

RULES OF THE WARSASH SAILING CLUB 2025 Version 2

Name

1. The name of the Club shall be Warsash Sailing Club hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'.

Objects

2. The objects of the Club shall be to promote interest in and to provide facilities for racing, cruising and training in sailboats of all kinds and to provide social and other facilities for members as may from time to time be determined. The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club's facilities.

Membership

3. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone intending to participate actively in the sport of sailing or who has done so in the past. Paid members of staff shall not be entitled to membership of the Club, but shall have full use of the Club's facilities subject to the general terms of membership and shall not be required to pay a joining fee if they resume membership after resignation.

There shall be the following categories of membership with power to vote at all meetings of the Club as indicated hereunder. The rights and privileges of each category of members are as defined in the latest edition of the byelaws of the Club.

A FULL MEMBER - being a person who, at the commencement of the subscription year, shall have attained the age of twenty-six years shall have one vote.

A JOINT MEMBER – being any two members of the same household, which expression shall include two cohabiting adults or one adult and a cohabiting child. Each adult Joint Member shall have one vote.

A FAMILY MEMBER - which shall include one or two cohabiting adults, all children within their guardianship under eighteen years of age, and related young adults aged eighteen to twenty-one inclusive. Each adult shall have one vote.

A CADET MEMBER – being a person who at the commencement of the subscription year is under the age of 18 and not a family member shall have no vote.

A YOUNG ADULT MEMBER - being a person who, at the commencement of the subscription year has reached their 18th birthday and is under the age of 26 shall have one vote.

AN HONORARY MEMBER - who shall have no vote.

AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBER who shall have all the privileges of a full member and shall have one vote

A TEMPORARY MEMBER - who shall have no vote.

AN OVERSEAS MEMBER – who shall be a person living overseas and shall have no vote.

A GROUP MEMBER – who shall be a member of an organised group admitted by the Executive and shall have no vote.

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

Burgee

4. The burgee of the Club shall be a black lobster on a yellow background.

Officers and Executive Committee

5. The Officers of the Club shall (from November 2023) be six flag Officers comprising:

Commodore

Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore (Sailing) RCS

Rear Commodore (House, Facilities) RCHF

Rear Commodore (House, House Hospitality) RCHH

Rear Commodore (IT and Digital Marketing) RCITDM.

Supported by the following Officers:

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Assistant Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Assistant Treasurer

Honorary Sailing Secretary

Honorary House Officer.

All Officers shall retire at the Annual General Meeting and shall be Members of the Club entitled to vote as defined in clause three. The Commodore shall not be eligible for re-election for a third successive year, and the

remaining Flag Officers shall not be eligible for re-election for a fourth consecutive year in the same post. Past Commodores of the Club and any person in the rank of Honorary Flag Officer shall be entitled to fly the burgee of the Club with a distinguishing red band next to the hoist.

6. The Executive Committee of the Club shall comprise the Officers and four elected Members, who shall be Members of the Club entitled to vote as defined in clause three. A majority of members of the Executive shall form a Quorum. Voting in the Executive shall be by show of hands, including by remote communications. In the event of equality, the Commodore or Chairman's vote shall have a second and casting vote.
7. Two of the elected members of the Executive Committee shall retire annually in rotation and shall only be eligible for re-election after an interval of one year. Their places shall be filled by two members elected at the Annual General Meeting. In the case of more than two vacancies occurring at the Annual General Meeting these vacancies shall be filled by election at that meeting and any member so elected shall retire at the time the member he/she replaced was due to retire. In this case, the member is not barred from being re-elected to the Executive Committee. In the case of a vacancy occurring between Annual General Meetings, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to co-opt a member to serve until the next Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to co-opt members to serve on ad-hoc business.
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 - (a) Nominations for all Officers, members of the Executive Committee signed by the proposer, seconder, and nominee must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations together with the names of the proposer and seconder shall be posted in Shore House at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) In the event that there are still insufficient volunteers to fill vacant posts, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to co-opt a member to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
 - (c) A General Meeting shall be empowered on the recommendation of the Executive Committee to elect Honorary Life Members who shall enjoy the full privileges of the Club, and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee to elect Honorary Flag Officers. The award of Honorary Life Member is to the individual only; the partners of Honorary Life Members pay half the full adult rate. The Executive Committee shall be empowered, following the procedure set out in Rule 24, to elect Honorary Members who will take no part in the business or management of the Club and whose honorary membership will end on the first anniversary of their election to honorary membership or upon such date or occasion as may have been specified by the resolution by which they were elected. Any honorary membership may be extended or terminated by resolution of the Executive Committee.
9. If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled then there shall be a ballot.
10. 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 majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote by show of hands in favour of such election.
11. In the event of the ballot failing to determine the members of the 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.
12. 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 a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by a general meeting. In particular, the Executive 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. The Executive 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. Such sub-committees shall consist of such members of the Executive or of the Club as the Executive may think fit. An officer of the Club shall be an ex officio member of each such subcommittee.
13. Executive Committee meetings shall be held as required but at least once every two months. They shall be convened by the honorary secretary or by one of the flag officers. The senior flag officer present shall take the chair. If no flag officer is present, the chairman shall be elected from those members present. Proposals for agenda items should be made in writing to the honorary secretary or convening flag officer no less than four working days preceding the executive committee meeting. The chairman shall decide whether any action shall be taken on matters that do not appear on the agenda. Voting (except in the case of a resolution relating to the expulsion of a member) shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the chairman shall have a

second and casting vote. A resolution in writing (including email), signed by a majority of members of the Executive as defined in clause six shall be valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of Executive or (as the case may be) a committee of the Executive duly convened and held. All such decisions must be minuted at the next following meeting of the Executive.

Duties of the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Reporting Accountants

14. The honorary secretary or the honorary assistant secretary shall:

- (a) Keep a register of Club members' names and addresses;
- (b) Conduct the correspondence of the Club;
- (c) Keep custody of all Club documents;
- (d) Keep full minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee as defined in Section 13 which shall be confirmed and signed by the appropriate Chairman upon the agreement of the Club or the Executive Committee at the next following meeting of the Club or the Executive Committee;
- (e) Administer such insurance policy or policies as may be needed fully to protect the interests of the Club, its Officers and its members;
- (f) Maintain contact with the Club's Legal Advisor to ensure that the Club's affairs are managed in accordance with current law.
- (g) Maintain any such certificates or registrations, and complete any such non-financial returns, as may be required by law.

15. The Honorary Treasurer shall:

- (a) Cause such books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of finances of the Club;
- (b) Cause all returns as may be required by law in relation to such accounts to be rendered at the due time;
- (c) Prepare an Annual Balance Sheet each year and cause such Balance Sheet (and accounts as necessary) to be examined at least once annually and shall thereafter cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

16. The Reporting Accountants shall:

- (a) Be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year;
- (b) Examine the accounts and Annual Balance Sheet of the Club when called upon to do so and shall give such certificate of assurance as to the accuracy of the said accounts as shall be required by law or by the Executive.

Byelaws

17. The Executive Committee may make, amend, or repeal such byelaws as it deems necessary for the management of the Club. A copy of the extant Rules and byelaws shall be exhibited in the Club House. Any new byelaws, amendments to or repeal of byelaws, shall be notified in writing to all members. Rules and byelaws are binding on all members unless set aside by a General Meeting.

General Meetings

18. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year to receive a financial statement from the reporting accountants, elect Officers and members of the Executive Committee, appoint reporting accountants and transact any necessary business. The Honorary Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting at the discretion of the Executive Committee or Flag Officers or at the written request of thirty members. Discussion at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to members. Not less than ten days' notice shall be given of any General Meeting. Seventy members shall form a quorum of a General Meeting. The senior Flag Officer present shall take the chair and shall have the deciding vote in the event of an equal division. If no Flag Officer is present the Chairman shall be elected by the members present. Honorary, Temporary, Overseas and Group members shall have no vote at a General Meeting. Except in the case of a ballot, voting at a general meeting shall be by show of hands.

Membership Fees

19. (a) The entrance fees and rate of annual subscription shall be determined by a General Meeting. Subscriptions become due on the 1st October and must be paid by the 31st October. Subscriptions may also be paid by monthly direct debit in accordance with rule 19(b). If a member has not paid the subscription by 31st October and has not agreed to pay by monthly instalment under rule 19(b), the membership shall be deemed to have lapsed. Members who had previously received a concession to pay one half of the subscription will have that reduction reduced by 10 percentage points each subscription

year commencing 1 October 2019, so that the concession is removed by subscription year commencing 1 October 2023. Members who had previously had their subscriptions frozen will continue to do so.

- (b) Members may pay subscriptions in monthly instalments provided that a signed direct debit mandate to pay by monthly instalments is received by 15 September. Payments will be taken at the start of each month. If any instalment fails on the first presentation then the whole balance, including the surcharge, becomes due immediately.
 - (c) The Executive Committee may make such other charges for the use of Club facilities as it thinks fit.
20. All members shall pay the entrance fee (if any) and their first annual subscription forthwith upon election to the Club and thereafter on the first day of October in each year. The annual subscription for the first year when a new member is elected, or a previous member is re-elected to the club shall be reduced by one twelfth of the amount for each complete month since the 1st of October that has already expired by the date they are elected as members. A member who resigns in the course of a year shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded.
21. A former member who was in good standing at the time of resignation may on application within five years of resignation be readmitted to the Club on payment of the relevant subscription but without payment of an entrance fee.
22. Temporary members may be admitted to the Club for a period of up to three months on application to the Secretary and shall pay a monthly fee as determined by the Executive Committee. Members may bring visitors to the Club provided that the visitors' names and addresses are entered in the Visitors' Book.
23. A member who, for any reason anticipates inability to use the Club or its facilities for the whole of any one year shall be excused payment of the annual subscription or any other annual fees provided that the notice in writing is given to the Secretary before the last day of November in the previous year. A member wishing to be reinstated during the year in question shall pay such proportion of the annual subscription as the Executive Committee shall require.
24. Members shall be responsible for the behaviour of their visitors, and no member shall bring into the Club premises on any one occasion more than three visitors. A visitor may not be introduced into the Club under this rule on more than six occasions during the Club year. No person may be introduced as visitor who has been expelled from the Club under Rule 25.
25. A candidate for membership (including honorary) shall be proposed and seconded in writing to the Honorary Secretary who shall forthwith post the proposal in the Club House with the date when it reached him, and the date by which any objections should be received. At least ten days shall be allowed for objections to be submitted. If there are any objections the proposer and seconder shall be informed of them and allowed at least seven days to respond. The Executive Committee shall then vote on the proposal after considering all of the available information. Upon election, the candidate shall be notified by the Honorary Secretary and on payment of the appropriate dues membership shall be granted and the member will receive a copy of the rules and bye-laws. All proposals and seconding of candidates for membership shall only be by members to whom the candidates are personally known save that the Executive Committee may consider for membership a candidate who is not so proposed but has been interviewed by an officer of the Club. 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 and the signatures of the proposer and the seconder. A member wishing to resign from the Club shall tender his resignation in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Every member shall furnish the Honorary Secretary with an up-to-date address which shall be recorded in the Register of Members and any notice sent to such address as shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.
- No reason for rejection shall be given to an unsuccessful candidate nor may he/she be proposed for membership for six months.

Rules of Conduct

- 26.1 Every member, upon election and thereafter is deemed to have notice of and undertakes to comply with the Club Rules and any Byelaws and Regulations of the Club. The Club adopts the objectives and principles of the RYA Racing Charter and applies them to all aspects of the Club's activities and operations whether or not related to sailing.
- 26.2 Any breach of Rule 26.1 or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee is unworthy of a member, is in breach of the standards of conduct set out in the Racing Charter (whether or not the conduct relates to racing), or might otherwise be injurious to the interests of the Club shall render a member liable to

disciplinary action by the Executive Committee which may include expulsion or non-renewal of membership. Before such action is taken, the following procedure will be followed:

- (a) The member shall be provided with details of the allegations.
 - (b) The member shall have the right to make representations to the Executive Committee either in writing or in person. If the member chooses to appear in person before the Executive Committee he/she may be accompanied or represented at the hearing by a Club member. A member under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
 - (c) If the member fails to attend at the time and place appointed the Executive Committee may hear evidence in the member's absence.
 - (d) The Executive Committee shall consider the evidence, including evidence and representations presented by the member, make findings of fact and reach a decision (which may include the expulsion of the member or non-renewal of membership) with reasons.
 - (e) A copy of the decision and reasons shall be sent to the member.
 - (f) A Resolution to apply any sanction shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Executive Committee present and voting on the Resolution.
 - (g) The member may appeal against suspension, expulsion or non-renewal of membership to an appeal committee comprising three trustees or other members of similar standing in the club and who so far as possible have no previous knowledge of the case. The member shall have rights before the appeal committee similar to those set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) above.
 - (h) The decision of the appeal committee shall be final and binding and shall be communicated via the club secretary to the member and to members of the Executive Committee as soon as possible.
 - (i) The Executive Committee (or any person to whom the Executive Committee may delegate this power) may temporarily suspend or exclude a member from particular training sessions, racing and/or wider club activities when in their opinion such action is in the interests of the Club.
 - (j) Upon expulsion, the former member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded and must return to the Club any Club or external trophy or trophies forthwith.
 - (k) Upon expulsion of a member, the Executive Committee may dispose of the former member's boat and/or trailer in accordance with Bye-Law 5.
27. 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.
28. Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the Club premises shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Under no circumstances shall an employee of the Club be personally reprimanded other than by a Flag Officer or Officer as defined in Rule 5.

Liability

29. 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 or visitors to the Club.
 - (b) The Club will not accept any liability of personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, 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 employees of the Club.
30. 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.
31. A member of the Executive Committee, of a sub-committee or any person, in transacting business for the Club, shall disclose to third parties that he or she is so acting.
32. **Notice to Members**
The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt of a notice by any person entitled to receive one shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting. Any notice of meeting required to be given by

these Rules may be sent by post or by email or in such other manner as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

33. Any person or sub-committee delegated by the Executive Committee to act as agent for the Club or its members, shall enter into contracts only as far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication, by the Executive Committee. No one shall, without the express authority of the Executive Committee pledge the credit of the membership.
34. In the event of any member of a Club committee subordinate to the Executive Committee for any reason ceasing to be a member of the Sailing Club, he/she shall forthwith cease to be a member of that committee and another member may be appointed in his/her place.

Financial (1)

35. The Club financial year shall be from the 1st September until the 31st August.
36. 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 liability 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 Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club. This rule shall not apply to honorary, temporary or junior members.
37. Financial Rules shall be adopted as follows:
 - (a) By the Executive Committee for the control of all financial transactions related to the Club (including but not limited to the purchase of goods and services) but excluding those related to the purchase and sale of alcohol;
 - (b) by the Bar Committee for the control of all transactions related to the purchase and sale of alcohol.

Alterations to Rules

38. Alterations to rules shall only be made at a General Meeting, ten days' notice of proposed alterations or additions having been given to members.
39. The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules.

Licensing

40. The permitted hours for the supply of alcohol in the Club House shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee of the Club in accordance with the provisions of the current licensing act.
41. The purchase of alcohol for and the supply of alcohol by the Club shall, subject to compliance with financial rules made under Rule 37(b) and with the provisions of Rule 39 be in the absolute discretion of the Bar Committee.
42. Membership of the Bar Committee shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) The Bar Committee shall be composed of not less than four and no more than eight members of the Club elected for a term of three years by a General Meeting of the Club. A member of the Bar Committee whose term comes to an end may stand for re-election without any need to stand down for a period. The holder of the Club's licence for the supply of alcohol or its nominated person under licensing legislation shall ex officio be an additional voting member of the Bar Committee.
 - (b) Nominations for members of the Bar Committee signed by the proposer, seconder, and nominee must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the General Meeting. Such nominations together with the names of the proposer and seconder shall be posted in Shore House at least 14 days prior to the General Meeting.
 - (c) If the Chairman of the Bar Committee is not an elected member of the Executive Committee, he/she shall have the right to attend meetings of the Executive Committee and to receive Committee papers but shall have no vote.
 - (d) In the event of any member of the Bar Committee ceasing to be a member of the Club, he/she shall cease to be a member of the Bar Committee. If for that or any other reason a person ceases to be a member of

the Bar Committee, the Bar Committee may, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee appoint another member of the Club in his/her place to hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club.

43. No member shall take any commission, percentage, payment or gift in any way related to the purchase or supply of goods or services provided by or to the Club (including the organization of Club events). However, bar trained members may be paid to assist in the operation of bars for private functions taking place in the Club. Members may also be paid legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Club and remuneration for trade or professional services provided to the Club on a commercial basis. The Executive Committee or any two Flag Officers may decide to make an appropriate award to a member who has given particularly meritorious services to the Club. For the avoidance of doubt, all items given to members by suppliers must be handed to the administrator's office to be used, for example, as raffle prizes for the benefit of the Club as a whole. This requirement does not apply where sponsors donate items given to all people taking part or assisting Club events or to prizes presented to participants. Also, the Executive Committee and the Bar Committee shall have discretion to dispose of promotional items of nominal value (assessed at £10 at 2015) which are received from suppliers where presentation as prizes would be inappropriate.
44. No person under the age of 18 shall be permitted to purchase or consume alcohol on Club premises. Subject thereto and to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed by the Executive Committee, and promulgated in a bye-law, the following persons shall be entitled to purchase alcohol for consumption on the premises or attend public entertainment in the Club:
- (a) All members
 - (b) Guests, that is to say:
 - (i) Yachtsmen, yachtswomen, and members of their crews, and the parents of or other people looking after junior crews provided that such persons shall call at the Club premises:
 - a) In the course of or in connection with regattas or other such sailing activities organised by the Club;
 - b) Being members of a Club included on the RYA list of recognized Clubs;
 - (ii) Being yachtsmen or women who shall have arrived at Warsash by water.
 - (iii) Members of yacht Clubs with which the Club has a reciprocal arrangement, that is to say, whereby on production of a membership card to a member of the Executive committee, or to a Club employee authorized for the purpose, and signing the Visitors' Book, members of one Club may use the facilities of another. The names of the Clubs with which reciprocal arrangements exist shall be published in the Lobster's Log from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Club.
 - (iv) Guests of members brought as visitors to the Club in accordance with Rules 22 and 24.
 - (v) Guests of members booking Club accommodation for a party. The member booking the accommodation shall be responsible for the behaviour of the guests.
 - (vi) Attendees at any organised course, meeting or function held in the Club.

Financial (2)

45. (a) The Club may from time to time authorise the issue to the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Assistant Treasurer for the time being to hold the same on behalf of members of the Club subscribing thereto a floating debenture or a series of floating debentures (to be signed by Trustees on behalf of the Club) of such nominal value and carrying such interest and for such period as the Executive Committee of the Club shall decide and the same shall be over the then present and future assets of the Club to rank *pari passu* or subsequent to any such debenture or debentures previously issued and the amount of each subscription shall be the subject of a certificate signed by the said debenture holders, showing the entitlement of such subscriber to his/her or their proportion of the said debenture capital.
- (b) The Club may hold freehold and leasehold property and borrow against the security of the same by way of mortgage or charge. The club may borrow moneys by means of loans, bank overdraft, debentures (as specified in rule 43(a)), or in such form as the Executive Committee may determine. It may also invest in Government Securities (including National Savings issues) at the discretion of the Executive Committee. All investments, whether of freehold and/or leasehold property securities, certificates or bonds, shall be vested in the names of at least three members acting as Trustees, to be dealt with by them as the Executive Committee shall direct from time to time.

Trustees

46. There shall be at least three Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Executive Committee of the Club from among Full, Family or Honorary Life Members who are willing to be so

appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his/her lifetime or until he/she shall resign, by notice in writing given to the Executive Committee, or until a resolution removing him/her from office shall be passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

47. All the property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the 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, and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees 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 or she shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Executive Committee.
48. 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) but no purchaser, lessee or mortgage shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.
49. (a) The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Executive Committee 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 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.
- (b) (To be incorporated in every contract, lease, licence or other agreement entered into by the Trustees of the Club.)
The liability of the Trustees for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club.

Dissolution of the Club

50. (a) At least 42 days' notice shall be given of any proposal to dissolve the Club. Any resolution to dissolve the Club shall not take effect unless three-quarters of those present and voting at a special general meeting called to consider such a resolution shall have voted in favour. 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 Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
- (i) To another Club with similar purposes **or**
 - (ii) to the RYA for use by them for sailing.
- (b) No alteration to this rule shall be made unless three quarters of those present and voting at a general meeting agree to such an alteration.

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

51. The Executive Committee is responsible for publishing and implementing the policies necessary for WSC to be compliant with the UK GDPR.

Members in Arrears of Payment for Fees

52. The Executive Committee may cancel the Membership of any Member whose payment for fees is more than three months in arrears of invoice due date for payment. Provided that the Committee may, at its discretion, reinstate such Member upon payment of arrears.

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