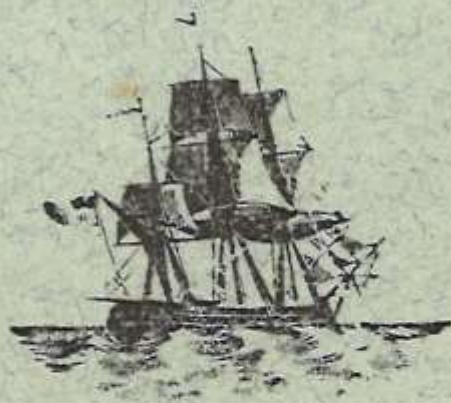


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UNIVERSAL SAILING REGULATIONS.



It is an established rule, and should be most strictly attended to by all Yacht Clubs, that where two vessels have to cross each other on opposite tacks, the one on the starboard tack must invariably *keep her wind*, and the one on the port tack must keep away and pass to leeward, or tack short, when the smallest doubt exists of her not being able to weather the other. All the expense of damage incurred by vessels on opposite tacks running on board each other, falls upon the one on the port tack; but where the one on the starboard tack has kept away, with an intention of passing to leeward, and they have come in contact, the expense of damages has fallen upon her on the starboard tack; because, by her keeping away, she may have prevented the other passing to leeward. When a vessel on the starboard tack sees another attempting to weather her when it does not appear possible, rather than keep away she should put her helm down; for the less way vessels have when they come in contact the less damage they will sustain, and the less damage will be occasioned by the collision. Should both vessels put their helms up, and run on board each other, the most fatal consequences may arise; and, therefore, nothing should induce the vessel on the starboard tack to keep away. All vessels going free must give way to those on a wind.

RULES

OF THE

Wellington Yacht Club,

I. That the Club be entitled "THE WEL- Title.
LINGTON YACHT CLUB."

II. That the officers of the Club shall consist Officers.
of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Treasurer,
Secretary, and two Auditors, and be annually
elected at the annual meeting in October. All
vacancies to be filled at a special meeting of
members called for the purpose.

III. That the Secretary shall be an unpaid Secretary.
officer and elected annually.

IV. That there shall be a Committee, con- Committee.
sisting of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore,
Treasurer, Secretary, and six other members
(three of whom shall be yacht owners); and that
such Committee be elected (by ballot if required)
at the annual meeting in October.

V. That the Committee shall have the entire Powers of
management of the sailing matches and general Committee.
affairs of the Club, (except the admission and
expulsion of members, and the forming new
rules,) and shall likewise have the power of
framing special by-laws, and of calling special
meetings of the Club on all necessary occasions :
provided that such by-laws shall not be contrary
to the spirit of the rules of the Club.

Handicap
Committee.

VI. That at the annual meeting a Handicap Committee be appointed, to consist of five members, three to form a quorum, whose duty it shall be to handicap all yachts for Club races.

Entrance fee
and subscription.

VII. That the entrance fee be 10s. 6d., and the annual subscription £1 1s., which shall be paid within one month after election, otherwise such election shall be void; but any member failing to pay his entrance fee and subscription within the prescribed time may be re-admitted by the Committee on giving satisfactory reasons for such non-payment.

Annual subscrip-
tion, when due.

VIII. That the annual subscription shall be due on the 1st of October, but that any member elected after the 30th June his subscription shall begin from the 1st October following; and that no member be entitled to any privileges of the Club until such subscription be paid.

Unpaid
subscriptions.

IX. That the Secretary shall inform all members whose subscriptions are unpaid on the 1st of December of such subscription being due; and any member or members failing to pay the same on or before the 1st of February following, may, on motion without notice, be held to be excluded as a defaulter.

Candidates,
admission of.

X. That any gentleman desirous of becoming a member of the Club must be proposed and seconded and balloted for at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee, the time being not less than fourteen days from the day of proposal.

Ballot.

XI. That at such ballot one black ball in five shall exclude.

Member
withdrawing,
&c.

XII. That any member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall give notice to that effect to

the Secretary, and pay all arrears up to that 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.

XIII. That an annual meeting be held on the first Wednesday in October in each year, at such time and place as the Committee may from time to time appoint. Annual meetings.

XIV. A general meeting may be called by the Committee, 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 in the Club-room, or notified to the members by the Secretary. General meetings.

XV. That the Treasurer shall produce at the annual meeting in October, and before the election of the Committee and officers of the Club, an account duly audited of the funds and disbursements of the Club during the past year. Treasurer's report.

XVI. That at all annual meetings of the Club ten members shall form a quorum; and at all general meetings five shall form a quorum; and at all Committee meetings three shall form a quorum. Quorum.

XVII. That 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. Chairman.

XVIII. That the Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Club, in books which are to be produced at every meeting. Secretary to keep minutes.

Race-book.

XIX. That the Secretary keep a Race-book, in which shall be entered dates of races, names and tonnage of yachts, course, handicap, wind and winners, and official time.

Funds.

XX. That all moneys collected by the Treasurer shall be paid by him as soon as practicable, and without any deduction, to the account of the Club with the bankers; and that no payment shall be made except by the orders of the Committee and by cheques, signed by one member of such Committee and countersigned by the Treasurer.

Honorary members.

XXI. That the Commissioned Officers of the Navy stationed in New Zealand may be elected honorary members of the Club, and that the Committee shall also have power to elect honorary members.

Expulsion of members.

XXII. That the Club shall have the power of expelling any member, by ballot, at any general meeting notice of which shall have been given and entered in the minutes of the previous meeting; and that the majority be at least in the proportion of three to two to expel such member.

Measurement of yachts.

XXIII. That every yacht shall previous to admission into the Club, be measured by or under the inspection of two members appointed by the Committee. Such two members shall sign a certificate of her measurement so taken, which shall be considered her measurement for all purposes of the Club until an alteration be made in the said yacht.

Evolutions and sailing matches.

XXIV. That a squadron of evolution and sailing matches shall take place as often as the Committee shall deem it necessary.

XXV. All Club matches, and all yachts sailing therein, shall be under the direction of the Commodore, or, in his absence, of the Vice-Commodore, who shall be the judge of all the sailing matches, and shall award the prizes to the yachts which may be entitled thereto, and who may, in the event of any doubt or dispute, if he should think it desirable, defer the presentation of the prize, and refer any question arising out of the match to the Committee, whose decision shall be final. In the event of both Commodore and Vice-Commodore having yachts entered for any one match, or being prevented from attending, the Committee shall appoint a member, not having a vessel entered, to act as Commodore of the match, who shall have like powers for the time being; such appointment to be made before the entries are taken. All directions to be given in strict conformity with the Club rules.

XXVI. That no yacht belonging to more than one owner be allowed to sail in any Club match, or hoist the Club colours, unless each and every owner of such yacht be a member of the Club.

XXVII. That no yacht whose owner or owners, or either of them, shall not have paid up all arrears or subscription due by him or them to the Club, shall be allowed to sail in any of the Club matches.

XXVIII. That all protests be decided by the sailing Committee; and that no member of such Committee adjudicate on a match in which he is interested.

XXIX. That any member wishing to propose any alteration or addition to the rules of the

Club matches.

Yachts having more than one owner.

Yacht owners' arrears.

Protests.

Alteration of rules.

Club must give notice thereof in writing, and state the nature of the proposed alteration, at least fourteen 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 flag.

XXX. That the Club flag be the burgee; and the burgee shall always be hoisted with the Club ensign when under way. The Commodore's flag to be the Club burgee with swallow-tail, and the Vice-Commodore's the burgee with swallow-tail and one ball in the upper canton.

Club yachts' restrictions.

XXXI. That no yacht used as a working boat or which shall at any time be let to hire, or which shall, in the opinion of a majority of at least five members of the Committee, be otherwise unfit, shall be allowed to belong to the Club; and that all yachts must be decked or half-decked, and shall have standing rigging.

Signals.

XXXII. The Commercial Code of Signals shall be used.

Classification.

XXXIV. That the Club yachts be classified for racing purposes as the Committee shall determine.

Rating.

XXXVI. That any yacht may rate in a class higher than that to which she belongs, on adopting the minimum tonnage of such higher class for her allowance of time, and conforming to the sailing regulations of such class.



