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RULES

OF THE

Port Nicholson Yacht Club.

(Registered under the Unclassified Societies Act.)

Title.

I. The Club shall be called "THE PORT NICHOLSON YACHT CLUB," and its objects shall be the encouragement of yacht and boat building and racing under power or sail.

Members.

II. The Club shall consist of ordinary, honorary, life, and lady members.

Admission of Members.

III. Ordinary members must be proposed, seconded, and balloted for, at a General Meeting of the Club, their names having been posted not less than seven days previously. That at such ballot one black ball in five shall exclude.

Honorary Members.

IV. The Commissioned Officers of the Navy stationed in New Zealand may be elected honorary members of the Club, and the Club shall also have power to elect honorary and life members, who shall have all the privileges of the Club, except voting, and being eligible for office on the Committee.

Officers.

V. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary, to be elected at the Annual Meeting in September. At the same time two Auditors, two Measurers, a Handicapper, Starter and Judge, and Timekeeper, shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

No Officer or Member shall hold two positions.

All vacancies among Officers or Committeemen occurring between the Annual meetings to be filled temporarily by the Committee, the said vacancy to be posted in the notice board of the Club, and nominations called for the office and determined by ballot at next General or Special General Meeting of the Club.

Committee.

VI. There shall be a Committee, consisting of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, and six other members, and that such Committee be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting in September.

No Officer except the Secretary shall hold the same office for more than two years in succession, and one year must elapse before such officer can be re-elected.

Any member of a Committee, except an ex-officio member, failing to attend three consecutive meetings shall cease to be a member thereof, unless he shall have first obtained leave of absence for a definite period.

Powers of Committee.

VII. The Committee shall have the entire management of the racing matches, and general affairs of the Club (except the admission and expulsion of Members, and shall call Special Meetings of the Club on all necessary occasions.

The Committee shall not have power to expend a sum exceeding £10 for any one object or account without the authority of General Meeting.

Nominations.

VIII. Nominations for all offices of the Club shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least three days prior to the Annual Meeting. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Secretary, and must be signed by Nominee and Proposer. The list of candidates to be duly posted on Club notice board the day after nominations close, and signed by the Secretary.

Subscription.

IX. The Annual Subscription be One Guinea, which shall be due on the First of September, but that if any Member be elected after the 30th June, his subscription shall begin from the First of September following.

The Annual Subscription for Members under 21 years of age shall be half a guinea, and all lady members five shillings each.

Unpaid Subscriptions.

X. The Secretary shall inform all Members whose subscriptions are unpaid on the 1st of December of such subscription being due,

and any Member failing to pay the same on or before the 31st December shall be debarred from all privileges of the Club until such subscription be paid. Any Member whose subscription is in arrear for more than two years shall have his name removed from the Club roll.

Member Withdrawing, &c.

XI. Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall give notice in writing to the Secretary, and pay all arrears up to date. If a Member intends being absent from Wellington for a period of not less than twelve months at any one time, he may, on notifying the fact to the Committee, be placed on the Supernumerary List, and shall not be liable for his annual subscription until such time as he returns to Wellington.

Annual Meetings.

XII. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September, at such time and place as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

General Meetings.

XIII. A General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or a Special General Meeting by the Commodore on the requisition of six members of the Club; notice of such meeting, and the object of the same shall, at least seven days previously, be posted on the Club's notice board, and notified by circular to the Members by the Secretary. At Special General Meetings only such business as has been notified to members can be decided.

The Committee shall call at least three General Meetings in each year.

A General Meeting may give instructions to the Committee on the motion of two Members without giving seven days' notice.

At any Meeting of the Club three members may demand any question to be settled by ballot.

Quorum.

XIV. At all General Meetings of the Club, ten Members shall form a quorum; and at all Committee Meetings five shall form a quorum.

Report and Balance Sheet.

XV. A copy of the Report and Balance Sheet, duly audited, for the year ending 31st August, shall be forwarded to each Member of the Club by the Secretary, at least seven days before the Annual Meeting.

Each Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall contain a register of Committee Meetings and attendance at each Meeting. Also the number of Members who have resigned from, or been admitted to the Club during the year.

Chairman.

XVI. At all meetings the chair shall be taken by the senior officer present, and in the absence of any officer the meeting shall elect a chairman. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Duties of Secretary.

XVII. It shall be the duty of the Secretary :—

1. To keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club, in books provided for that purpose, which books are to be produced at every meeting.
2. To keep a correct roll of all members of the Club.
3. To notify the Treasurer of the election of any new member.
4. To keep a correct list of the name, ownership, dimensions, and rig of each yacht belonging to the Club.
5. To keep a record of those yacht owners who have received the Admiralty warrant to fly the Blue ensign, and to see that such warrant is returned to him in the event of the yacht being sold, or the member resigning.
6. To file all documents, records, reports, and communications connected with the business of the Club, conduct all correspondence, and generally perform the duties usually required of a Secretary.
7. To notify each new member of his election and furnish him with a copy of the Club's Rules.
8. In case of inability to attend any meeting to cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed to the place of meeting.
9. Fourteen days' prior to the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall notify each member the time at which nominations for Officers and Committeemen will close.

Duties of Treasurer.

- XVIII.—1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money due to the Club, and in conjunction with the Secretary collect all subscriptions.
2. All money to be paid by him as soon as practicable, and without any deduction to the credit of the Club with the bankers.
 3. He shall, when required, present an interim balance-sheet. He shall produce the bank book at every Committee, General, or Special General Meeting of the Club.

Race Book.

XIX. The Handicapper shall keep a Race-book in which shall be entered dates of races, names and classes of yachts and boats, courses, handicaps, wind, winners, and official time.

Payments.

XX. All accounts shall be passed for payment by the Committee, and initialed by the Chairman, and such accounts shall be paid by cheques signed by the officers appointed for that purpose.

Expulsion of Members.

XXI. Any member infringing any Rule of the Club, refusing or neglecting to pay any fine after demand by the Treasurer, or otherwise misconducting himself, shall be reported to the Committee, which, in its discretion, may refer the case to a general meeting, when such member may be expelled on the vote of a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present.

Measurement of Yachts.

XXII. Every yacht shall, on admission to the Club be measured by or under the inspection of the Club's official measurers, who must sign a certificate of her measurement so taken (and hand the same to the Secretary), which shall be considered her measurement for all purposes of the Club until an alteration be made in the said yacht. If any alteration be made in the system of measurement, the yachts shall be remeasured according to the scale then adopted. No certificate to be delivered to yacht owner until the measuring fee be paid.

The measuring fees shall be :—

- 1st and 2nd class yachts, 10s.
- 3rd class, steam, and motor launches, 5s.
- All other classes, 2s. 6d.

Disputes.

XXIII. All disputes in connection with Club races shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final, unless six members shall within six days give notice of disapproval of the decision and call a Special General Meeting; in such case the meeting shall finally decide the dispute on the evidence taken before the Committee.

Alteration of Rules.

XXIV. Any Member wishing to propose any alteration or addition to the Rules of the Club must give notice thereof in writing and state the nature of the proposed alteration at least seven days before a General Meeting. No Member having given notice of motion shall be allowed to withdraw it, except by leave of the meeting.

Club Flags.

XXV. The Club burgee shall be a red and black pennant quarterly. The Commodore's flag shall be the Club burgee, with swallow tail; the Vice-Commodore's, the Club burgee, with swallow tail and one ball in the upper canton; and the Rear-Commodore's, the Club burgee, with swallow tail and one ball in the lower canton.

Signals.

XXVI. The Commercial Code of Signals shall be used.

Classification.

XXVII. The Club yachts shall be classified for handicap racing purposes as the Committee shall determine.

Restriction of Class.

XXVIII. A yacht, on obtaining her certificate of measurement, is restricted to the class for which she measures, and is not permitted to race in a class other than that to which she belongs, except in special handicap races.

Miscellaneous.

XXIX. A notice board shall be fixed in a conspicuous place in the Thorndon Yacht Clubroom (or any other place as the Committee may appoint), and all notices posted thereon, duly signed by the Officer giving the same, shall be considered as official notices, and must be attended to accordingly.

XXX. All craft competing in Club races must carry a life belt or buoy for each member of her crew. Any infringement of this rule will disqualify.

XXXI. All yachts sailing for the Club's prizes shall be decked or half-decked. They and all other classes shall be subject to the approval of the Committee, and the schedule added hereafter in Sailing Rule XXII.

XXXII. No yacht used as a working boat, or which shall at any time be let to hire shall be allowed to belong to the Club.

XXXIII. Racing permits to be issued by the Committee to non-Members of the Club on the payment of 5/- per season; permits must be marked "Not Transferable."

XXXIV. In each yacht one owner must be a Club Member. Other owners and all members of crews (unless they be Club Members) must have racing permits.

XXXV. The Club Programme and Regatta Programme be submitted to General Meeting for approval.

XXXVI. All Club cash prizes for Club races (excepting regatta prizes) shall be equally divided between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd classes.

XXXVII. The resignations of all Members shall be read and submitted to General or Special General Meeting.

Regatta.

XXXVIII. There shall be at least once a year, a regatta open to yachts belonging to any recognised yacht club, subject to Rule XXXII.

Each year the public be invited to subscribe money and prizes to be devoted to the Annual Regatta, such money to be used expressly for that purpose.