

Thorndon Yacht Club Rules ca 1897

1. The name of the Club shall be "The Thorndon Yacht Club" and its objects shall be the maintenance of a club-house for the storage of yacht material and for the general convenience of Members.
2. Members shall consist of two classes:- (1) Debenture-holders who are proprietors of the Club-house and who shall have sole control of the Club's affairs. (2) Subscribers who shall be introduced by a debenture-holder and elected members by the Committee of the Club.
3. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Captain, a Committee of three debenture-holders, and a Secretary and Treasurer; three to form a quorum, all of whom shall be elected annually by a majority of the Debenture-holders present at the annual general meeting.
4. The Officers and Committee shall have the management of the affairs of Club; shall elect new members and fix rental to be paid by each yacht or boat.
5. The Club distinguishing flag shall be a blue pennant with white St. George's Cross.
6. The annual subscription of each member shall be \$1/- but the Debenture-holders at the Annual Meeting may increase same if considered necessary. Each member on election and payment of subscription will be allotted a locker for his own use without extra payment, (provided there be one vacant).
7. The annual subscription and rent for boats shall be due on the 1st January, and any member whose subscription or rent is unpaid on 30th June will be liable to have his name posted in a defaulters list placed in the Reading Room and the Committee will take such action as they think fit.
8. A Custodian shall be appointed who shall have power to exclude all non-members from the Club-house, also to direct members obstructing the accommodation to remedy same, and generally to see that members do not make the Club-house in an untidy or dirty condition without restoring same to order.
9. Every member of a Yacht's crew must become a member of the Yacht Club, should the Committee think him suitable, and no member of a crew shall be entitled to admission to the Club-house unless elected a member of the Club.
10. The owner of each Yacht shall see that each member of his crew using the Club-house is a member of the Club, and in the case of a new member joining his crew shall submit his name to the Committee for election as a member of the Club.
11. Members shall be allowed to introduce occasional visitors to the Club-rooms, who shall have the privileges of the Club without payment of subscription.
12. Any member found damaging the Club property or removing any articles belonging to the Club from the building without permission of the Custodian or a member of the Committee, shall be liable to expulsion from the Club.
13. The Annual general meeting of the debenture-holders shall be held not later than the end of the first week in February in each year; five to form a quorum. An extraordinary General Meeting may be called on requisition in writing by three Debenture-holders to the Secretary.
14. Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended at a General Meeting of the Debenture-holders or at a Special Meeting called for the purpose.