver resting on a circular frame with the words, National Yacht Club.

38 The Ensign, Burgee, Flag Officers' flags, House Flag and Trans Atlantic Pennant

- 38.1 The Club Burgee shall be triangular, blue and white quartered, red St George's Cross, blue to hoist.
- 38.2 The Ensign of the Club shall be the field azure, in the first quarter the national tricolour of green, white and orange; in the centre of the fourth quarter a four stringed harp argent, and shall be subject to regulations imposed upon the Club by the Department of the Marine. The Ensign may only be worn aboard a vessel
- 38.3 owned by the holder of a Warrant, which must be obtained from the Club; such Warrant must be on board the vessel when the ensign is worn.

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- 38.4 The flag of the Commodore shall be the Club Burgee in the form of a broad pennant with swallowtail.
- 38.5 The flag of the Vice-Commodore shall be the Club Burgee in the form of a broad pennant with swallowtail with the addition of a white ball in the blue quarter to the hoist.
- 38.6 The flag of the Rear Commodore shall be identical, with the addition of two white balls in the blue quarter to the hoist.
- 38.7 The flag of the former Commodores', Vice-Commodores' and Rear Commodores' shall be similar to the flag of the respective officers, but shall be rectangular in shape and with a vertical strip, argent, upon the hoist.
- 38.8 The House Flag shall be flown by a members yacht from the starboard spreader where the masthead is not available for a club burgee.
- 38.9 The House Flag shall be rectangular and of the same colour and design as the Burgee, but with a shallow or obtuse swallow tailed fly measuring some 14" x 12" at the hoist and in accordance with the accepted design for a House Flag.
- 38.10** The Trans-Atlantic Pennant shall be awarded by the Flag Officers of the Club to a Full Member who has completed a Trans-Atlantic crossing. This pennant shall be the same colour and design as the burgee, but shall be some 60" long and 8" wide at the hoist.
- 39 Licensing Regulations**
- 39.1 Subject to the exceptions mentioned in Sub Sections 2 and 3 of Section 56 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1927 as amended by Section 6 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1962, no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the Club premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a Member of the Club lodging in the Club premises):-
- (a) on any weekday, before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or *Thursday*, after the hour of half past eleven o'clock in the evening, or on any *Friday or Saturday*, after the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the morning on the following day, or
- (b) on any Sunday (except a Saint Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday), before the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of eleven o'clock in the evening, or
- (c) on Saint Patrick's Day, before the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon or after the hour of half past twelve o'clock in the morning on the following day, or
- (d) on Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday, before the hour of half past ten o'clock in the morning or after the hour of half past eleven o'clock in the evening, or
- (e) At any time on Christmas day or Good Friday.
- 39.2 Nothing contained in the Registration of Clubs Acts, 1904 to 1999, or imposed by virtue only of the operation of Clause 1 of this Rule, shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption on the Club premises of excisable liquor to any person or the consumption of excisable liquor on those premises by any person:-
- (a) on Christmas Day, between twelve o'clock midday and ten o'clock in the evening,
- (b) on any other day, for one hour after the
- (c) expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the Club, by virtue of Clause 1 of this Rule, to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the club premises, if in each case the excisable liquor is:-
- (i) ordered by or on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered,
- (ii) Consumed by that person as and with a meal,
- (iii) Supplied and consumed in the portion of the Club premises usually set aside for the supply of meals, and
- (iv) Paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for.
- 39.3 In this section "weekday" and "Sunday" have the meaning assigned to them by Section 2 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 2000.
- 39.4 No excisable liquor shall be sold for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to Members between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and ten o'clock at night.
- 39.5 No person under the age of eighteen years shall be allowed into the licensed area of the Club after nine o'clock in the evening. However, a child who is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian, may be allowed into the licensed area between the hours of 10a.m. (12:30p.m. on Sunday) and 9 p.m.
- 39.6 A child who is at least 15 but under 18 years of age, and who is accompanied by his/her parent or guardian, may be allowed into the licensed area of the Club on the occasion of a private function at

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which a substantial meal is served to persons attending the function.

- 39.7 The General Committee of the Club may alter or add to such Rule or Rules dealing with the supply or consumption of excisable liquor for the purpose of complying with the Licensing Laws for the time being in force, or for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the Members in accordance with such laws
- 39.8 No member of the General Committee, and no manager or servant employed by the Club, shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquor therein, or the profits arising from such sale.
- 39.9 In addition to the foregoing Rules and Clauses thereof, the Clauses and Regulations embodied in the Registration of Clubs Acts 1904-1999 and Acts extending and amending the same shall be deemed Rules of the Club.

40 Guests

- 40.1 All Members, except Junior and Temporary Members, may introduce guests in their company to the Club subject to such restrictions and regulations as the General Committee may make from time to time. The name of each guest shall be entered in the Visitor's Book on entering the Club together with the details of his address or Club and the entry shall be signed by the Member introducing the guest.
- 40.2 A guest shall not be supplied with excisable liquor unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member.
- 40.3 The Member introducing a guest shall be liable for any misconduct of his guest as if it were the misconduct of the introducing Member.
- 40.4 A Member may not introduce the same guest more than twice in any one calendar month and no guest shall be introduced to the Club more than twelve times in the said calendar year.
- 40.5 The General Committee shall at all times have the power of cancelling or curtailing the admission of a guest without citing a reason.

41 Premises

- 41.1 The premises of the Club are intended for the use of the Members and their guests and no strangers may be permitted to use the Club premises or facilities without the permission of the General Committee issued in accordance with these Rules.
- 41.2 40.2 No children under the age of twelve years may be permitted onto the Club premises on any day after 7 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian under circumstances as laid down by the General Committee and published in the Bye-laws of the Club.

- 41.3 No dogs, guide dogs for the blind excepted, or other animals shall be permitted on the Club premises at any time.
- 41.4 No discussion of a political or polemical nature shall be permitted at any Club meeting.
- 41.5 40.5 No notice shall be displayed on the Club premises nor any reading matter (save for private perusal) introduced to the Club premises without sanction of the General Committee.
- 41.6 40.6 Members having any complaints or suggestions regarding the operation of management of the Club shall make them in writing to the General Committee, addressed to the Honorary Secretary.
- 41.7 Members shall not personally reprimand Club staff nor shall they instruct or request Club staff to undertake errands on their behalf which would require the staff leaving the Club premises.
- 41.8 Members shall not offer gratuities or inducements of any sort to staff employed by the Club.

42 Moorings & Storage

- 42.1 No vessel shall be permitted to use a Club mooring and no vessel or gear shall be permitted on Club property without the permission of the General Committee which permission shall be subject to such conditions and indemnities as the General Committee may from time to time impose.
- 42.2 Moorings and boat parking facilities which are from time to time made available by the General Committee for the use of Members remain the property of the Club and Members may be asked to move their vessel or to vacate such moorings and parking space at any time at the request of the General Committee or such officer of the Club as may act on the General Committee's behalf.
- 42.3 The General Committee is empowered to remove, dispose or otherwise deal with boats, equipment, trailers, cradles, engines and other related property belonging to or being used by Members which is in or on Club property, moorings or parking spaces without payment of the appropriate fees or which is in conflict with conditions or regulations laid down by the General Committee. Any costs incurred in the application of this Rule will be the liability of the Member owning or using the aforementioned property.

43 Friends of the National Yacht Club

- 43.1 The General Committee is empowered to invite companies or individuals to provide sponsorship for the National Yacht Club or its events. These companies or individuals may be designated Friends of the National Yacht Club & may be granted bar and dining rights, Tuesday through Saturday commensurate with their sponsorship on

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terms to be decided from time to time by the General Committee

44 Alteration of the Rules

44.1 The Full Members of the Club may, by Resolution to be passed by at least two thirds of those Full Members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Club, rescind, revoke, alter, amend or add to any of the Rules of the Club, and may, by such or any subsequent Resolution, make such new or other Rules for the management of the Club or in any way in connection with its affairs as may be passed at such General Meeting.

44.2 Provided always that the General Committee of the Club shall have power to amend the Rules so as to ensure compliance with Statutory requirements or obligations.

45 Appendix - Subsidiary objects of the Club

- (a) In order to achieve the principal object of the Club as set out in Rule 2 hereof, the Club has the following subsidiary objects:
- (b) To encourage and provide facilities for sailing and yachting of all kinds and in particular to provide, operate, manage and run a Club House, mooring facilities, marina, ferry service, yacht repairs, yacht storage, cranes, crash or rescue boats and all similar or related facilities;
- (c) To run instruction and training courses in relation to yachting, sailing, yacht racing, cruising, life saving, water safety, navigation, meteorology, seamanship and other related subjects of interest to its Members;
- (d) To provide catering and bar facilities for Members and their guests together with entertainment including music, lectures, film shows, dances, billiards, snooker, bridge and similar functions and activities;
- (e) To employ boatmen, barmen, secretaries, managers and such administrative and technical staff as may be necessary to achieve these objects;
- (f) To manufacture, purchase, sell and deal in ties, flags, charts and other items related to yachting, cruising and seafaring, including films, photographs and paintings;
- (g) To exchange any land, buildings, or real or personal property held by the Club for other land, buildings or real or personal property or to sell, lease, let, dispose of or otherwise deal with any lands, buildings or real or personal property of the Club;
- (h) To acquire by gift, purchase, fee farm grant, lease or otherwise, and to hold (unconditionally or subject to any conditions

or restrictions) any real or personal property and any rights over or in such;

- (i) To construct, alter, restore, repair, maintain, take down or remove buildings, erections, walls, fences, railings, gates, seats or other structures on lands and property held by or under the care or management (whether jointly with any other person or not) of the Club and generally to maintain, uphold, manage, improve and develop the property of the Club;
- (j) To acquire in any manner (including acquisition by purchase out of any funds of the Club) and hold any lands, buildings and hereditaments and any rights, easements or interests therein or there over, and any chattels or other movable property, which, in the opinion of the General Committee in consultation with and with the approval of the Trustees, it may be desirable to hold as investments with a view to provision out of the rents and profits thereof of funds applicable for the maintenance or preservation of any other part of the Club property or for any particular purpose of the Club or for its general purpose;
- (k) To acquire in any manner (including acquisition by purchase out of the funds of the Club) and to hold any investments (being at the time of acquisition of a nature authorised by law for the investment of trust funds, or of a nature authorised by the trust of the funds out of which the same shall be acquired or by the Donor of same) and to apply the income thereof (subject to any trusts imposed by the Donor, or otherwise, affecting the same) for the preservation and maintenance of the property of the Club or any parts thereof, or for any particular purpose of the Club or for its general purpose;
- (l) To accept, seek and collect grants, subscriptions, donation and levies by any means whatsoever (whether of real or personal estate) and devise and bequests for all or any of the purposes aforesaid and to sell or dispose of or (so far as permitted by law) to lease and accept surrenders or leases of and manage all real estate (including leaseholds) so received and not required to be capable of being occupied for the purposes of the Club and generally to manage, invest and expend all monies and property belonging to the Club;
- (m) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Club shall think fit and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Club's property, real or personal and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities;

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- (n) To act in concert with or make any arrangements with any Department of State, Harbour Board, Corporation, County Council, Conservancy, Fishery or other Board, or Local Authority or Body Public or Private, now or hereafter constituted or with any residents in the neighbourhood or property of the Club with reference to any of the objects aforesaid;
- (o) To guarantee, support or secure, whether by personal covenant or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) of the Club, or all such methods, the performance of the obligations of and the repayment or payment of the principal amounts and interest of any person, firm or company or the dividends or interest on any securities company or the dividends or interest on any securities including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any company in which the Club holds a beneficial interest;
- (p) To do all such things as are incidental and/or conducive to the preservation and maintenance of the property of the Club or to the attainment of the principal and subsidiary objects hereinbefore described.
- (q) The income and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club as set forth in these Rules, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever, by way of profit, to the Members of the Club. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Club, or to any Member of the Club in return for any services actually rendered to the Club

BYE-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL YACHT CLUB

The following are Bye-Laws which have been laid down by the General Committee under Rule 32 of the Rules of the National Yacht Club.

1. All members must pay for every expense they incur at the Club at the time when it is incurred unless otherwise authorised by the General Committee.
2. No notices shall be posted in the Clubhouse, nor shall any books or papers be introduced (save for private perusal) without the sanction of the General Committee or the Honorary Secretary.
3. No member shall take any book, newspaper or other article the property of the Club without the permission of the General Committee or the Honorary Secretary.
4. Mobile telephones shall not be permitted in the bar or dining room.
5. Racks are provided in the ground floor corridor for the short-term deposit of sailing bags etc., on sailing days for the convenience of members. These racks may not be used for long-term storage or for the storage of sails, boat gear or tools etc. On no account may sailing bags etc., be left unattended on the upper floor or in the cloakroom. The Committee may remove offending articles and the Club accepts no liability for articles lost or stolen from such racks, from the changing rooms or from elsewhere on the Club premises.
6. Neat dress should be worn in the bar and dining room at all times. On Saturday nights gentlemen must wear collar and tie at dinner in the dining room though not necessarily in the bar. The wearing of sailing gear (oil skins, sea boots, etc.) in the bar or dining room is absolutely prohibited at all times.
7. Members bringing children onto Club property are responsible for their conduct and safety at all times.
8. Children under 16 years of age are not permitted on the Club premises at any time unless under the direct supervision of their parents except when they are attending Junior Section or when involved in sailing events hosted by the Club which involve children.
9. Children under 16 years of age are not permitted on the premises any day after 19:00 hours except:
 - (a) When they are returning from sailing, in which case they must leave the premises as soon as practicable, or
 - (b) On such special occasions as are specifically nominated by the Committee as "Family Days".
10. Save as provided for at 9(b) children under 12 years of age may be in the dining room only when accompanied, supervised and controlled by their parents.
 - (a) when dining with their parents at lunch time on Sundays, or
 - (b) with the specific permission obtained in advance of the Manager or an Officer of the Club which permission can be withdrawn at any time without notice or reason being given.

11. Children between 12 and 16 years of age are not permitted in the main bar at any time but may, while accompanied by their parents, use the Family bar except only that if the Family bar is unavailable they may use the main bar ONLY while orders are being taken prior to their dining with their parents in the dining room, during which time they must be accompanied by and supervised and controlled by their parents.
12. Under no circumstances may children under 12 years of age be permitted in the bar except under the conditions outlined at 11 above and then only by prior special permission of the Manager or an Officer of the Club. (Such permission may be granted ONLY when the Family Bar is unavailable).
13. Snooker Regulations as posted in the Snooker Room form part of these Bye-Laws.
14. Members shall not give gratuities to the Club staff, except as provided for by way of subscription lists under the authority of the General Committee.
15. Members shall not send Club staff away from the premises on messages or errands during their working hours.
16. Members shall not reprimand other members or Club staff. If a member considers another member is in breach of Club Rules or of these Bye-Laws or has misbehaved in any way, such misbehaving may in the first instance be drawn to the attention of the Manager or a Committee Member and/or a complaint in writing may be made to the Hon Secretary. Such complaint will be referred by the Hon Secretary in the first instance to the Membership Committee or to the General Committee as appropriate.

Any complaint against a member of staff should be made to the Club Manager or failing resolution by the Manager to the Honorary Secretary.

Damian Quinn
Honorary Secretary