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Registered under the "Incorporated Societies' Act, 1908."

TITLE.

I. The Club shall be called "The Port Nicholson Yacht Club" (Registered), 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, Junior and lady members.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

III. Ordinary members must be proposed, seconded, and elected, at a General or a Committee Meeting of the Club, their names having been posted not less than seven days previously.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

IV. The Commissioned officers of the Navy or R.N.R. in New Zealand waters 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.

V. There shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in September a Patron, a President, Vice-Presidents, and the following officers:—Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary, two Auditors (not members of the committee), Handicappers, Starter, and Judge and Timekeeper, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

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 a Special General Meeting of the Club to be called within one calendar month.

COMMITTEE.

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

Any member of a Committee 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 expulsion of Members, and shall call Special Meetings of the Club on all necessary occasions, and shall have power to appoint sub-committees as may be necessary for conducting of the Club's business, and shall be empowered to remit any portion of subscription in case of illness or for any other good cause.

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.

In the event of no nomination for any office being forthcoming at the appointed time, such office may be filled at the meeting at which such election was to take place.

SUBSCRIPTION.

IX. The Annual Subscription be One Guinea, which shall be due on the First of September, but 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 October of such subscription being due, and any Member failing to pay the same on or before the 31st October shall be debarred from all privileges of

the Club until such subscription be paid, and the name of those whose subscriptions are in arrear may be posted on the Club's notice boards by order of the Committee, provided that notice of the intention to post such names be given to the individual members whose subscriptions are in arrear.

Any Member whose subscription is in arrear for more than one year shall have his name removed from the Club roll.

MEMBERS WITHDRAWING, ETC.

XI. Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall give notice in writing to the Secretary, and pay all arrears up to date, and shall be liable for the subscription for the full year current at the date of receipt of such notice.

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

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

XII. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September, at such time and place as the Committee may 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 14 financial 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.

At any Meeting of the Club any Member may demand any question relative to the business before the Meeting be settled by ballot.

All voting must be given personally, and no proxies allowed.

QUORUM.

XIV. At all General Meetings of the Club twenty 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 July, 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 by the Committee, present an interim balance-sheet. He shall produce the bank book at every Committee Meeting.

PAYMENTS.

XX. All accounts shall be passed for payment by the Committee, and initiated 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 wilfully infringing any Rule of the Club, refusing to pay any fine after demand by the Treasurer or otherwise misconducting himself shall be reported to the Committee.

The charge against the said Member must be submitted in writing to the Committee, and a copy of such charge shall be forthwith transmitted by the Committee to the offending Member, who shall be required to appear before the Committee. If upon investigation the Committee shall be of opinion that the circumstances require his expulsion, they shall 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.

DISPUTES.

XXII. All disputes in connection with Club races shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final, unless 14 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.

RACE BOOK.

XXIII. 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.

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.

No suspension or alteration of the Rules shall be made at any Meeting of the Club, unless notice of intention to propose such alteration or suspension shall have been given in accordance with the first part of Rule.

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 International Code of Signals shall be used.

CLASSIFICATION.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

XXVII. A notice board shall be fixed in a conspicuous place at the Boat Harbour and at Boat Shed, No. 90 Evans Bay (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.

XXVIII. All craft competing in Club races MUST carry a life buoy on deck. Any infringement of this rule will disqualify.

XXIX. 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.

XXX. Racing permits to be issued to non-members of the Club as the Committee may direct.

XXXI. 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.

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

XXXII. All members shall be deemed to have notice of and be bound by these Rules.

XXXIII. All matters not otherwise provided for in these Rules, and any question as to their interpretation, shall be decided by the Committee.

SAILING RULES.

I declare this Entry is made by me subject to the Rules and Regulations published by the Port Nicholson Yacht Club (Registered), 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 Sailing Committee, who shall report to the Committee. 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, and subject to Rule XXII. 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 or indirectly interested. If any yacht be disqualified, the next in order shall be awarded the prize.

POSTPONEMENT OF RACES.

II. The Sailing Committee shall have power to postpone any race, should unfavourable weather render such a course desirable. Letter N of the International Code hoisted in a conspicuous place shall be the signal that all races have been postponed.

ENTRIES—RE-SAILED MATCHES.

III. Entries shall be made with the Racing Secretary at times appointed by the Committee.

Should any yacht duly entered for a race not start, or having started, should she give up, or be disabled during the race, such yacht shall, in the event of the race being re-sailed, be entitled to start; but no new entries shall be received under

any circumstances whatever for a postponed race. Entries are accepted subject to the General Rules of the Port Nicholson Yacht Club; and in any dispute the declaration must be produced.

There shall be two starters or no race, and three starters or no second prize, four starters or no third prize.

OWNERSHIP—HIRED YACHTS.

IV. Each yacht entered for a race must be the bona fide property of the person or persons in whose name or names she is entered.

A yacht whilst let on hire shall not be allowed to compete under these Rules, provided that a yacht chartered for a season or more may be entered by the charterer.

MEMBER ON BOARD.

V. The Committee shall have power to place on board every yacht sailing in a race a member of a recognised Yacht Club, who, before the prize is awarded, shall sign a declaration, if required by the Committee, that the yacht under his charge has strictly conformed to all the sailing regulations, as follows—

DECLARATION THAT RULES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.

I hereby declare that the yacht _____ whilst sailing in _____ race this day, has strictly observed the Sailing Rules and Regulations.

Date (Signed)

DISTINGUISHING FLAGS.

VI. Each yacht must carry, at her mast head, a rectangular distinguishing flag, of a suitable size, which must not be hauled down unless she gives up the race. If the topmast be lowered on deck or carried away, the flag must be re-hoisted in a conspicuous place as soon as possible.

The starter shall not start any boat without her racing flag at the mast head.

In the case of launches, flag pole may take the place of mast for the purpose of displaying the flag.

INSTRUCTIONS, MARKS, ETC.

VII. Every yacht entered for a race shall, at the time of entry, or as soon after as possible, be supplied with written or printed instructions as to the conditions of the race, the course to be sailed, marks, etc. Nothing shall be considered as a mark in the course unless specially named as such in these instructions.

Each yacht shall be allotted a flag and number with the sailing directions; and should any yacht cross the line before, or be on the wrong side of the line when the signal for the start has been made, her distinguishing flag shall be exhibited

as soon as may be convenient as a recall, and kept displayed until the said yacht shall have either returned and re-crossed the line to the satisfaction of the Judge, or have given up the race.

VIII. The number of crew allowed to be in a race shall be decided by the Committee.

FITTINGS AND BALLAST.

IX. All yachts exceeding 5 tons shall be fitted below deck with the ordinary fittings of a yacht. The following shall apply to all yachts; their platforms shall be kept down, and bulkheads standing. No more than the usual anchors and chains shall be carried during a race, which must not be used as shifting ballast, or for altering the trim of the yacht. No bags of shot shall be on board, and all ballast shall be properly stowed under the platform or in lockers, and shall not be shifted or trimmed in any way whatever during a race. No ballast shall be shipped or unshipped after 9 p.m. of the day previous to the race. The Committee shall cause the ballast of any yacht to be sealed on the written application of any competitor in the same race. A race re-sailed shall, so far as regards this rule, be considered a new race. Each yacht shall carry at least one life-buoy on deck ready for use.

STARTING—INTERVAL BETWEEN MATCHES, ETC.

X. The yachts shall start from moorings, anchors, or under way, as directed by the Sailing Committee. The starting system for each season's races shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

In a start, if any yacht, or any part of her hull, spars, or other equipment be on, or across, the starting line before the signal to start is made, she must return and re-cross the line; a yacht so returning, or one working into position from the wrong side of the line after the signal to start has been made, must keep clear of all competing yachts.

YACHTS MEETING SO AS TO INVOLVE RISK OF COLLISION.

XI. When two yachts are approaching one another, so as to involve risk of collision, one of them shall keep out of the way of the other as follows:—

- (a) A yacht which is running free shall keep out of the way of a yacht which is close-hauled.
- (b) A yacht which is close-hauled on the port tack shall keep out of the way of a yacht which is close-hauled on the starboard tack.
- (c) When both are running free with the wind on different sides the yacht which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the other.
- (d) When both are running free with the wind on the same

side. the yacht which is to windward shall keep out of the way of the yacht which is to leeward.

(e) A yacht which has the wind aft shall keep out of the way of the other yacht.

ROUNDING MARKS.

XII. When rounding any buoy or vessel used to mark out the course, if two yachts are not clear of each other at the time the leading yacht is close to, and actually rounding the mark, the outside yacht must give the other room to pass clear of it, whether it be the lee or weather yacht which is in danger of fouling the mark. No yacht shall be considered clear of another yacht unless so much ahead as to give a free choice to the other on which side she will pass. An overtaking yacht shall not, however, be justified in attempting to establish an overlap, and thus force a passage between the leading yacht and the mark after the latter yacht has altered her helm for the purpose of rounding.

OBSTRUCTION TO THE SEA ROOM.

XIII. When passing a pier, shoal, rock, vessel, or other obstruction to sea room, should yachts not be clear of each other, the outside yacht or yachts must give room to the yacht in danger of fouling such obstruction, whether she be the weather or the leeward yacht; provided always that an overlap has been established before an obstruction is actually reached.

An overlap has been established when the overtaking boat has no longer a free choice on which side she will pass the other, and continues to exist as long as the leeward boat by luffing, and the weather boat by bearing away, is in danger of fouling.

OVERTAKING YACHTS—LUFFING AND BEARING AWAY.

XIV. A yacht overtaking any other shall keep out of the way of the overtaken yacht; and a yacht may luff as she pleases to prevent another yacht passing to windward, but must never bear away out of her course to hinder the other passing to leeward—the lee side to be considered that on which the leading yacht of the two carries her main boom. The overtaking vessel, if to leeward, must not luff until she has drawn clear of the yacht she has overtaken.

REQUIRING A YACHT TO TACK WHEN APPROACHING A SHORE OR OTHER OBSTRUCTION WHEN CLOSE-HAULED.

XV. If two yachts are standing towards a shore or shoal, or towards any buoy, boat, or vessel, and the yacht to leeward is likely to run aground, or foul of such buoy, boat, or vessel (a mark vessel excepted), and is not able to tack without coming into collision with the yacht to windward, the latter shall

at once tack, on being hailed to do so by the owner of the leeward yacht, or the person acting as the representative, who shall be bound to see that his own vessel tacks at the same time.

RUNNING ASHORE.

XVI. Any yacht running on shore, or foul of a buoy, vessel, or other obstruction, may use her own anchore, boats, warps, etc., to get off, but may not receive any assistance except from the crew of the vessel fouled. Any anchor, boat, or warp used must be taken on board again before she continues the race.

FOULING MARKS—CAUSING A MARK-BOAT TO MOVE HER POSITION.

XVII. Each yacht must go fairly round the course; and must not touch any buoy, boat, or vessel, used to mark it out, but shall not be disqualified if wrongfully compelled to do so by another yacht. Any yacht causing a mark-vessel to in any way shift her position to avoid being fouled by such yacht shall be disqualified. If a yacht, in consequence of her neglect of any of these Rules, shall foul another yacht, or compel other yachts to foul, she shall forfeit all claim to the prize, and shall pay all damages.

MEANS OF PROPULSION.

XVIII. No towing, sweeping, poling, or pushing, or any mode of propulsion except sails, or power in Motor Boats, shall be allowed.

ANCHORING.

XIX. A yacht may anchor during a race, but must weigh her anchor again, and not slip. No yacht shall during a race make fast to any buoy, stage, pier, or other object, or send an anchor out in a boat, except for the purpose of Rule XVI.

SOUNDING.

XX. No other means of sounding than the lead and line allowed.

MAN OVERBOARD.

XXI. In the case of a man falling overboard from a competing yacht all other yachts in a position to do so shall use their utmost endeavour to render assistance; and if it should appear that any yacht was thereby prevented winning the race, the Sailing Committee shall have power to order it to be re-sailed between any yacht or yachts so prevented and the actual winner (see Rule III).

PROTESTS.

XXII. Should the owner of any yacht, or the person acting as his representative, consider that he has a fair ground of complaint against another for foul sailing, or any violation

of these rules, he must, if it arise during the race signify the same on first passing the committee vessel, by showing an ensign conspicuously in the main rigging. The protest shall be made in writing, and under such regulations (if any) as the Committee may have determined, within two hours of the arrival of the protesting yacht. The protest shall be heard by the Committee, and decided after such inquiries as they may consider necessary. A protest made in writing shall not be withdrawn.

The Committee shall also, without a protest, disqualify any yacht, should it come to their knowledge that she has committed a breach of the rules. All protests to be accompanied by the sum of 10s., to be forfeited if protest is deemed frivolous.

REMOVAL OF FLAG BOAT.

XXIII. Should any flag vessel or other mark be removed from its proper position, either by accident or design, the race shall be re-sailed or not at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF THE RULES.

XXIV. Any yacht disobeying or infringing any of these Rules, which shall apply to all yachts and sailing boats, whether sailing in the same or different races, shall be disqualified from receiving any prize she would have otherwise won, and her owner shall be liable for all damages arising therefrom.

Should a flagrant breach or infringement of any of these Rules be proved against the owner of any yacht, he may be disqualified by the Committee, for such time as the Committee may think fit, from sailing his yacht in any race held under the Rules of the Club; and should a flagrant breach of these Rules be proved against any sailing master, he may be disqualified by the Committee for such time as the Committee may think fit from sailing in any race held under the Rules of the Club. The aggrieved party has the right of appeal against the decision of the Committee, subject to and under the same conditions as Club Rule XXIII.

XXV. For all sailing races in N winds the buoys used to mark the course are to be passed as the Sailing Committee may direct.

XXVI. In the event of a shift in the wind, boats will keep the course on which they start.

XXVII. The Committee reserve the right to make deductions from the advertised prize money should funds be short.

