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OF THE
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Patron :
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Commodore :
GEO. MEE, Esq.

Vice-Commodore :
A. H. TURNBULL, Esq.

Rear-Commodore :
DR. FELL.

Secretary :
MR. JAS. B. SPEED.

Hon. Treasurer :
MR. J. H. H. JACK.

Committee :
MR. H. T. BALLINGER. MR. JNO. McLEAN.
" A. J. CROSS. " F. W. PETHERICK.

RULES

OF THE

PORT NICHOLSON YACHT CLUB.

(Registered under the Unclassified Societies Act.)

Title.

I. That the Club be called "THE PORT NICHOLSON YACHT CLUB," and its objects shall be the encouragement of yacht building and yacht sailing.

Members.

II. The Club shall consist of ordinary and honorary 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 blackball in five shall exclude.

Honorary Members.

IV. That the Commissioned Officers of the Navy stationed in New Zealand may be elected honorary members of the Club, and that 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. That 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, Judge, and Time-keeper, shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

All vacancies among officers or committee occurring between the annual meetings to be filled by the Committee.

Committee.

VI. That there shall be a Committee, consisting of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, and five other members (two of whom shall be yacht owners), 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 three years in succession, and two members of the Committee, who have served two years in succession, shall retire, and not be eligible for re-election for one year. Should any question arise as to those who are to retire, the same shall be decided by lot.

Powers of Committee.

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

Nominations.

VIII. Nominations for all offices of the Club shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least 3 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. That 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.

Unpaid Subscriptions.

X. That 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. That 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. That the Annual General Meeting 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 discussed.

Quorum.

XIV. That 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.

Chairman.

XVI. 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. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Duties of Secretary.

XVII. That 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.

Duties of Treasurer.

- XVIII.—1. That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money due 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.

Race Book.

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

Payments.

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

Expulsion of Members.

XXI. Any member infringing any Rule or By-law 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.

Measurements of Yachts.

XXII. That every yacht shall, on admission to the Club, be measured by or under the inspection of the Club's official measurers, who shall 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.

Disputes.

XXIII. All disputes in connection with Club races shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Alteration of Rules.

XXIV. That 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. That the Club yachts 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.

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. That every yacht shall at least carry (as the Committee may determine) one or more life-buoys, which shall be periodically inspected by the Committee, and passed if sound; the class of buoys to be also determined by the Committee.

XXXI. All yachts sailing for the Club's prizes, shall be decked or half-decked, and subject to the approval of the Committee.

XXXII. That 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.

Regatta.

XXXIII. That there shall be, at least once a year, a regatta open to yachts belonging to any recognised yacht club, subject to rule xxxii.

SAILING RULES

OF THE

PORT NICHOLSON YACHT CLUB.

DECLARATION OF ENTRY.

I DECLARE this entry is made by me, subject to the Rules and Regulations published by the Port Nicholson Yacht Club, and the programme issued by the Committee.

Signature of Entrant.....

Rec. by	Name.	Name or No. of Race.	Name of Boat.	Distinguishing Flag.	Amt.	Rating.	Recall. Flag.

Management of Matches.

I. All races, and all yachts sailing therein, shall be under the direction of the Committee, who shall report to the General Committee, or a Sub-committee appointed by them. All matters shall be subject to their approval and control; and all doubts, questions, and disputes which may arise shall be subject to their decision. The Committee's decision shall be based upon these rules as far as they will apply; but as no rules can be devised capable of meeting every incident and accident of sailing, the Committee should keep in view the ordinary customs of the sea, and discourage all attempts to win a race by other means than fair sailing and superior speed and skill. The decisions of the Committee shall be final, unless they think fit, on the application of the parties interested, or otherwise, to refer the questions at issue for the decision of the council of the Yacht Racing Association of England, whose decision shall be final. Any such reference, if made on the application of any party interested, must be accompanied by the necessary fees, in accordance with the rules of the Yacht Racing Association. No member of the Committee shall take

part in the discussion or decision upon any disputed question in which he is directly interested. If any yacht be disqualified, the next in order shall be awarded the prize.

Postponement of Races.

II. The Sub-committee in charge for the day, shall have power to postpone any race, should unfavourable weather render such a course desirable. Letter N of the Commercial Code hoisted in a conspicuous place shall be the signal that all races have been postponed.

Measurement for Rating.

III. The rating of every yacht entered to sail in a race shall be ascertained by multiplying the sail area in square feet (as found in the manner hereinafter enjoined) by the length in feet on the load water-line, and dividing the product by 6,000. The quotient shall be the rating, and any fraction of or exceeding .01 shall count as 1, except when the rating does not exceed 10 (see Rule 4). The length shall be taken in a straight line from the fore end to the after end of the load water-line, provided always that if any part of the stem or stern-post, or other part of the vessel below the load water-line, project beyond the length taken as mentioned, such projection or projections shall, for the purposes of the rule, be added to the length taken as stated; and pieces of any form cut out of the stem, stern-post, or fair line of the ridge of the counter, with the intention of shortening the load water-line, shall not be allowed for in measurement of length, if at or immediately below the load line, nor above if within 6in. of the water level.

The sail area shall be found as follows:—

MAINSAIL (FIGURE A).

A.—Measured from the top of the boom (over the pin for outhaul sheave) to the gaff under the pin of the topsail sheet sheave, provided the peak cringle of the mainsail does not extend beyond the pin. In the case of the yacht having no topsail, or of the peak cringle extending beyond the pin of the topsail sheet sheave, then the measurement to be taken to the peak lacing hole.

B.—Perpendicular to A, measured to under side of gaff close in to the mast.

C.—Measured from top of boom over the pin of the sheave for outhaul to under side of gaff close in to the mast.

D.—Perpendicular to C, measured in to the mast, in a line with the top of the boom, or to tack cringle of mainsail, if below top of boom.

YARD TOPSAIL.

E.—Measured from upper side of gaff, close in to the mast, to pin of sheave for topsail sheet, or to lacing hole in jackyard.

F.—Perpendicular to E, measured to lacing hole in yard.

G.—Measured from lacing hole to lacing hole in yard.

H.—Perpendicular to G, measured to pin of sheave for topsail sheet in gaff, or to lacing hole in jackyard.