

MERSEY YACHT CLUB INC

GENERAL BY-LAWS

(November 2002)

1. 1.1 The Club Burgee shall be a white pennant with maroon cross.
- 1.2. The Commodore's Flag shall be the Club Burgee swallow tailed.
- 1.3. The Vice-Commodore's Flag shall be the Club Burgee swallow tailed with a maroon ball in the upper head quarter and the Rear Commodore's shall be a similar flag with two red balls, one in the left hand top and one in the left hand bottom quarter placed vertically.
- 1.4. The Club Flag shall be the National Flag of the Commonwealth of Australia.
2. 2.1 The Club shall be affiliated with the Yachting Tasmania.
3. 3.1 Any Member may resign his membership at any time by notifying his resignation in writing to the Secretary, and upon receipt thereof by the Secretary shall cease to be a Member of the Club. No such resignation shall relieve any Member from payment of any subscription of other money due and payable by him at the time of such resignation.
4. 4.1 Senior Members and Family Members shall have the privilege of introducing a friend or friends to the Club, but such Member shall enter the name and address of such visitor together with his or her own in the Visitor's Book.
- 4.2. No Senior Member or Family Member shall introduce more than six (6) persons (visitors) at one time nor the same person more than three (3) times in one year, if residents of Devonport.
5. 5.1 No visitor shall be supplied with liquor on the Club premises unless in the company of a Club Member. The Club Member shall ensure that the Visitor's Book is signed.
- 5.2. No liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption elsewhere but on the premises of the Club unless such liquor is removed from the premises by a Member purchasing same.
- 5.3. No payment of salary or emolument of any Officer of the club shall be made by way of Commission upon or allowance from the Club's receipts from the sale of liquor.
- 5.4. No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be supplied with liquor by the Club or be in possession or control of liquor on the Club premises.
- 5.5. No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed to serve in any bar in the Club premises or to be employed by the Club as a waiter or messenger.
- 5.6. The Club may cater for any outside organizations on the Club premises.
- 5.7. The Club shall adopt the MODEL RULE of the State Licensing Commission and there is deemed to be included in the Rules of this Club the provisions set out in the guidelines in respect of Club Licences from time to time published by the Licensing Board in accordance with Section 17 of the Liquor and Accommodation Act 1990.
6. 6.1 The Committee shall have full authority from time to time to appoint a Secretary or such other Officers and Servants at such salary or remuneration and upon such terms and conditions as it may deem advisable and may dismiss or suspend for just cause such Secretary or other Officers or Servants. Non-members may be appointed under this Rule, and in such event, they shall be deemed Honorary Members during their respective terms of office. No Member in receipt of any salary or remuneration for his services to the Club shall be competent to vote at, or except when requested to report, take part in the proceedings of any meeting of any Committee or Sub-committee, nor shall he be reckoned in calculating a quorum at any such meeting. No payment of salary or emolument of any Officer or Servant of the Club shall be made by way of commission upon or allowance from the Club's receipts from the sale of liquor.

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7. 7.1 The Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes (in books provided for that purpose) of the proceedings at all General Meetings and at all meetings of the Committee, and the Secretary shall keep attendance registers for such meetings.
8. 8.1 Every notice directed to be exhibited in the Clubhouse shall be signed by the Secretary and posted in some conspicuous place.
9. 9.1 The Secretary shall keep a Membership Register which shall record the history of each Member and shall keep posted on the Club Notice Board or foyer an up-to-date list of the names and addresses of Club Members.
10. 10.1 It shall be the responsibility of each Member to promptly advise the Secretary of any change of his postal address.
11. 11.1 Neither the Club nor any Official of the Club shall be responsible for any loss or damage to any article brought by Members or guests on to the Club premises or boats or for any loss or damage suffered by the Member or guest in or about the Club premises or in consequence of the use of the property of the Club or otherwise.
12. 12.1 No Member shall give or use the address or use the fact that he is a Member of the Club in any advertisement or enterprise (sporting or otherwise) or use the Club address for business purposes without consent of the Committee.
13. 13.1 The Clubhouse shall be open and ready for the reception of Members at such times as the Committee shall from time to time determine.
14. 14.1 No paper or placard, written or printed shall be posted in the Club without the sanction of the Committee.
15. 15.1 No Member shall take away from the Clubhouse or deface, tear or injure any newspaper, book, pamphlet, or other article, the property of the Club. Members injuring any article, the property of the Club, shall pay for the same at a price fixed by the Committee.
16. 16.1 The conduct of any Servant of the Club shall in no instance be made a subject of personal reprimand by any Member of the Club, but all complaints against Servants must be made to the Secretary.
17. 17.1 No Servant of the Club, unless authorised by the Secretary, shall be sent out of the Clubhouse upon errands, or for any other purpose, under any pretence whatever. No Member shall give any money or gratuity to any of the Servants of the Club. No Servant of the Club shall, except with the approval of the Committee, directly or indirectly receive any present, money, or gratuity from any Member, or from any tradesman or other person employed by the Club, under pain of immediate dismissal.
18. 18.1 All complaints or suggestions shall be made to the Secretary by letter. Such complaints and suggestions shall be laid before the Committee with as little delay as possible and an answer sent by the Secretary under their direction.
19. 19.1 Every yacht exclusively belonging to or on loan to, or on hire by a Member or Members shall be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose by the Secretary upon the prescribed payment, when a certificate will be issued, such register to state the name, rig, and dimensions of each vessel, with owner's name and distinguishing flag.
 - 19.2. Yacht owners shall furnish the Secretary with said particulars and in case of change of ownership or any alteration affecting the measurement of a yacht, the same shall be notified to the Secretary.
20. 20.1 Any yacht on the Register shall be entitled to fly the Club Burgee.

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21. 21.1 No vessel used for the purpose of trade or which shall at any time be left on hire to non-members unless prior special arrangements have been approved by the Management Committee, or which shall in the opinion of the Committee be otherwise unfit, shall be placed on the Club's Register and no vessel belonging to more than one owner shall be admitted into the Club unless each and every owner of such vessel be a member of the club.
22. 22.1 Yachts belonging to Members while on loan or hire to non-members shall not be entitled to the Club privileges or to fly the Club Ensign or Burgee and every Member so letting his yacht is required to remove all Club papers, books and flags.
23. 23.1 Any Member of the Club who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly interested in a Contract, or who is financially interested in the operations of any firm, company or business whatsoever with whom it is intended that the Club shall contract, deal or in any way carry on business with, shall as soon as practicable after the relevant facts have come to his or her knowledge, declare the nature of his or her interest at a meeting of the Committee of the Club provided that the requirements thereof shall not apply in any case where the interest of a Member consists only of being a Member or Creditor of a Company which is interested in a contract or proposed contract or business arrangement with the Club if the interest of that Member may properly be regarded as not being a material interest.
24. 24.1 Club Boat Hire:-
The Executive may hire Club boats to Members of Family Members upon the payment of a fee and bond to be set by the Committee from time to time.
25. 25.1 The dress in the Bar and Social Room shall be as follows: -
Minimum: Long trousers or shorts, shirt and appropriate footwear, except that Members attired in work clothes and who do not intend to remain in the Club for long periods will be permitted until 7.00 p.m. at the discretion of the House Committee.
Wet Sailing clothes are not permitted.
- 25.2. From 7.00 p.m. onwards suitable dress will be worn.
26. 26.1 The various sections of the Clubhouse shall be open for the convenience of Members at such hours, as the Committee shall from time to time direct.
27. 27.1 Use of the car park shall be open to Members and guests in accordance with the following:-
(i) Parking shall be done in an orderly fashion.
(ii) No responsibility for damage to vehicles shall be accepted by the Club.
(iii) Trailers and other gear shall not be left on the premises overnight without permission of a Flag Officer.
(iv) Cars and heavy trailers will not be permitted on grassed areas.
(v) Parking shall not be permitted west of the .car parking area, unless authorised by a Flag Officer.
28. 28.1 Members and guests shall pay due regard to the neatness and cleanliness of the Club premises at all times.
Rubbish shall be deposited in litterbins provided for the purpose.
Any gear or clothing left lying about may be collected and placed in the "Slop Chest" after dry cleaning if necessary and may be redeemed at publicised intervals on the payment of the cleaning costs plus a fee for each article.
Items not claimed after 3 months shall become the property of the Club and sold by

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- auction, the proceeds going to Club funds.
29. 29.1 Boats shall be located for rigging and unrigging in an orderly manner with due regard to economy of space.
- 29.2. Boats may be rigged and unrigged on light-weight trailers on grassed areas.
- 29.3. Washing of boats on grassed areas may be restricted at the discretion of the Committee.
30. 30.1 The Committee may allot the Social Room and Kitchen of the Clubhouse for use by Members for private functions under such terms and conditions as it may determine. The Bar and other sections of the Club shall be open to all Members during any such functions.
31. 31.1 The Junior Room shall be for use of Junior Members or other Members at the Committee's discretion.
- 31.2. The Junior Committee shall be responsible to the Committee for proper maintenance and cleanliness of Junior facilities and shall roster a duty crew each week for this purpose.
- 31.3. No intoxicating liquor shall be taken into the Junior Room.
- 31.4. No writing or pictures or placards shall be placed on the walls without the sanction of the Committee.
32. 32.1 Boat storage facilities may be available to any Member for an annual fee determined by the Committee.
- 32.2. Availability shall depend on space remaining after use for storage of Club patrol boats, training dinghies, buoys, anchors and equipment.
- 32.3. Members shall store boats and equipment neatly and on racks provided only. Trailers shall not be stored.
- 32.4. Hoses and other Club equipment must be replaced in boat storage area after use.
- 32.5. The walls or any other part of boat storage area are not to be defaced by paint, placards, pictures, etc.
- 32.6. Intoxicating liquor must not be taken into the boat storage area.
- 32.7. The storage area will be closed between the hours of 8.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. unless prior approval is obtained from the Secretary to use same during those prohibited hours.
- 32.8. All occupants are to ensure the observance of these By-laws as failure to do so could lead to cancellation of occupancy by the offenders.
- 32.9. Storage may be cancelled in the case of boats not regularly racing and for repeated untidiness subject to fourteen (14) days' written notice.
- 32.10. Duty crew rostered weekly is to be responsible for cleanliness of boat storage area.
33. 33.1 No collection and/or raffles shall be made with out the approval of the Committee.
34. 34.1 No Member shall take away from the Clubhouse under any pretence whatsoever, any newspaper, pamphlets, books or any property of the Club without the sanction or the Committee.
35. 35.1 No Member shall on any account bring a dog or other pet into the Clubhouse, with the exception of seeing-eye dogs.
36. 36.1 Members shall make a written application on a prescribed form, naming the proposed candidate and a seconder, and setting out any relevant information the Committee may require.
37. 37.1 Car Stickers depicting the Club Burgee are available to Members for use on their cars and trailer craft. When used in a car the sticker is to be placed in the left hand corner of the

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rear window and when placed in trailer craft in the left hand corner of the windscreen. When disposing of his car or trailer craft the Member is to remove the sticker and return the pieces to the Secretary, prior to the issue of a replacement.

- 38. 38.1 It is the duty of every Member to remember Club Security - that is - if unlocking, or being last to leave the premises, make sure all doors, windows or locks are secured.
- 39. 39.1 Copies of Constitution will be available to Members at printing cost.