

THE ROYAL  
YACHT CLUB  
OF TASMANIA



By Laws

# **BY-LAWS OF THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA**

**Introduction** These By-Laws are promulgated pursuant to the Constitution of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (The Club).

**Preliminary**

Words and headings in these By-Laws have the same meaning as words and headings of the Constitution of the RYCT.

The overall management and control of the business and affairs of the Club which is a registered Company Limited by Guarantee is vested in the Board of Directors consisting of the Flag Officers and Directors who are elected by the members.

Unless otherwise decided by the Board the detailed management of affairs will be conducted by a Management Committee consisting of:

**Direction**

The Commodore

The Vice Commodore

The Rear Commodore

General Manager/Secretary

Immediate Past Commodore (by agreement)

**Insurance**

- (a) Members will insure and keep their yachts and equipment insured against any loss, damage, injury or death occasioned by the use of any of the Club's facilities and or the use of the vessel and its equipment however caused and will keep the RYCT indemnified and saved harmless from any claim.
- (b) The amount of such insurance including Legal liability insurance shall be at least \$ 10 million or such other amount as determined by the Board from time to time.

**Procedure for nomination of members**

- 1.1 All applicants seeking nomination for Membership of the Company will be proposed by a Senior Member, Life Member, Fifty Year Member, Perennial Member, Veteran Member, Country Member or Intermediate Member and seconded by another Member over the age of eighteen (18) years of age.
- 1.2 Each proposer and seconder is to have been a Member of the Company for not

less than two (2) years immediately preceding such proposal.

- 1.3 In the event that an applicant for Membership has not been personally known to the proposer and seconder for at least Twelve (12) months he/she will supply written references in support of his/her application to the satisfaction of the Board.
- 1.4 The form of application for Membership will be prescribed by the Board and will be signed by the nominees except than an application form for a Junior Member will be signed by a parent or guardian.
- 1.5 Following receipt of such an application, the Board will consider the acceptance or rejection of the application at the next Board meeting. The acceptance or rejection of the application is by secret ballot and the result of the vote is determined by simple majority. In no case is the Board required to give any reason for the rejection of an application.
- 1.6 Following an application for Membership being approved by the Board, it will be posted on the Company Notice Board for a period of fourteen (14) days. Any Member of the Company wishing to object to such Application will lodge with the Secretary their objection(s), in writing, within the prescribed fourteen (14) day period, setting out the reasons for the Application to be rejected. Such objection(s) will be considered by the Board in accordance with the Constitution. If, after the expiration of the fourteen (14) day period, no objection is received in respect of such application, the application form will become the nomination form.
- 1.7 The nomination form will be submitted to the Board at its next meeting. An election by secret ballot will take place and the result of the vote is by simple majority. The Secretary will keep a record of the number of Directors voting and the result of such election. The Secretary will send to the elected applicant a written notice of the Board's acceptance of their application and a request for payment of their first Annual Subscription, or part of as determined in accordance with the Constitution, payable within thirty (30) days. Upon receipt of the applicant's first Annual Subscription the applicant will become a Member of the Company.

**Member Privileges**

- 1.8 Upon election, the Member shall be invited to meet the Flag Officers and Board. A complete list of the privileges attaching to each membership category including those contained in the Constitution or otherwise in these By-Laws are set out in the Membership Privileges document annexed to and forming part of these By-Laws

**Privileges of Inviting Guests**

2. Any Member except Honorary, Visiting or Junior Member shall have the privilege of inviting guests, not exceeding 10 at any one time, to such rooms as the Board may, from time to time appoint for refreshments, subject to such By-Laws as the Board may make. Each time a member brings a guest (aged 14 years or more) into the Club House the member and each guest invited by the member must sign the Visitors Book and record that date of signing and each such guest must also record their address in the Visitors Book. These 10 guests are not entitled to be invited to the Club more than twice in one month. It shall be competent for the Board to discontinue the operation of this By-Law or any part of it at any time it deems it desirable to do so.
  - i) Any Honorary, Visiting or Junior Member shall have the privilege of inviting guests, not exceeding three (3) at any one time, under the same conditions.
  - ii) The spouse, child or parent of a Member may be invited to the Club at any time provided they are signed in by the Member concerned.
  - iii) On occasions when the Board so directs, and subject to suitable notice being promulgated, the entire Club House facilities shall be open to Members and their guests.

**Alcohol**

3. No alcohol other than that provided by the Club shall be kept or used on the licensed premises of the Club. The drinking of stubbies is permitted in the back bar and beer garden only.

**Smoking**

4. Smoking shall not be permitted in any area of the Clubhouse.

**Papers and Placards**

5. No paper or placard, written or printed, shall be posted in the Club without the sanction of the Secretary.

**Club's Property**

6. Members damaging any article or property of the Club shall pay for the same at a price fixed by the Board.

**Conduct of Employees**

7. The conduct of any employee of the Club shall in no instance be made a subject of personal reprimand by any Member of the Club, but all complaints against employees must be made to the Secretary.

**Employees not to be sent out of Club**

8. No employee of the Club, unless authorised by the Secretary, shall be sent out of the Club House upon any errands, or for any other purpose, under any pretence whatever.

**Under Age Members and**

9. No persons under the age of 18 years shall be supplied with liquor by the

**Guests Supplied with Liquor**

Club or consume liquor on its premises. Members guests under the age of 18 years are permitted on the Club premises, provided they are under the control of the Member at all times. Provisions of the Liquor Licensing Act 1990 apply.

**Complaints**

10. All complaints or suggestions shall be made to the Secretary by letter, or entered and signed by the Member complaining or making the suggestion in a book to be kept for that purpose. Such complaints and suggestions should be laid before the Board and an answer may be sent by the Secretary under their direction.

**No Liability for Loss**

11. Neither the Club nor any Official of the Club shall be responsible for any loss or damage to any article brought by Members or guests on to the Club's premises.

**Dress in the Club**

12. The general dress standards in the Club House require dress to be neat and tidy. Footwear must be worn at all times
  - a. If a Member is working on a boat, working clothes may be worn in the Back Bar until 1900 hours.
  - b. On race days, dress rules shall be relaxed to include racing attire until 1900 hours.

**Use of Address**

13. No Member shall give or use the address or use the fact that they are a Member of the Club in any advertisement or enterprise (sporting or otherwise) or use the Club address for business purposes

**Car Stickers**

14. Car stickers, depicting the Club Burgee or crest are available to Members for use on their cars and trailer craft. When used in a car, the sticker is to be placed in the left hand corner of the rear window, and when used in trailer craft, in the left hand corner of the windscreen.

**Collections and Raffles**

15. No collections or raffles shall be made without the approval of the Secretary.

**Register of Yachts**

16.
  - a. Every yacht exclusively belonging or on loan to, or on hire by a Member or Members shall be listed on the Club Yacht Register except that Social, Crew, Associate, Associated, Honorary and Visiting Members do not have the privilege of placing a vessel on the Yacht Register.
  - b. Information on the Register shall be furnished to the Secretary on a form supplied by the Club.

**Qualifications of Yachts**

17. No yacht used for the purpose of trade, or let on hire at any time to Non-Members, or which shall in the opinion of the Board be otherwise unfit, shall

be placed on the Club Yacht register and no Yacht belonging to more than one owner shall be admitted in the Club unless each and every owner of such Yacht be a Member of the Club.

**Yachts on Loan** 18. Yachts belonging to Members while on loan or hire to Non- Members shall not be entitled to the Club's privileges or to fly the Club Ensign or Burgee, and every Member so letting said Yachts is required to remove all Club papers, books and flags.

**Uniforms** 19. The uniform of the Club shall consist of a dark blue jacket bearing the Club Crest in bullion on the left breast pocket together with Club tie, grey or beige trousers, skirt or dress, matching shirt and matching shoes. Where formal dress is stipulated for a Club function, dress consisting of Club jacket, Club tie, grey or beige trousers, skirt or dress, matching shirt and matching shoes will be permitted as a substitute for evening dress.

**Payment of Bills, etc** 20. All Members are to pay their bills at once for every expense they incur in the Club House. Members introducing Honorary Members or Visiting Members shall be personally responsible for the due payment by them of their bills and all fines inflicted upon them.

**Company Jetty** 21. a. The use of the Club Jetty shall be restricted to Members or guests of the Club:  
i. For the picking up and putting ashore of passengers or crew.  
ii. For the purchase of fuel.  
iii. For the loading of stores.  
iv. For yachts in distress and requiring urgent attention.  
b. Craft shall not be moored alongside or lay off the Jetty overnight or for periods of more than three hours during daylight, unless with the consent of a Flag Officer, the Secretary or the Bosun.

**Dinghy Storage** 22. Dinghies not occupying a dinghy rack shall not be left on the apron in front of the storage.

**Slipway** 23. a. The slipping and launching of boats and the movement and storage of yachts in the yard shall be under control of the Bosun, or, in his absence, a person appointed by the General Manager. Under no circumstances shall boats be placed in the storage area in front of empty cradles, nor shall they remain in the space under the cranes after

the crane work is completed.

- b. Only yachts on the Club Register, or visitors, shall be permitted to use the Club Slipway except with the approval of the Bosun or in his absence a person appointed by the General Manager.
- c. No person, other than those authorised by the Bosun or in his absence a person appointed by the General Manager, shall operate the winches and they shall ensure that the wire is tracking evenly on the winch drum at all times.
- d. Owners wishing to use the Club Slipway shall give the Bosun appropriate notice setting out the date and duration of slipping except in the case of an emergency, or with the express permission of the Bosun, or in his absence, the General Manager.
- e. Yachts shall not remain on the slip for more than four consecutive weeks unless permission has been granted by the Bosun or in his absence a person appointed by the General Manager.
- f. All yachts shall be scrubbed off on the haul-out, but the Bosun or, in his absence, or person appointed by the General Manager, shall have the right to order otherwise. All rubbish is to be cleared away and bilges are not to be drained in the storage area.
- g. No more than two persons shall remain onboard a yacht which is being slipped or launched.
- h. All yachts shall be level when hauled out, and whilst in the storage area. They shall be secured in the cradle to the satisfaction of the Bosun or, in his absence, or person appointed by the General Manager, and halyards shall be tied clear of masts.
- i. Yachts shall not be slipped with dinghies on davits. In the case of yachts with fixed davits, these shall be unshipped or swung inboard where possible.
- j. No work involving major construction or alterations to a yacht shall be carried out in the slipyard without prior approval of the Bosun or in his absence a person appointed by the General Manager.
- k. The use of sand blasting equipment shall not be permitted. The use of spray guns shall be restricted to that area known as the Spray Booth, weather permitting.
- l. The number of cradles, and their replacements, to be placed in the yard

shall be determined by the Board. Plans for the alteration of any existing cradle shall be submitted for approval by the Board.

- m. All privately owned cradles shall be kept painted to the specifications determined by the Board and they shall be kept mobile to the satisfaction of the Board.
- n. The slipping fee and lay-day charge shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
- o. The slipping rights of any yacht sold will cease until an application from the new owner has been approved by Board.
- p. All Members using the Club's slipping facilities shall ensure the security of the Club equipment at all times. The winch sheds shall be locked after use and all equipment such as hoses, brooms etc. shall be stored neatly.
- q. Notwithstanding anything in these By-Laws, the Board reserves the right to direct any yacht to vacate the slip.
- r. The Capacity of the Northern Haul is limited to 20 tonnes.  
The Capacity of the Southern Haul-out is limited to five tonnes.
- s. Prior to slipping, all yacht owners shall sign an indemnity form as determined by the Board from time to time.

**Off the Beach**

24.

- a. Storage spaces will only be made available to owners of Centreboard Dinghies, registered with their respective Class Associations which may race with the Club from time to time.
- b. All boats must be stored in accordance with instructions from an Official nominated by the Club and all gear, such as spars, etc. must be stored in an orderly manner.
- c. Hoses, trolleys and any other Club equipment must be replaced in the Sheds after use.

**Attendance at Meetings**

25.

No Member or any other person shall be permitted to attend Board Meetings unless they have been expressly invited to attend a Board Meeting by the Board.

**Dogs**

26.

- (a) No Member shall, on any account, bring a Dog into the Club House. The sole exception to this rule shall be a guide dog accompanying a vision or hearing impaired person.
- (b) All dogs whilst on Club property including Jetties and Marina, must be



on a leash and must remain under the direct control of the owner. Should any dog foul the Club property then the owner is responsible for removing the offending material immediately.

**Car Parking**

27. Persons shall only park in areas designated as car parks and shall observe all time limits and restrictions

**Patrol Boats**

28. a. Patrol Boat skippers and crews shall be subject to such rules and regulations that shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

b. In any event, no person shall drive a patrol boat unless that person holds a current speedboat licence issued by the appropriate authority and has satisfied the Board that the person is capable of handling such craft.

**Hardstand**

29.

a) Only yachts on the Club Register shall be permitted to use the hardstand except with the approval of a Flag Officer or the General Manager.

b) No person, other than those licensed to do so, shall operate the crane and they shall ensure that the wire is tracking evenly on the winder drum at all times. Persons operating the crane shall provide proof to the Sailing & Operations Manager that they are familiar with the operating requirements for the crane.

c) No persons shall remain on-board a yacht which is being lifted.

d) All yachts shall be level when lifted and whilst in the storage area. They shall be secured in the jinker to the satisfaction of the Bosun or, in his absence a person appointed by the General Manager, and halyards shall be tied clear of masts.

e) No work involving major construction or alteration to a yacht shall be carried out in the hardstand without prior approval of the Bosun or in his absence a person appointed by the General Manager.

f) The number and design of jinkers, and their replacements, to be placed in the hardstand shall be determined by the General Manager. Plans for the alteration of any existing jinker shall be submitted for approval by the Sailing & Operations Manager.

g) The fee for use of the hardstand and rental for jinkers shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

h) The rights of any yacht sold will cease until an application from the new owner has been approved by the Sailing & Operations Manager.

- i) All Members using the Club's hardstand facilities shall ensure the security of the Club equipment at all times. The crane shall be locked after use and all equipment such as hoses, brooms, etc, shall be stored neatly.
- j) Notwithstanding anything in these By-laws, the Board reserves the right to direct any yacht to vacate the hardstand.
- k) Prior to lifting, all yacht owners shall sign an indemnity form as determined by the Board from time to time.
- l) All yachts must be stored in accordance with instructions from the Sailing and Operations Manager or the Bosun and all gear, such as spars, etc, must be stored in an orderly manner.
- m) All yachts stored in the hardstand shall be secured and stored at the owner's risk.

## **Marina**

31. The Marina Security Gate shall be locked between 1730 - 0730 hours (Eastern Standard Time) and 2030 - 0730 hours (Eastern Daylight Savings Time). Notwithstanding any clause in individual marina agreements the following by-laws apply:
- a) Prior to the initial occupancy of a Marina berth a current Marina Agreement must be signed.
  - b) Vessels must be suitably anti-fouled and maintained in a sea worthy condition and all lines, supports and attachments are to be maintained in a serviceable condition and free of marine growths.
  - c) The Marina shall be kept clear of all equipment/gear/lines and leads at all times.
    - i. Wheelbarrows should be returned to the storage park immediately after use.
    - ii. All rubbish and waste must be removed to the bins provided
  - d) Major repair work is prohibited within the marina and adjacent berths but minor repairs including painting, mechanical and electrical work may be carried out provided such work does not cause a nuisance or interfere with other marina occupiers and users. Specifically excluded is the use of grinding,

sanding, spray-painting equipment and any other work that may cause damage or inconvenience to other boat owners.

- e) Toilets shall not be used whilst in the confines of the Marina. Discharge from a vessel, or other source, of sullage, waste water, oils, chemicals or any other contaminant is not permitted within the marina confines.
  - i. Should any unlawful discharge occur immediate action should be taken to minimize and remove such spills or discharge
- f) A speed limit of 4 knots applies within the marina confines.
- g) Undue noise by marina users or guests will not be tolerated
  - i. Noise from radios, sound systems and the like should be kept at a minimum such as not to disturb others.
  - ii. Noise from any other sources should be kept at a minimum such as not to disturb others.
  - iii. All rigging shall be secured in such a manner as to prevent noise being generated by rigging hitting against spars.
- h)
  - i. No additions, alterations or attachments to the piers, marina, walkways, pontoons or other structures belonging to the RYCT, shall be made without the written permission of the General Manager.
  - ii. No additions shall be made to vessels so as to increase the length of the vessel as described in the marina agreement without due consultation and written agreement of the RYCT. Any such permission may result in increased marina rental based on the overall length of the vessel and such additions and any new berthing requirements.
- i) All power leads used on the marina shall have a current compliance tag attached and be of one length of heavy duty 3 core earth sheaved cord and rated not less than 10 amps. All power cables on the floating marina shall have approved screw connectors fitted. Power leads are not to cause a trip hazard and precautions must be taken to prevent leads from sagging or falling into the water.
- j) Living aboard vessels for a period in excess of three consecutive days is prohibited unless the written permission of the general manager, or in the absence of the General Manager a flag officer, is first obtained.
- k) No laundry or any item of a personal nature, other than wet weather

clothing, shall be hung out to dry in public view on any vessel or on any jetty or marina.

- l) No attachments such as anchors or davits are to extend over the marina walkways such as to obstruct clear access.
- m) Marina berth lessees shall advise the Administration Office if their berth is to remain unoccupied for an extended period together with the proposed period/dates of absence.
- n) No motor bikes, bicycles, scooters or skateboards are to be ridden within the marina or adjacent jetties.
- o) No marina berth is to be sublet without the prior approval of the General Manager or Secretary and the completion of relevant paperwork.
- p) The Club has a strict policy regarding refuelling yachts. No yacht is to be refuelled anywhere other than at a Fuel Jetty or Rescue Boat area: Owners may take a certified fuel container for their outboard tenders and only to a maximum of 10 litres. The fuel jetty is equipped with spillage and fire fighting equipment for environmental and safety management.

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