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1. **Name.** The Club shall be called "THE ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB" and its objects are to encourage and promote yacht racing and sailing and to maintain a Club House for this purpose and for the social intercourse of the Club members.

2. **Burgee.** The Club Burgee shall be Red, with a White Cross, on which is a Blue Cross with the Lymington Ship in the centre and the Naval Crown in the top left hand canton, both in gold. The Flag Officers shall fly broad pennants with the usual distinguishing marks of Rank.

Ensign. The Ensign of the Club is the Red Ensign with the Lymington Ship in the fly and the Naval Crown above the Ship, both in gold, for which an Admiralty Warrant has been granted. Members wishing to fly the Ensign must apply for a Warrant from the Admiralty through the Secretary of the Club.

3. The **Flag Officers** of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and one or two Rear Commodores, each of whom shall hold office for a term of three years, the three terms commencing at one year intervals, in the reverse order of seniority. On the expiry of each term, the office may be filled by any full Member. Flag Officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Every candidate for election to Flag Rank shall be proposed and seconded in writing to the Secretary by two Full Members of the Club by *noon* on the 14th day before the Annual General Meeting, and his/her name and the names of his/her sponsors shall be posted in the Club on that day. A Flag Officer may be elected to fill a casual vacancy at a General Meeting and shall only complete the term of duty of the Officer who has become non-effective. An Admiral of the Club may be appointed when the Members desire to bestow a special honour. Flag Officers shall be ex-officio Members of all Committees.

4. **Officials.** There shall not be less than three Trustees who shall be elected by the Club at its Annual General Meeting when vacancies occur, and remain in office until death, resignation or removal, and they shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Provided always that if the number of Trustees shall at any time fall below three then the continuing Trustee or Trustees shall, until the next Annual General Meeting, have the same rights and powers and be subject to the like directions as if the number of Trustees had not fallen below three.

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees for the time being, who shall in any legal proceedings be deemed sufficient to represent the Club and its Members. The Trustees for the time being shall be under direction of the Committee, act in legal proceedings, effect insurances, invest money, execute mortgages and other deeds, the issue of which may be directed by a General Meeting, and generally transact all business of a like nature in such manner as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Every direction of the committee to the Trustees shall be signified by a copy of the resolution of the Committee, signed by the Chairman of the day and two members of the Committee, and when so signed shall be obligatory upon, and a justification to, the Trustees as to anything to be done by virtue of such resolution.

5. **Secretary.** The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint or dismiss a Secretary, such dismissal being only exercised by resolution of a Meeting of not less than six Members of the Committee.

6. **Auditor.** The Accounts of the Club shall be audited Annually before presentation to the General Meeting by an Auditor appointed by the Executive Committee.

7. **Election of Members.** The Election of members shall be by vote of the Executive Committee, not less than seven members of which must be present and vote, one black ball in three to exclude.

8. **Candidates for Election.** Candidates for election for either Full, Family, Junior or Cadet Membership must be proposed by one member and seconded by another, both of whom must be Full Members of the Club. The names and addresses to be forwarded to the Secretary on the prescribed form signed by both the Proposer and Seconder, which shall be posted in the Club for 14 days prior to the consideration of such application by the Committee. The Proposer must also forward a letter of recommendation for the Candidate.

Flag Officers and Members of the Committee cannot propose or second any Candidate for Election who resides within ten miles of Lymington Church except in particular cases when it is desired to pay a special compliment to the proposed Candidate.

9. **Executive Committee.** The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Flag Officers and three Trustees, ex-officio, and twelve members, four of whom shall retire annually in rotation and not be eligible for election for one year. Five to form a quorum. There must always be at least one Lady on the Executive Committee.

Each Candidate for election to the Executive Committee must have been a Full Member for at least two years. Previous Family Membership may count towards this in the case of lady candidates. Each Candidate for election to the Executive Committee shall be proposed and seconded in writing to the Secretary by two Full Members of the Club and his or her name and the names of the Proposer and Secunder shall be posted in the Club at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. If the numbers nominated exceed the number of vacancies they will be elected by Ballot.

A two-thirds majority of those present is required for any resolution put to the vote, but the Executive Committee may, if they think fit, call for a Postal Vote of all its Members.

In the event of a vacancy on the Committee, the Committee shall have power to co-opt a Member, whose election must be confirmed, or otherwise at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt to any Committee, where assistance or advice may be

necessary for a special purpose, not more than two additional Members on each Committee.

The Chairman of the Sailing and House Committees when not elected to the Executive Committee under Rule 9, shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee in addition to the Flag Officers and Trustees.

(a) *Hon. Treasurer.* The Committee shall have power to appoint an Hon. Treasurer, who when not elected to the Executive Committee under Rule 9, shall be an ex-officio Member of that Committee.

10. **Sailing Committee.** The arrangements of the races shall be in the hands of a Sailing Committee which shall consist of the Flag Officers and nine members of whom three shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election. Three to form a quorum. Members of the Sailing Committee to be nominated annually by the Executive Committee.

11. **House Committee.** The House Committee shall consist of not less than three Full Members, two to form a quorum, and will be nominated annually by the Executive Committee. The House Committee may co-opt up to two Family Members. The House Committee shall regulate the tariff of charges, and generally manage the arrangements of the Club House and premises. The House Committee shall be subordinate

to the Executive Committee, whose sanction must be obtained for all Regulations and expenditure other than that required for ordinary running expenses.

12. **Sub-Committees.** Sub-Committees may be appointed by any Committee from its own members.

13. **Committee Meetings.** Committee Meetings shall be held when required, seven days notice to be given.

Any Member of the Executive, House or Sailing Committee who is unable to give an adequate attendance at the Committee Meetings shall, if that Committee so resolve, cease to be a member, and that Committee shall have power to appoint another Member in his place. Any such appointments to the House or Sailing Committee shall be reported to the Executive Committee. Such appointment to the Executive Committee must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

14. **Annual General Meeting.** The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 15th March and 15th April, on such date as the Committee may determine to transact any necessary business, 21 days notice to be given. Twenty Full Members entitled to vote to form a quorum. Votes by proxy will not be accepted. All nominations and resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be given in writing to

the Secretary and signed by two full Members at least 14 days previous to such Meeting (*see also Rule 19*).

15. **Special General Meetings.** The Executive Committee, or five per cent. of the Full Members who are entitled to vote shall have the power to call a Special Meeting. The Members convening such Meeting shall specify its object in writing, notice of which, together with 28 days notice of the time of the meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to every Full Member of the Club. Twenty Full Members who are entitled to vote to form a quorum for a Special General Meeting. Votes by proxy will not be accepted.

16. **Subscriptions.** The Subscriptions shall be:—

i. **Full Members:**

Entrance Fee £5 5s.

Annual Subscription..... £5 5s.

(a) All Full Members who have lent the Club the sum of one hundred guineas under the terms of the formal agreement shall not be called upon to pay any annual subscription until the loan is repaid by the Club.

ii. **Family Members:**

Entrance Fee Nil

Annual Subscription..... £3 3s.

A Family Member is a Husband, Wife, Son under the age of 25, or un-married Daughter of a Full Member. Sons, on attaining the age of 25, must become Full Members.

These Members shall rank as Full Members with the following exceptions:—

They shall not be (a) eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

(b) Serve in any official capacity except when co-opted onto Committees.

Enjoy any of the privileges specifically reserved for Full Members.

Family Members can at any time become Full Members by payment of the Entrance Fee and Subscription in force at the time, but no Entrance Fee is payable if the Member has been a Family Member for a period of two years.

iii. **Junior Members:**

A Junior Member is one who is between the ages of 18 and 21 years.

Entrance Fee Nil

Annual Subscription... £2 2s.

All Junior Members, on attaining the age of 22 years, must come up for election in the usual manner for Full Membership or for Family Membership in accordance with Rule 16 (ii).

Those Junior Members elected to Full Membership shall pay the Entrance Fee in force at the time of their election, unless they have been a Junior Member for at least two years, when they need pay no Entrance Fee.

iv. **Cadet Members:**

Entrance Fee	Nil
Annual Subscription	£1 10s.

A Cadet Member is one who is between the age of 12 and 18 years, and whose parents are not Members. Cadets must come up for election annually.

v. **Juvenile Members:**

Entrance Fee	Nil
Annual Subscription	10/6d.

Juvenile Members are sons and daughters between the ages of 8 and 18, one of whose parents is a Full Member. Application for such Membership should be made to the Secretary.

Children who would be eligible to become Juvenile Members, if their Parents were Members of the Club, may, if they are living with a person acting in loco parentis who is a Member, and, if their Parents are deceased or living abroad, become Juvenile Members, on application of the person acting in loco parentis, which application the Secretary shall bring before the Executive Committee for their sanction.

All Cadet and Juvenile Members, on attaining the age of 18 years, must come up for election in the usual manner for Junior Membership and, if elected, shall pay the annual subscription of that Membership, beginning the year following their 18th birthday.

Junior, Juvenile and Cadet Members are not entitled to vote or attend General Meetings.

All subscriptions become due on January 1st. Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the 1st May shall be written to for the same, and if not paid by the 1st June, will have their names posted on the notice board in the Club. If their subscriptions are not paid by the 1st August, they shall cease to be Members of the Club unless a satisfactory explanation be forthcoming.

These Entrance Fees and Subscriptions apply to all new members elected after 3rd April, 1948; and, as from 1st January, 1949, apply to all Full Members elected after 25th May, 1929. Members of the Club elected before 25th May, 1929, will pay the subscription in force at the time of their election.

All members must pay both Entrance Fee and Subscriptions for the current year immediately on election. In case of members elected after November 1st, the Entrance Fee only is payable, no subscription being required for the remainder of the year.

Members who are absent overseas from the 1st January to 31st December in any year will pay an

Annual Subscription of half-a-guinea, but they must notify the Secretary when they wish to come on the "overseas" list, and the date of their return to the United Kingdom. If they are on leave or visiting the United Kingdom between the 1st November and the 31st March, they may use the Club without further payment, and, similarly if between the 1st April and the 31st October, may do so for one month for a further payment of One Pound. Otherwise if they are in the United Kingdom they are liable for their full subscription. For the purpose of this rule, the expression "overseas" shall include Northern Ireland and Eire.

17. **Resignation of Members.** Members who wish to resign from the Club must notify the Secretary in writing of their intention to do so before the 1st January in any year, otherwise they will be liable for the subscription for that year.

18. **Admittance of Members' Friends.** The Committee shall have power to admit Ladies, Gentlemen and Children as guests, temporary or honorary Members under the following Regulations:—

- (a) *Guests.* Members may introduce guests, not exceeding 6 in number at any one time, on any day in the season, and their names must be entered in the visitor's Book. Guests not to remain on the Club Premises

without their hosts. Children under the age of 12 years shall not be entitled to use any portion of the Club Premises save such as may be allotted from time to time by the Executive Committee, and then only if accompanied by an adult.

- (b) *Visitors.* Members may introduce two visitors at a time as Honorary Members for two consecutive days free providing such visitors do not reside within 10 miles of Lymington Church. Names and addresses to be entered in the Visitor's Book 48 hours previous to taking up such membership. No visitor to be put down more than twice in the season.
- (c) *Honorary Members.* The Executive Committee are empowered to make Honorary Members as they may deem expedient.
- (d) *Temporary Members* may be admitted to the Club on introduction by a Full Member and authorised by a Flag Officer on behalf of the Executive Committee at the following Subscription Rates for a maximum period of twelve weeks.
For initial periods up to 2 weeks—at 10/- a week.
For subsequent periods between 3 and 12 weeks—at 5/- a week.

- (e) Upon a proper invitation being issued by the Secretary, members of recognised Yacht Clubs visiting Lymington in their Yachts, or otherwise may become Honorary Members temporarily.
- (f) *Dinners and Dances etc.* The Committee shall have power to admit Ladies and Gentlemen as temporary members to any dinner or dance or any wedding or other reception for members or the sons or daughters of members, provided that the names and addresses of such persons are exhibited in the Club at least 48 hours before the date of any such function.
- (g) *Reciprocity with other Clubs.* Members of the Royal Southern Yacht Club, the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, Parkstone Yacht Club and the Royal Naval Sailing Association have the right to become Temporary Members for a period or periods not exceeding fourteen days in any one year, without payment on application to the Secretary. Members of the New York Yacht Club are invited to consider themselves as Honorary Members whilst visiting this country. These privileges may be extended to other Yacht Clubs at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

19. Alteration of Rules. The Committee may make bye-laws for the regulation of the Club or add to the Rules and Regulations, but may never alter them. Additions so made shall be binding until the next General Meeting which will confirm them or otherwise. Any alteration to the Rules must be passed at a General Meeting.

Any proposition to alter the Rules and Regulations intended to be brought forward by Members at an Annual General Meeting shall take the form of a definite resolution, as laid down in Rule 14, and shall reach the Secretary at least 28 clear days before the date of the Meeting.

20. Expulsion of Members. If five Members of the club give notice in writing to the Committee that any Member has, in their opinion, been guilty of conduct which renders it undesirable that he/she should continue to be a Member or if the Committee consider that any Member has been guilty of such conduct, such Member shall be communicated with, and shall be given an opportunity of explaining his/her conduct personally before the Committee, and shall also be given the opportunity of resigning. After these steps have been taken the Committee may resolve to expel the Member, and he/she shall cease to be a Member of the Club, unless within fourteen days he/she gives

notice in writing of his/her desire to appeal to a General Meeting of the Club, in which case a General Meeting shall be summoned within twenty-eight days after receipt of such notice. If a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting at the General Meeting vote in favour of expulsion, the offending Member shall immediately cease to be a Member of the Club.

21. **Bankruptcy.** Any Member becoming a Bankrupt or compounding with his creditors shall cease to be a Member of the Club, but the Committee may, after due enquiry, re-admit him as a member without payment of an Entrance Fee.

22. **Sale and Charter of Yachts.** A register of Yachts for Sale and Charter will be kept by the Secretary. Members desiring to sell or charter their Yachts, or to purchase or hire Yachts, may communicate with the Secretary.

The fee payable by non-Members to the Secretary will be in accordance with the Scale laid down by the Yacht Broker's Association.

HOUSE RULES.

1. TIMES OF OPENING AND CLOSING. The Club shall be open daily, Sunday included, as follows:—

During the Sailing Season—1st April to 30th September, at 9.0 a.m. and close at 10.30 p.m.

During the Winter Season—1st October to 31st March, open at 11.0 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. except on Lecture nights or special occasions when it will close at 10.30 p.m.

If the weather is exceptional these dates may be varied at the discretion of the House Committee.

2. SUPPLY OF LIQUOR. The permitted hours during which intoxicating liquors may be supplied are as follows:—

Week-days — 11.0 a.m. to 2 p.m.
5.0 p.m. to 10.0 p.m.

Provided that during such periods (if any) as there shall be in force an order under paragraph (a) of the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 101 of the Licencing Act, 1953, the time of 10.30 p.m. shall be substituted for the time of 10.0 p.m.

Sundays and Good Fridays — 12 noon to 2.0 p.m.
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Staff will not be on duty on either Christmas or Boxing Day.

3. CASH PAYMENTS. Members must discharge every expense and liability incurred at the Club House, before leaving. The Steward has positive orders not to open an account with any Member, nor to accept any payment except from a Member, nor to serve with refreshments any Member who shall not have discharged such expenses and liability as aforesaid.

SAILING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. RACES. Races shall be held on such days as are suitable to all classes.

2. CONDUCT OF RACES. All races shall be sailed under the Rules of the International Yacht Racing Union and the special provisions required by the Royal Yachting Association.

3. CLASS RULES. All Classes shall race under their own Class Rules.

4. ENTERING FOR RACES. Members' Races are the Club Races given by the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club.

In all Club Races boats must be steered by a Member of a recognised Yacht Club.

5. OFFICIAL MEASURER. Official measurers shall be appointed to measure yachts and/or sails when considered necessary by the Sailing Committee.

6. RECALL NUMBERS. Every yacht competing in the Club Races shall be allotted a recall number by the Sailing Committee.

YACHT ROUTINE

1. (a) **FLAGS AND ENSIGNS.** Members are requested to conform to the rules laid down in the official handbook on the Subject "Yacht Flags and Ensigns," copies of which are available in the Secretary's Office.

- (b) **SPECIAL ENSIGN.** Any member wishing to wear the special ensign of the Club should apply to the Secretary for the necessary warrant. Should a member dispose of his yacht the warrant must be returned to the Secretary for return to the Admiralty.
Members are reminded that if a yacht is owned by more than one person a warrant can only be obtained if all the owners are members of the Club.

- (c) **SALUTES.** Royal Yachts, Warships and Flag Officers of the Club should be saluted in the customary manner by dipping the ensign. The Flag Officers should only be saluted once a day at the first meeting.

- (d) **DRESSING SHIP.** Attention is invited to the instruction for dressing ship in the official Handbook.

- (e) **BURGEE.** There is no objection to members who are members of other yachts club wearing the burgee or burgees of such clubs at their yardarms or crosstrees when wearing the Club burgee at the main.
- (f) **FLAG OF THE ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION** should be worn at the yardarm or crosstrees. It should only be worn under way if the yacht is on R.Y.A. business.
- SIGNALS, ETC.** Members cruising abroad in their yachts are to conform with the government regulations on the subject, which can be ascertained from H.M. Customs.
- Any yacht requiring the Club launch is to hoist (or display) the appropriate International Code Signal.

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**Amendment to Club Rules
and Regulations**

1. Delete Rules 8 and 16 and substitute the enclosed new rule.
2. Re-number Rules 17-22 to 16-21

8. Membership and Subscriptions

(a) *Election.* Candidates for election for either Full, Family or Junior membership must be proposed by one member and seconded by another, both of whom must have been Full Members of the Club for at least two years. The names and addresses to be forwarded to the Secretary on the prescribed form signed by both the Proposer and Secunder which shall be posted in the Club for 14 days prior to the consideration of such application by the Committee. The Proposer must also forward a letter of recommendation for the Candidate.

Candidates for election must have been known personally to the proposer and secunder for more than two years, but the Executive Committee shall have power to waive this condition in special cases.

Flag Officers and Members of the Committee cannot propose or second any Candidate for Election who resides within ten miles of Lymington Church except in particular cases when it is desired to pay a special compliment to the proposed Candidate

(b) *Categories of Membership.* Members shall be—:

FULL MEMBERS

Entrance Fee	£10 10s. 0d.
Annual Subscription	£5 5s. 0d.

FAMILY MEMBERS (OVER 21)

Entrance Fee	£5 5s. 0d.
Annual Subscription:	
Over 8 and under 21	£1 1s. 0d.
Over 21 ..	£3 3s. 0d.

A Family Member is a Husband, Wife, Son under the age of 25, or un-married Daughter of a Full Member or young person under 25 living with a Full Member acting, or who has been acting, in loco parentis.

These Members shall rank as Full Members with the following exceptions:—

They shall not be (a) eligible to vote at a General Meeting; (b) Serve in any official capacity except when co-opted onto Committees; (c) Enjoy any of the privileges specifically reserved for Full Members.

Family Members can at any time become Full Members, without standing for election, by payment of the balance of the Entrance Fee and Subscription in force at the time, but no further Entrance Fee is payable if the Member has been a Family Member for more than two years.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Entrance Fee *Nil*
Annual Subscription £2 2s. 0d.

Junior Members are young persons between the ages of 12 and 21 whose parents are not Full Members.

All Junior Members, on attaining the age of 21, must come up for election in the usual manner for Full or Family Membership, but shall pay no entrance fee on election to Full Membership if they shall have been Junior Members for more than two years.

Junior Members are not entitled to vote at General Meetings.

All subscriptions become due on 1st January. Members who have not paid their subscriptions by 1st May shall be written to for the same, and if not paid by the 1st June will have their names posted on the Notice Board in the Club. If their subscriptions are not paid by 1st August, they will cease to be Members of the Club unless a satisfactory explanation be forthcoming.

These Entrance Fees and Subscriptions apply to all new Members elected after 6th April, 1967 and as from 1st January, 1968 apply to all Members elected after 25th May, 1929. Members of the Club elected before 25th May, 1929 will pay the subscription in force at the time of their election.

All members must pay both Entrance Fees and Subscriptions for the current year immediately on election. In the case of members elected after 1st November, the Entrance Fee only is payable, no subscription being required for the remainder of the year.

Members who are absent overseas from 1st January to 31st December in any year will pay an Annual Subscription of half-a-guinea, but they must notify the Secretary when they wish to come on the 'overseas' list and the date of their return to the United Kingdom, If they are on leave or visiting the United Kingdom between 1st November and 31st March, they may use the Club without further payment, and similarly if between 1st April and 31st October, may do so for one month for a further payment of One Pound. Otherwise if they are in the United Kingdom they are liable for their full subscription. For the purpose of this rule, the expression 'overseas' shall include Northern Ireland and Eire.