## Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Sailing Club Rules

1. NAME

The Club shall be known as the 'Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Sailing Club'.
2. OBJECT

The object of the Club shall be to further interest in sea sailing in dinghies and catamarans in the local area.

## 3. BURGEE

The Club Burgee shall consist of a red and blue field bisected by a wavy line with a silver castle superimposed.

## 4. PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS

The Club may have a President, who shall be invited to take office by the Flag Officers and Committee of the Club, and shall serve for a period of three years, at the end of which period he will be eligible for re-election. In addition, the Committee may elect any number of Vice Presidents, who shall not have the power to vote or hold office. Their annual subscription shall be determined by the Committee.

## 4a. PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICERS

The Committee may elect any number of Principal Race Officers and they shall hold office until death or resignation.

## 5. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, who shall be known as Flag Officers; the Hon Secretary, the Hon Treasurer. These Officers shall be elected annually.

## 5a. TRUSTEES

Trustees shall be elected by the Committee and shall hold office until death or resignation, unless removed from office by resolution of the Committee. The Trustees shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. The number of Trustees shall be not more than three or less than two and the property of the Club (other than the Cash, which shall be under the control of the Hon Treasurer) shall be vested in them. They shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the Committee (of which an entry in the Minutes book shall be conclusive evidence) and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.
6. COMMITTEE

The executive control of the Club shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Club and the immediate past Commodore, together with seven members. A quorum shall consist of four, the Chairman having the casting vote.

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On or about the $1^{\text {st }}$ September, the Hon Secretary shall request nominations for Officers or Members of the Committee during the following year. Each Candidate must be proposed and seconded by full members of the Club, who must ensure that the Candidate is willing to stand.

The election of Officers and Committee shall be effected by a ballot of those present at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of insufficient nomination, members may, at the Annual General Meeting, propose and second Candidates for the vacant offices.

The Committee shall have the authority to co-opt not more than two additional members. Co-opted members shall have no voting power and are not to serve on the General Committee.

## 7. MANAGEMENT

The duty of the Committee shall be to ensure the observations of the rules and generally to manage the affairs of the Club, subject to the approval of the General Meeting.

## 8. GENERAL MEETING

The Annual general Meeting shall be held not later than the 30th November of each year. Notice shall be given to all members at least 14 days before the date fixed, together with the Agenda. Any proposal or alteration to Rules must be received by the Secretary in writing 28 days before the AGM. Anyone proposing a rule change shall show the names of 3 supporters, one of whom may be the Seconder.

Voting at General Meeting shall be restricted as follows.
Junior, Non-Sailing and Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

## 9. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The Committee shall have full authority to elect new members. Candidates for membership must be proposed and seconded by full members of the Club on the form supplied by the Club.

All application for membership must be accompanied by the applicant's joining fee and subscriptions for the current year. This will be returned if the application is turned down.

## Full Membership

Open to all persons who, on the 1st January in the year of membership, are aged 18 years and over, who may sail or race as owner or crew and/or berth a boat at the club.

## Family Membership

Open to all persons who, on the 1st January in the year of membership, are aged 18 years and over, who may sail or race as owner or crew and/or berth a Boat at the club. Membership is extended to the spouse or partner of the first named on the membership form and their children/wards aged less than 18 years on 1st January in the year of membership. Only the first named member and spouse/partner, if aged 18 years and over, shall be considered to be Mutual Members. Children/wards included in the Family Membership shall have the status of Junior or Student Members.

## Student Membership

Open to all persons aged 16 to 18 on the 1st of January in the subscription year. Applicants and renewing members under 18 on that date must have the approval of their parent or guardian.
(Student membership can continue for persons over 18 years of age whilst they are a student in

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full-time education at the Committee's discretion).

## Junior Membership

Open to all persons aged under 16 on the 1 st of January in the subscription year. Applicants and renewing members under 18 on that date must have the approval of their parent or guardian.

## Non-sailing Memberships

Non-sailing membership shall be available at the Committee's discretion. Non-sailing members shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office. This category shall be limited to 25 members.

## Day Membership

All new sailors to the Club will be given one free day's membership and after that day membership will be available at the rate of $£ 5$ per head subject to a maximum of 3 day visits.

## Honorary Life Membership

The highest mark of esteem which the club can bestow and only given to those who have rendered a special and distinguished service to the Club or to sailing.

Honorary Life Membership can only be granted at a General Meeting with the approval of a $2 / 3$ majority of Mutual Members present.

## 10. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on election and on $1^{\text {st }}$ April annually.
A member elected after $1^{\text {st }}$ September in any year, who shall have paid the subscription for that year, shall not be required to pay any subscription for the following year.

All day membership fees will be credited against subscriptions due from a day member who is subsequently elected to full membership of the Club during the same calendar year.

## 11. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members shall be deemed to have resigned if a subscription is more than 3 months in arrears, but the Committee shall have discretion on this matter. The Committee have power to terminate membership when a member is guilty of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club.

## 12. ALTERATION TO RULES

No alteration to the Rules shall be made except at the General Meeting, when notice convening the Meeting shall contain the proposed Alterations.
13. RACES

All Races shall be held under R.Y.A. Rules.

## 14. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

All craft and all members and guests of the Club shall obey the sailing instructions at all times. SAILING AND HOUSE RULES

The Sailing Instructions and House Rules may be amended at the discretion of the Committee.

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## 15. THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Any resolution to dissolve the club may be passed at any General Meeting provided that:

1. The terms of the proposed resolution are received by the Secretary at least forty two days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward, and that
2. At least twenty eight days notice of the proposed resolution shall be given by the secretary to all members, and that
3. Such a resolution shall require the assent of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

Upon dissolution of the club, after all club and Trustee liabilities have been cleared, all remaining financial and material assets shall be given or transferred to local group/s or charity, with similar objectives as determined by the meeting, to be employed for the development of the sport.

