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RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Wellington Regatta Club.

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RULES.

1. The Club shall be called the WELLINGTON REGATTA CLUB, constituted under the following rules:—

2. The objects of the Club shall be to carry out the Annual Regatta, and to encourage rowing, ship, yacht, and boat building, and sailing.

3. The Club shall consist of all persons who have paid a subscription of not less than twenty shillings to the funds of the Club, for the twelve months, which shall have expired annually on the second Tuesday in February.

4. The Annual Meeting of the subscribers shall be held on the second Tuesday in February, in each year. Notice of such meeting to be advertised at least twice before the meeting in two newspapers, of the City of Wellington, one of which notices shall be published on the morning of the day appointed for the meeting.

5. At the Annual Meeting the audited balance sheet for the year then ended must be produced, and if correct passed. The Committee's term of office shall then be deemed to be completed. The Treasurer, Secretary, two Auditors, and the members of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year, are then to be elected.

6. The Treasurer and Secretary to be members of Committee of Management by virtue of their offices. The Committee, including them, is never to exceed twenty in number.

7. Any member having been duly proposed and seconded at the Annual Meeting, shall be eligible for election as a member of Committee.

8. The members of the outgoing Committee to be eligible for re-election.

9. Voting to be always by ballot. When the numbers for and against any motion are found to be equal, the Chairman of the meeting (whether it be of the Club or of the Committee) to have the casting vote.

10. A subscriber of not less than twenty shillings, who shall have paid his subscription before the 21st January in each year, shall be entitled to two tickets of admission to the Flagship, or other place set apart by the Committee for viewing the Regatta, and for every additional twenty shillings paid he shall be entitled to two tickets.

11. The Committee of Management to have power to keep up its number by electing fresh members.

12. The Secretary shall call Committee meetings at the written request of five members, or when in his judgment the interests of the Club require it. Notice of such meeting to be by advertisement or circular.

13. At a meeting of the Committee five members shall form a quorum.

14. The Umpire and Starter shall be elected by the Committee.

15. During the Regatta the Committee shall be deemed to be sitting on board the Flagship or such other place as they may appoint for viewing the Regatta.

16. The Committee shall have power to enter into contracts on behalf of the Club, and to expend the Club funds in any manner they may consider best calculated to attain the objects of the Club.

17. The Committee shall have power to make by-laws for the conduct of its meetings, &c., and to alter the Regatta Regulations. Such by-laws and alterations in the Regulations must not contravene any of the rules of the Club.

18. The Committee shall be empowered to expel from the Flagship, or other place which may be under their control, any person who conducts himself in an improper or riotous manner.

19. Any proposition which has been brought before the Committee in a regular manner, and decided, cannot be again entertained during the current year of office of the Committee, unless by a special meeting called for that purpose, and the substance of the alteration or addition proposed to be made shall be stated in the notice convening the meeting.

20. The Committee of Management shall in no case interfere with the decisions of the Umpire, whose decisions shall in all cases be final.

21. All funds received by the Treasurer on behalf of the Club must be placed in a Bank in Wellington, to the credit of "The Wellington Regatta Club." Cheques to be drawn by the Treasurer of the Club and countersigned by the Secretary.

22. The Officers and Committee shall be protected by the Club in the event of any legal proceedings being instituted against their decisions or acts.

23. On the written request of not less than twenty subscribers, the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Club.

REGULATIONS.

1. Two to start or no Race. Three to start or no Second Prize.
2. Sailing Vessels and Boats may carry what sail they please, but will not be allowed the use of oars, or to throw ballast overboard after starting. All water ballast must be fresh.
3. Boats on port tack to bear up to Boats on the starboard tack. Boats running free to keep away for Boats on a wind. Vessels running on shore shall be allowed to use their own anchors, and Boats actually on board to get themselves off, afterwards weighing anchor and hoisting in Boat. Should they receive assistance from any other Vessel, Boat, or Anchor, they shall forfeit all claim to the prize.
4. If Two Vessels be standing towards the shore, or towards any Vessel or other obstruction, and the Vessel to leeward be likely to run aground or foul of Vessel or obstruction, and be unable to go about without coming into collision with the windward Vessel, the latter shall, on being hailed by the Owner, Captain, or person in charge of the leeward Vessel, go about immediately, the Vessel so hailing to tack at the same time.
5. That on rounding any Buoy, Boat, or Vessel used to mark the Course, or on passing any Point, Pier, Shoal, or any other obstruction to sea-room, Vessels must give each other room to pass clear of it and of each other; nevertheless, should one Vessel overtake another at any part of the Course, the leading Vessel may luff up as she pleases to prevent the other passing to windward, but must not bear away or drive her adversary to leeward.
6. Each Boat to have a Distinguishing Flag, the same to be described at the time of entry; in the case of Sailing Vessels to be kept at Mast-head; and in the case of Rowing Boats to be carried on the Bows during the Race.
7. A Flag will be hoisted on board the Flag Ship to denote the number of the Race about to commence.
8. A Warning Gun will be fired ten minutes before starting, and another at starting, when the Flag for that Race will be hauled down.
9. Sailing Vessels and Boats will keep all Marks of their own Courses on the Port hand with a Northerly wind, and on the Starboard with a Southerly wind. Pulling Boats will keep all Marks of their own Courses on the Starboard hand. No Buoys except those at the extremities of the Courses need be regarded.
10. Time allowances for Tonnage—viz., Yachts Seven tons and under, Thirty Seconds per ton; Yachts over Seven Tons, Fifteen Seconds per ton. All other Sailing Vessels—Allowance, Ten Seconds per ton. The time allowance in Third-class Yacht Race to be Half a Minute per foot of keel.

11. Yacht measurement shall be taken as per Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Rules, and certificate of such measurement shall be produced before the Vessel is entered. The following is the rule of measurement : The length shall be taken in a straight line on deck from the fore part of the stem to the after part of the stern post, from which, deducting the breadth, the remainder shall be esteemed the just length to find the tonnage, and the breadth shall be taken from the outside of the outside plank in the broadest part of the Yacht. (No allowance being made for wales or double planks of any kind.) Then multiplying the length by the breadth so taken, product by half the breadth, and divide the whole by ninety-four, the quotient shall be deemed the true Tonnage. Any projections at or below water-line shall be added to the length. All fractional parts of a ton shall be reckoned as a ton.

12. Any vessel protesting or being disabled by foul sailing on the part of any other Vessel in the Race, or having valid cause of complaint, shall show her ensign conspicuously in the main rigging, which shall be kept flying till answered by the Commodore on the Flagship hoisting the answering pennant.

13. No Boats to be made fast to the Flagship, except for the use of the Officers of the Regatta.

14. No Boats will be allowed to start unless the entrance money is paid to the Treasurer, and a receipt produced for the same if required by the Starter, such receipt to be on the Rules and Regulations for the Regatta.

15. All Private Matches to be subject to the consent of the Judges, and at such time as they may approve of.

16. All Vessels to start from their own moorings at such places as may be allotted to them at the time of entering, to start head to wind with head sails down, except when the Committee shall decide upon having an underway start.

17. All disputes to be finally settled and determined by the Committee appointed to act with the Judges for that purpose.

18. The term "Open Boat" shall mean a Boat that has no deck or covering-board above the gunwale. The ordinary covering-board aft will not be objected to.

19. Sailing Matches must be completed before 8 p.m., otherwise the Committee will have power to order that they be sailed over again.

20. The Committee reserve the right to put one member of the Regatta Committee on board each Sailing Vessel competing.

21. All Boat Races shall be started in the following manner :—The Starter, on being satisfied that the Competitors are ready, shall give the signal to start, and in the event of a Boat being entered for two Races and coming up to the starting point after the Second Race has begun, she shall be at liberty to proceed in that Second Race, provided any Boat intimates her intention to the Committee on passing the Flagship.

22. If the Starter considers the Start false, he shall at once recall the Boats to their stations ; and any Boat refusing to start again shall be distanced.

23. No fouling whatever shall be allowed.

24. It is the province of the Judges, and the Committee appointed to act with them, when appealed to, but not before, to decide a foul.

25. Any Boat committing a foul shall be disqualified.

26. It shall be considered a foul if, after the commencement of a Race, any Boat being out of its own water, shall come in contact with any part of a rival Boat (the word "Boat" in this Rule shall include the ship, the crew, and the oars).

27. A Boat's own water shall be its straight or true course from the station assigned to it at the start, and the Judges alone shall decide a Boat's water during the race.

28. The last three preceding rules shall not apply to sailing races.

29. The Judges of any particular Race shall be Sole Judges of a Boat's straight or true course during every part of the Race.

30. If any Race, in which more than two Boats start, a foul takes place, and the Boat adjudged by the Judges to have been fouled reaches the winning post first, the Race shall be decided as the Boats come in; but if the Boat fouled does not come in first, or if the Judges are unable to decide which Boat has committed the foul, the Race shall be rowed over again, unless the Judges shall decide that the Boat which came in first had sufficient lead at the moment of the foul to warrant its having the Race assigned to it.

31. Whenever the Judges shall direct a Race to be rowed over again, any boat refusing so to row shall be distanced.

32. The Entries for all Races to close at 10 o'clock p.m. on the evening of the fourth day before the Regatta, at the Pier Hotel, Wellington, declaring Vessel, Tonnage, or Length of Keel, and Distinguishing Flag.

33. Every Boat shall stand by its accidents.

34. Life buoys or belts to be provided by the owner for each member of the crew of the Open Sailing Boat competing. In the event of any Boat not complying with this rule, by having the requisite number of buoys or belts on board, the Committee may prevent such boat from starting, and her entrance money shall be forfeited.

35. The definition of a professional shall be, that all who are, or have been fishermen, whalers, bargemen, or watermen shall be classified as professionals; also anyone who may have made, or does make a living as a professional puller.

36. A maiden rower shall be a man who has never rowed for public money, and a junior shall be a man who has never won any but maiden races, nor competed in senior races. The status of any rower shall not be affected till after the conclusion of the Regatta.

37. No person will be allowed to enter a Boat for a Race unless a subscriber to the Regatta Fund of at least 10s. 6d.

38. Any protest against a Boat or Competitor must be made to the Judge's and the Committee (in writing) before the start, when it will be immediately considered. If a boat is allowed to start no protest will hold good, except where any of the Rules are broken during the race, in which case the protest must be handed to the Secretary within two hours after arrival at the winning-post. Every protest shall be accompanied by twenty shillings, which shall be forfeited should the Judges and Committee appointed to act with them decide that the protest is frivolous.

39. The Committee of the Regatta Club reserve to themselves the power to postpone the Regatta should the weather be unfavourable, or to make any alterations in the Rules and Programme they may deem necessary.

40. All Entries shall be made as above, accompanied by Entrance Fee, and subject to these Rules.

41. The Judges, and the Committee appointed with them, may disqualify any party infringing any of the foregoing Rules.

42. Post Entries for sailing vessels and boats not having arrived in harbour in time to make a general entry may be received, subject to the approval of the Committee, up to 10 a.m. on the day of the Regatta.

43. The course specified for any race shall be the course as marked by the buoys or other marks, and the chart issued by the Regatta Club shall be taken only as showing such course approximately.

44. The decision of the Judges, and the Committee appointed to act with them shall in every case be final, both as to whether or not there has been a Race, and as regards all matters appertaining to a Race, and in the event of any dispute or any protest, the Judges and the Committee appointed to act with them may either disqualify any Competitor or declare that the Race shall be rowed or sailed again, and if the Judges and Committee appointed to act with them shall decide that the Race shall be rowed or sailed again, then the Race in which such dispute or protest shall have arisen, shall be deemed to have been no Race.

45. The Committee of the Regatta Club shall be empowered to appoint Sub-Committees for special purposes.

W. R. WATERS,

HON. SECRETARY.



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