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SECTION 1 - NAME AND OBJECTS

1. The name of the Club shall be the 'Bexhill Sailing Club' (hereinafter referred to in these rules as the Club).
2. The objects for which the Club is formed are: to promote and encourage good seamanship and knowledge of the sea; to facilitate community participation in the sport of sailing; to provide social and other facilities for Members as may be from time to time determined.

SECTION 2 – OFFICERS, PRESIDENTS, VICE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEES.

3. The Officers of the Club shall be Full Members of the Club (as defined in Rule 4) and shall consist of Flag Officers being a Commodore, a Vice-Commodore, a Rear-Commodore and other Officers being an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Membership Secretary, an Honorary Sailing Committee Secretary, an Honorary Social Committee Secretary and an Honorary Bar Manager. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one year and shall hold office for one year, retiring at the Annual General Meeting in each year, except that the Flag Officers shall hold office for no more than two consecutive years for each rank. After six years as a Flag Officer, one year must elapse before seeking re-election as a Flag Officer but a former Flag Officer may be elected to a Committee in another role. Nominations for Flag Officers and Treasurer will be pre-approved by the Executive Committee to ensure candidates have adequate experience for the role.

The duties of the Officers will be decided by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will appoint Cadet Captains and Training Principal to hold office for one year, with the right to vote in the Executive and Sailing Committees. The Executive Committee will also appoint a Welfare Officer to hold office for one year with the right to vote in the Executive Committee. These appointments will be made from Full Members (as defined in Rule 4).

The President and Vice President(s) shall be Full Members of the Club (as defined in Rule 4) to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting by a majority of those present and entitled to vote; this appointment being confirmed at subsequent Annual General Meetings. The incumbent President shall hold office for no more than five years, after which one year must elapse before re-election. Both President and Vice President(s) should be available for consultation, advice and discussion on any matter raised by a Club Member or Committee.

The property of the Club shall be vested in not less than two and not more than four Trustees to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting by a majority of those present and entitled to vote.

SECTION 3 - MEMBERSHIP

4. A Member is defined as a person who has paid the current annual subscription for the category of membership which that person has been elected other than a Sail Training Member or a Temporary Member.

A Lapsed Member is a person previously a Member who has not paid the current annual subscription for the category of membership to which that person was elected within one month after the first day of March.

There shall be the following categories of Membership with power to vote at all meetings of the Club as indicated hereunder:

- **SINGLE SAILING MEMBERSHIP** – Sailing Membership for adults over the age of 21 years - shall have one vote. A Single Sailing Member shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.
- **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** - shall be co-habiting adults and children up to and including the membership year in which their 18th birthday falls or on completion of full time education whichever is earlier, the member must then become a Young Adult Member. The family unit - shall have up to two votes, exercisable by the Adult Members nominated in the subscription form. A Family Member, his/her partner and all the children within their Membership shall have the full use of the Club facilities subject only to Rule 77.
- **COUPLE'S MEMBERSHIP** – Cohabiting husband/wife/partners (no children) where both of the partners are Full Members. Couples Membership shall have two votes.
- **SINGLE PARENT FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** – Single parent and children up to and including the membership year in which their 18th birthday falls, or on completion of full time education, whichever is earlier, the member must then become a Young Adult Member. Single Parent Membership shall have one vote.
- **KAYAK/SAILBOARD MEMBERSHIP** –Member who has all the benefits of the club but have a Kayak or Sailboard instead of a boat – shall have one vote on non sailing matters, after being a Member for one year. A Kayak/Sailboard Member shall have full use of all of the Club facilities.
- **FORMER SAILING MEMBERSHIP** – adults who have been a Sailing Member for 10 years or more who used to sail at the club but due to personal circumstances or choice are no longer able to participate in sailing - shall have one vote. A Former Sailing Member shall have the full use of the Club facilities for social purposes only, save as defined in the Sailing Instructions. The Executive Committee can exercise discretion regarding the period of

Sailing Membership, where the achievement of the minimum period is unfair to the members individual situation.

- **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** - The Executive Committee may elect a Member to Honorary Membership at its discretion - shall have one vote. An Honorary Member shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.
- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** - is a Full Member and the Executive Committee may confer, at its discretion and in appropriate cases, Life Membership on a long serving Member - shall have one vote. A Life Member shall have the full use of all the Club facilities
- **A YOUNG ADULT MEMBER** - being a person aged 19 and up to and including the subscription year in which their 21st birthday falls - shall have one vote. A Young Member shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.
- **MEMBER IN FULL TIME EDUCATION** – a full time student age 18yrs and up to the end of full time education. A student may be required to produce evidence of entitlement after 21 years of age. A Full Time Education member shall have the full use of all the Club facilities and shall have one vote.
- **SINGLE PERSON SOCIAL MEMBER** – an individual who wishes to enjoy all the benefits of the club without sailing, kayaking or paddleboarding - shall have one vote on non-sailing matters, after being a Member for one year. A Social Member shall have the full use of the Club facilities for social purposes only. However, where the individual has previous experience of safetyboat operation, the Executive may authorise the undertaking of safetyboat duties.
- **COUPLE'S SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP** – Cohabiting husband/wife/partners who wish to enjoy all the benefits of the club without sailing, kayaking or paddleboarding - shall have one vote each on non-sailing matters, after being Members for one year. A Couple's Social Member shall have the full use of the Club facilities for social purposes only. However, where either of the couple has previous experience of safetyboat operation, the Executive may authorise their undertaking of safetyboat duties.

The above categories of Membership (excluding the children of Family Members) shall be referred to as Full Members. The following categories of Members shall have no vote:

SAIL TRAINING MEMBER - an individual who is 18 or over, who is booked onto and attending an RYA level 1/2 course. Their Membership shall cease at the end of the subscription year in which their course occurs. A Sail Training Member shall have the full use of all of the Club facilities.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER being a person who was previously an Adult Member of the Club but has moved domicile or through other exceptional circumstances is no longer able to participate in the Club's activities but who wishes to remain associated with the Club. An Associate Member shall have full use of the Clubhouse facilities and may sail in open events at the Club and on no more than six other occasions.

TEMPORARY MEMBER – may include Members of another RYA recognised club or organisation subject to prior notification, participants in courses offered by Bexhill Sailing Club leading to the award of RYA certificates of competence other than participants in the RYA level 1 and level 2 sailing courses and participants when accompanied by Club Members in ad hoc sailing experiences organised by the Club. Temporary Membership of such participants shall be limited to the duration of the relevant course or sailing experience. A Temporary Member shall have the full use of the Club facilities but:

- (a) Shall have no right to enter Club races, unless specifically authorised by the Honorary Sailing Secretary or a Flag Officer.
- (b) Shall have no right to introduce visitors to the Club or the facilities thereof.
- (c) Shall have no right to take any part in the management of the Club.
- (d) Is deemed to have notice of and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club Rules and current Bye-laws as if he or she were a Member of the Club, in so far as the said Rules and Bye-laws may be deemed to apply to such Temporary Member.
- (e) Shall be liable to be expelled from the Club premises or to be prohibited from using the Club facilities if, in the opinion of Flag Officers, he or she shall not have reasonably complied with the above conditions.
- (f) May not purchase alcoholic liquor at the Bar until 48 hours have elapsed from appointment to Membership.
- **PROVISIONAL MEMBER** - a new Member elected to one of the categories of Membership shall be a Provisional Member until such time as the Executive Committee confirms their Membership. A Provisional Member shall have the right to use the facilities as shown for the category of Membership to which the Member has been elected.
- **CADET MEMBER** – Children of Cadet Age (Suitable age at the discretion of the Cadet Captain) up to and including the membership year in which their 18th birthday falls. Includes one adult membership in the Cadet's membership, only while that Cadet is present at the Club for a Club programme event. No voting rights.

Candidates for Membership shall have no privileges whatsoever in relation to the use of the Club or premises.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES

5. The rate of Entrance and Subscription fee for each category of Membership shall be proposed by the Executive Committee, to the Members at the Annual General Meeting, in each year. Any proposed changes shall be approved by a majority of those present and entitled to vote and shall become operative immediately. The current rate of Entrance and Subscription fee shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises.

- (a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of sailing on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Membership may however be limited according to available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.
- (b) Membership subscriptions will be kept at levels that should not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- (c) The Executive Committee may refuse Membership or remove it (subject to Rule 13), only for good cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal of Membership may be made to the Members at a General Meeting.
- (d) The combined total of Social and Kayak/Sailboard Water Sports Members shall not number more than the greater of 50 Members or 25% of the Membership entitled to vote.

6. Members shall also make the following annual payments:

- (a) An annual boat permit fee of such a sum as the Executive Committee shall from time to time prescribe which shall allow a Member to keep their boat in the Club's boat park.
- (b) All Members shall pay their first annual Subscription Fee upon election to the Club. Thereafter the Subscription Fee shall be payable on the first day of March in each year. At its discretion, the Executive Committee is empowered to offer a discount of up to 10% of the applicable Subscription Fee provided that fee is paid on or before the last day of February. Membership will be deemed to have lapsed one month after the first day of March unless payment has been received or arranged. A Member elected on or after the first day of July in any year shall pay half the Subscription Fee applicable for that year. Members may not use the facilities of the Club until such time as they have paid the annual subscription. Where subscriptions of Members remain unpaid for one month from being due, Membership shall at the option of the Executive Committee be deemed to have lapsed and the Member must apply for re-election under rules 10 and 11.

The Executive Committee on a case-by-case basis shall fix the subscription fees payable by Life Members.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to approve requests made by Members to amend Membership status within the current financial year and to authorize any adjustments in Membership fees that may arise as a result of such change in Membership status.

7. Every Member shall furnish the Membership Secretary with a current postal address and at the Member's discretion an e-mail address, both of which shall be recorded in the Register of Members, and any notice sent to such e-mail address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered. Members who wish to receive any such notice by post shall advise the Membership Secretary accordingly.

8. Election and retirement of Members:

- Candidates for Cadet Membership must have the application endorsed by a parent or guardian confirming the signatory's agreement to Membership.

9. An application for Membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the Executive Committee, and shall include the name and address of the candidate. The Membership form shall require that the Member agree to contribute to the running of the Club through duties allocated under the current duty allocation system.

10. Applications for Membership shall be in writing and further endorsed with parental consent in the case of Cadets. Every application shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at their next meeting. In exceptional circumstances, which for the purposes of this Rule shall include the election of Temporary Members and Sail Training Members, the Executive Committee may:

- a) Reject the application for membership.
- b) Confirm a candidate to full Membership at that meeting without any other formality.
- c) Delegate the authority to grant Temporary and Sail Training Membership to the Training Principal.

An Appeal against refusal to grant membership may be made to the Executive Committee who will decide by a majority vote.

The Honorary Membership Secretary will submit the names of all new members, temporary members and sail training members to the Executive Committee on a monthly basis.

11. Upon election, a candidate shall pay, within one calendar month, such entrance and other fees as shall be requested. In default of such payment, the election shall be void unless sufficient cause for delay be shown.

12. A Member desirous of retiring from Membership shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Membership Secretary before the last day of April and shall not then be liable to pay the subscription for that year. Upon re-application by a past Member the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, excuse payment of an Entrance Fee.

13. In addition to the powers granted to the Executive Committee by Rule 6(b) hereof the Executive Committee may cancel, without notice being given, the Membership of any Member whose annual subscription and other annual fees are more than one month in arrears provided that the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, re-instate such Member upon payment of arrears. No Member whose annual payment is in arrears may enter any Club event or vote at any meeting.

Conduct of Members

14. Every Member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and impliedly undertakes to comply with, the Rules and the current Bye-laws of the Club. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct, which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is either unworthy of a Member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a Member liable to expulsion by the Executive Committee.

Provided that, before expelling a Member, the Executive Committee shall call upon such Member for a written explanation of the Member's conduct and shall give the Member full opportunity of making explanation to the Executive Committee, or of resigning.

A Resolution to expel a Member shall be carried by a simple majority vote of those Members of the Executive Committee present, eligible to vote and voting on the Resolution.

An Appeal, against expulsion, may be made to the Members at a General Meeting and will be decided by majority vote.

15. Full Members shall enter the names of all guests in the Visitor's Book. Not more than three guests may be introduced in any one day and the same guest may not be introduced more than six times in any calendar year.

16. A Member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club and shall make restitution for the same, if called upon to do so by the Executive Committee or by the Membership Secretary upon the instructions of the Executive Committee.

17. A Member shall settle any indebtedness for refreshment or otherwise before leaving the Club premises, or in accordance with any Bye-law relating to the settlement of such indebtedness.

18. Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the Club Premises shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary who will refer any such complaint to the Executive Committee for review and action.

19. A Member of any other Club affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association (a list thereof is published by the said Association) may be authorised to use the premises of the Club, by any

Member of the Executive Committee of the Club. Such authorisation shall specify between which dates the said person may so use the premises.

20. Any person who is a competitor or crew member in any race sponsored by or on behalf of the Club is entitled to the use of the Club premises within a period of 24 hours before and after the race in which they are competing.

21. The Honorary Secretary or any other person who has received the authority of two members of the Executive Committee, may expel, temporarily or permanently, any person who has the right to the use of the Club premises only under Rules 19 and 20.

Limitation of Club Liability

22. Members, their guests and visitors are bound by the following Rule, which shall also be exhibited in a prominent place within the Club premises. Members of the Club, their guests or visitors may use the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept:

- (a) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to Members, their guests, contractors, independent contractors, entertainers or visitors to the Club.
- b) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, or any other facilities of the Club either sustained by Members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said Members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the Officers, Executive Committee or servants of the Club.

23. Membership of the Club and acceptance of these rules by the Member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Acts and to the use of that data in the furtherance of the Club's business and to enable Members to contact each other in relation to the Club's activities.

SECTION 4 - COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

24. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Flag Officers, all other Officers, Cadet Captain and Training Principal and up to six Full Members (excluding Social Members) who have been elected at an Annual General Meeting to hold office until the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting.

25. At the Annual General Meeting each year all Members of the Executive Committee shall retire. Members retiring under this rule shall be eligible for re-election to the Committee. No Flag Officer shall hold office for more than two consecutive years and one year must then elapse before re-election.

26. Candidates for election to the Executive Committee (who are not Officers of the Club) shall be those Full Members (excluding Social Members), whose nominations (duly proposed with their consent and seconded in writing by Full Members of the Club), shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

27. If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled then there shall be a ballot.

28. If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election.

29. In the event of the ballot failing to determine the Members of the Executive Committee, because of an equality of votes, the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.

30. If, for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur, the Executive Committee may co-opt a Full Member (excluding Social Members) to fill such a vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting. Any member so co-opted onto the Executive Committee, or similarly co-opted onto the Social Committee (in accordance with Rule 51), the Sailing Committee (in accordance with Rule 61) or the Bar Committee (in accordance with Rule 71) shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the relevant committee.

31. The Executive Committee shall meet at least every two months making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Commodore or in his absence a Flag Officer shall preside as Chairman.

32. Voting shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the Commodore or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.

33. Seven Members elected to the Executive Committee personally present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.

Powers of the Executive Committee

34. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club in accordance with these Rules and shall define the various duties of the Officers of the Club and of all other Committees of the Club. The Officers and other Committees of the Club shall in all respects be subject to the control of the Executive Committee.

35. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and shall cause the funds of the Club to be applied solely to the objects of the Club or for benevolent or charitable purposes. The Executive Committee may reimburse Members and official volunteers for out of pocket expenses.

In particular the Executive Committee shall ensure that the property and funds of the Club will not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of Members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and that all surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club.

36. The Executive Committee shall make such Bye-laws as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises for a minimum of fourteen days before the date of implementation. Such Bye-laws shall remain in force until the next General Meeting. Such Bye-laws shall be approved or set aside by a majority vote of a General Meeting of the Club.

37. The Executive Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate such of its powers as it may think fit upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed expedient and/or required by the law. Officers of the Club shall be ex officio members of all such Sub-Committees together with such other Full Members of the Club that the Sub-Committees may think fit.

38. A Member of the Executive Committee, of a Sub-Committee or any Officer of the Club, in transacting business for the Club, shall disclose to third parties that he is so acting.

39. The Executive Committee, or any person or Sub-Committee delegated by the Executive Committee to act as agent for the Club or its members, shall enter into contract only as far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication, by the members. No one shall, without the express authority of the membership in General Meeting, pledge the credit of the Membership.

40. In pursuance of the authority vested in the Executive Committee by members of the Club, members of the Executive Committee are entitled to be indemnified by the members of the Club against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club.

The limit of any individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate of that category of Membership unless the Executive Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club.

41. The Executive Committee may elect a Member to Honorary Membership at its discretion being bestowed as an honour on a Member on behalf of the Club for exceptional services, either as a long standing Officer of the Club or due to sailing achievements, or other exceptional circumstances to the credit or benefit of the Club.

42. The Executive Committee will appoint a suitably qualified accounting firm to carry out an Independent Examination of the accounts of the Club. The appointment shall be made annually. The Membership will be asked to approve the appointment at the Annual General Meeting following the appointment.

43. In addition to the powers given to the Executive Committee under Rule 6(b) and 13, if, at any time, any fees payable to the Club by any Member or former Member shall be one month or more in arrears and any property being in the ownership of a Member or former Member remains upon the Club premises, the Executive Committee may:

- (a) Move the property to any part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the property howsoever caused.
- (b) Where ownership is known, give two months' notice in writing to the Member or former Member at his last known address as shown in the Club Register. Where ownership is not known, display the details of the boat on the Club notice board for a period of not less than two months, sending the details of the boat to all Club members at the same time. Where the boat is considered to be of no significant value the notice period can be reduced to one month. Thereafter sell the property and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, Boat Permit fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the Member or former Member.
- (c) Alternatively, if the property is un-saleable, after giving notice in writing or displaying on the Club notice board as aforesaid, dispose of the property in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing so and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the Club by the Member or former Member.
- (d) The Honorary Sailing Secretary, acting under an instruction from the Sailing Committee, may give notice in writing to a Member to remove any boat, trailer, trolley or other equipment which the Sailing Committee considers to be derelict or unseaworthy

within a reasonable period being not less than 14 days. The Member may appeal in writing against the decision to the Executive Committee within 14 days of the date of the notice. In the absence of any appeal and the failure by the Member to comply with the notice the Executive Committee may move or dispose of the said boat, trailer, trolley or other equipment.

- (e) Further, the Club shall at all times have a lien over Members' or former Members' boats parked on the Club's premises in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of Boat Permit fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:

Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a Member or former Member and that when and if the property is sold the proceeds of sale (less any indebtedness by the Member or former Member to the Club) shall be placed upon Bank Deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he be the said Member or former Member or otherwise) for a minimum period of **one** year. After this time residue to be donated to a charitable cause connected with sailing.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

44. The Social Committee will have the duties and powers prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

45. The Social Committee shall consist of the Officers one of whom will be the Honorary Social Committee Secretary and not less than three or more than nine Full Members elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the commencement of the following Annual General Meeting.

46. At the Annual General Meeting each year all Members of the Social Committee shall retire. Members retiring under this rule shall be eligible for re-election to the Social Committee.

47. Candidates for election to the Social Committee (not being Officers of the Club) shall be those Members whose nominations, (duly proposed with their consent and seconded in writing by Full Members of the Club) shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

48. If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled then there shall be a ballot.

49. If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election. In the event that there are insufficient applications to form a committee as defined by Rule 45, the Executive may at its discretion decide to merge the Social Committee and the Bar Committee, on the condition that the combined committee complies with Rule 66.

50. In the event of the ballot failing to determine the Members of the and Social Committee, because of an equality of votes, the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.

51. If, for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur, the Social Committee may co-opt a Full Member to fill such a vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting. Provisional Members may be co-opted with the agreement of the Executive Committee.

52. The Social Committee shall meet at least every two months making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Rear Commodore or in their absence the Honorary Social Secretary shall preside as Chairman.

53. Voting shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the Rear Commodore or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.

54. Five Members personally present of which three must be elected and not being ex officio Members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Social Committee. All Members of the Social Committee shall be entitled to vote.

SAILING COMMITTEE

55. The Sailing Committee will have the duties and powers prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee.

56. The Sailing Committee shall consist of the Flag Officers, the Honorary Sailing Committee Secretary, Fleet Representatives, the Cadet Captains, Training Principal and five Full Members (excluding Social Members) elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the commencement of the next following Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting each year all Members of the Sailing Committee shall retire. Members retiring under the rule shall be eligible for re-election to the Committee.

57. Candidates for election to the Sailing Committee (not being Officers of the Club) shall be those Full Members (excluding Social Members) whose nominations (duly proposed with their consent and seconded in writing by Full Members of the Club) shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

58. If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled then there shall be a ballot.

59. If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election.

60. In the event of the ballot failing to determine the Members of the Sailing Committee, because of an equality of votes, the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.

61. If, for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur, the Sailing Committee may co-opt a Full Member (excluding Social Members) to fill such a vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting. Provisional Members may be co-opted with the agreement of the Executive Committee.

62. The Sailing Committee shall meet at least every two months making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Vice Commodore or in his absence another Flag Officer shall preside as Chairman.

63. Voting shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the Vice Commodore or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.

64. Five Members personally present of which one must be elected and not being ex officio Members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Sailing Committee.

BAR COMMITTEE

65. The Bar Committee will have the duties and powers prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

66. The Bar Committee shall consist of up to fifteen Members who have attained the age of eighteen years. Twelve Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the commencement of the following Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall elect a Committee Secretary. Three other Officers of the Club shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall complete the numbers serving.

67. At the Annual General Meeting each year all Members of the Bar Committee shall retire. Members retiring under the Rule shall be eligible for re-election to the Bar Committee. Candidates for election to the Bar Committee shall be those Full Members whose nominations (duly proposed with their consent and seconded in writing by Full Members of the Club) shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

68. If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled then there shall be a ballot.

69. If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election. The Bar Committee shall not have the power to co-opt Members or to form sub committees. The Executive Committee shall have the power to nominate the required Members to bring the committee to full strength.

70. In the event of the ballot failing to determine the Members of the Bar Committee, because of an equality of votes, the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.

71. If, for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur or if insufficient numbers are elected at the Annual General Meeting to meet the requirements of rule 66, the Executive Committee may appoint Full Members over the age of 18 years to fill such vacancies until the following Annual General Meeting. Provisional Members may also be co-opted by the Executive Committee.

72. The Committee shall meet at least every two months making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Honorary Bar Manager or in his absence a nominated person from the Committee shall preside as chairman.

73. Voting shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the Honorary Bar Manager or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.

74. Four Members (one of whom must be the Honorary Bar Manager or a Flag Officer of the Club) personally present and entitled to vote of which three must be elected and not being ex officio Members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Bar Committee.

75. The purchase for the Club of excisable goods and the supply of the same upon Club premises shall be exclusively and solely under the control of the Bar Committee.

76. Intoxicating liquor may only be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to persons over the age of eighteen who are entitled to the use of the Club premises in pursuance of the Bye-laws and Rules for the time being in force. No Member or Guest, under the age of eighteen may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor within the Club premises.

77. The Bar Committee shall cause the Club Bar to be opened (subject to terms of the Club Premises Certificate) at convenient times (and such times shall be prominently exhibited in the Club premises) for the supply of excisable goods to persons who are entitled to the use of the premises of the Club in pursuance of these rules.

78. No Member shall take a commission, percentage or other such payment in connection with the purchase of excisable goods for the Club. Any profit deriving from the sale of such goods shall (after deduction of the costs of providing such goods) be applied to the benefit of the Club.

79. Proper accounts of all purchases and receipts shall be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such information as the Honorary Treasurer or Independent Examiners may require shall be furnished to enable any statutory return or statement and the payment of excise or other duty or tax to be made.

SECTION 5 - TRUSTEES

80. Any General Meeting shall have power to remove any of the Trustees and all vacancies occurring by removal, resignation or death shall be filled at the same or next General Meeting. The Trustees may only sign documents as directed and with the approval of the Executive Committee. Any Trustee may attend any Executive Committee meeting as an observer. The Trustees shall have no vote except on the issue of signing any document on the Club's behalf where they shall carry the power of abstention. In the event that the Executive Committee does not accept that the exercise of an abstention is justified, the Executive Committee shall call a Special General Meeting at which the Trustee shall explain the reason for the abstention and seek endorsement of the view from the majority of the Members present and entitled to vote.

81. If for any reason there are less than two Trustees at any one time an additional Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed, as necessary by the Executive Committee from among Full Members (excluding Social Members) who are willing to be so appointed. The Trustee or Trustees so appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting.

82. All the property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as it is necessary and practicable, on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Trustee, the Executive Committee shall nominate a new Trustee in his place in accordance with Rule 81 and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the name of the Trustee as constituted after such nomination. For the purpose of giving effect to any such nomination, the Honorary Secretary for the time being is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

83. The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property of the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Executive Committee and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property so held for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Executive Committee's directions (which shall be duly recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee).

84. The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Club out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them in the exercise of their duties or in relation to any property of the Club vested in them, or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club.

SECTION 6 - MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

85. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee but no later than 31st January and before the expiry of 15 months since the previous Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Secretary shall give notice of the Annual General Meeting not less than 42 days before such meeting by posting a Notice of the Meeting on the Club's notice board. The Honorary Secretary shall at least fourteen days before the date of such Meeting deliver by electronic mail to each Member Notice of the Meeting and of the business to be brought forward thereat. Members who require the said Notice to be sent by post shall notify the Honorary Membership Secretary of that requirement in writing at the time of the renewal of Membership by way of an attachment to the renewal form.

86. No business, except the passing of the Accounts and the election of the Officers, Committees, Trustees, notification of the appointment of the Independent Examiners, and any business that the Executive Committee may order to be inserted in the Notice convening the Meeting shall be discussed at such Meeting unless notice thereof be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing by a Member entitled to vote at least thirty days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

87. The Executive Committee may at any time, upon giving twenty one day's notice in writing, call a Special General Meeting of the Club for any special business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting, and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to Members. The Honorary Secretary shall at least fourteen days before the date of such Meeting deliver by electronic mail to each member Notice of the Meeting and of the business to be brought forward thereat. Members who require the said notice to be sent by post and shall notify the Honorary Membership Secretary of that requirement in writing at the time of the renewal of Membership by way of an attachment to the renewal form.

88. The Executive Committee shall call a Special General Meeting upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary by at least 10 Members with the right to vote. The request shall detail in precise terms the reasons the request is submitted and detail the matters to be discussed. The request shall include a joint and several indemnity in favour of the Club by the Members requesting the meeting under which the costs to the Club of calling the meeting shall be reimbursed. The Executive Committee acting through the Honorary Secretary shall give twenty one day's notice by electronic mail or in writing to members of any such Special General Meeting within 14 days of the Honorary Secretary receiving the written request. The discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the Notice sent to members.

89. At every General Meeting of the Club the President or the Commodore or, in their absence, a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.

90. Fifteen percent of the Membership entitled to vote as at seven days before the meeting, shall form a quorum at any General Meeting of the Club.

91. Only Sailing, Adult Family, Non-Sailing, Life, Young and Honorary Members shall vote at any meeting of the Club. Social and Kayak/Sailboard Members, after one year of Membership and subject to the restriction set out in Rule 4, may vote at any meeting of the Club. Other Members may attend but are not entitled to vote.

92. Voting shall be by show of hands. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote, on any matter other than the election of Members of the Executive Committee.

93. On any resolution properly put to a meeting of the Club relating to the creation, repeal or amendment of any Bye-law or Rule of the Club such Bye-law or Rule shall not be created, repealed or amended except by a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote.

No amendment or addition to the Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose. The Executive Committee shall have power to decide any question not provided in these Rules or arising upon the interpretation thereof.

Provided that no such change shall jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club within the meaning of the Finance Acts, or in any event alter its objects or winding-up provisions.

SECTION 7 - DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

94. If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members of the Club. The Executive Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following at the direction of the Membership in a General Meeting held prior to dissolution:

- (i) To another club with similar sports purposes which is a charity and/or;
- (ii) To another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and / or;
- (iii) To the Sport's National Governing Body for use by them for related community sports.

SECTION 8 – BYE-LAWS

1. Regular Club racing shall be provided as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

2. The Club Premises shall be open to Members at such times, as the Executive Committee shall direct.

3. The Bar shall be open at such hours as may be decided by the Bar Committee subject to any restrictions imposed from time to time by the Licensing Authority.

4. Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk, and impliedly accept Rule 22 and before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, members will draw their attention to this Rule.

5. The Executive Committee is empowered to make a charge for admission to the Club Lounge on specified occasions.
6. Smoking and the use of vapes and other devices that simulate tobacco is prohibited on the whole of the Club's premises.
7. No sound reproduction set or machine shall be operated in the Clubhouse except as authorised by the Social Committee from time to time.
8. Persons wearing stiletto heels or wet sailing/swimming gear or sandy clothes or footwear shall not use the lounge except and unless directed by the Executive Committee or a Flag Officer.
9. Upholstered chairs shall not be used externally.
10. No vehicles or boats shall be left on the concrete ramp surround or near the emergency exits from the Clubhouse.
11. No road trailers may be left on the beach or underneath boats unless immobilised or on Club premises.
12. Boats shall be stored on the beach in accordance with the plan prepared by the Sailing Committee.
13. Boats shall be secured on a suitable cradle or otherwise be securely anchored to the beach. Anchorage points must be buried below the surface of the beach. The use of barrels as anchorage points or supports is forbidden.
14. Club boats may be hired by Family, Sailing and Young Members. Hire fees will be set by the Executive Committee. Cadets, Sail Training Members and former Sail Training Members in their first year of full membership may use Club boats free of charge, subject to approval by the Cadet Captain or Training Principal. Club boats may be hired or used only at Club programme events and when representing the Club at other venues with the approval of the Cadet Captain or Sail Training Principal.
15. Parents and carers are warned that the Club is only able to provide Safety Boat cover during the hours of Club sailing events. Even during such events the Club cannot accept responsibility for children or any other persons not engaged in such events. Although BSC has a duty of care to its members, and particularly young people who cannot take full responsibility for their own safety, parents and carers must be responsible for their children's welfare and behaviour, or must designate another adult to take that responsibility, outside regular cadet training sessions, where the young person is under sixteen.
16. Sailing apparel shall not be washed, rinsed or otherwise treated in the shower area or changing rooms, and no such apparel, equipment or other gear shall be left in the Clubhouse overnight and in this event it shall forthwith be removed to the lost property locker.
17. Boat parking is not available to Social Members or Non-Sailing Members. Temporary Members may park their boats in the Club's boat park for a limited period after agreement from a member of the Sailing Committee. All boat and kayak/Sailboard owners shall carry Third Party Insurance for a minimum liability of £3 million pounds.
18. Dogs (other than dogs trained to assist people with disabilities) are not permitted in the Clubhouse.

19. Members shall be required to affix an up to date Boat Permit to the transom of their boat.

20. The Club requires a good standard of conduct from its Members. When a Member's conduct is considered unacceptable by the Executive Committee it may result in a verbal or written warning, which could ultimately lead to suspension or expulsion from the Club. If a Member wishes to appeal against any disciplinary action taken against them, they should do so, in writing, within seven days to the Honorary Secretary of the Club.

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