

RULES OF HOLYWOOD YACHT CLUB
(as at after the Club's AGM in December 2011)

Section 1 - Name and Objects

- 1 The name of the Club shall be "Holywood Yacht Club" (hereinafter referred to in these rules as "the Club").
- 2 The object for which the Club is formed is to promote and facilitate the sport of yachting and boating to provide social and recreational facilities for Members as may be from time to time determined and in connection therewith the Club shall seek to
 - (a) offer coaching and competitive opportunities;
 - (b) promote the Club within the local community;
 - (c) manage its premises; and
 - (d) endeavour to observe the laws on equality of opportunities as, same apply to recreational and sports clubs.

Section 2 - Officers

- 3 The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and a Membership Secretary and such five or more other officers as the Committee shall determine. The number of officers shall not exceed 11. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall hold office for one year, retiring at the termination of the Annual General Meeting in each year. All Officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election. All Officers of the Club must be Full, Honorary or House Members of the Club with the exception of the Commodore who must be a Full or Honorary Member. The number of House members that can serve on committee shall be restricted to three.
- 4 The Commodore shall:
 - (a) Chair meetings of the Committee, general meetings and other meetings of Members and such sub-committee meetings as are not delegated to other Officers.
 - (b) Represent the Club at sailing and social events of other Yacht Clubs and to attend such meetings, not otherwise delegated, on behalf of the Club as he may think necessary or expedient.
- 5 The Honorary Secretary shall:
 - (a) Conduct the correspondence of the Club;
 - (b) Keep custody of all Club documents;
 - (c) Keep full minutes of all meetings of the Club, the Committee and any sub-committee which shall be confirmed and signed by the appropriate Chairman upon the agreement of the Club, the Committee or relevant sub-committee at the next following meeting of the Club, the Committee or relevant sub-committee;
 - (d) Administer such insurance policy or policies as may be needed fully to protect the interests of the Club, its Officers and its Members;
 - (e) Maintain contact with the Club's Legal Adviser to ensure that the Club's affairs are managed in accordance with current law.
 - (f) Maintain any such certificates or registrations, and complete any such non-financial returns, as may be required by law.
 - (g) Give notice of Committee and general meetings.
- 6 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 the 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 a draft annual balance sheet and profit and loss account as at 30 September in each year and cause such draft Balance Sheet (and accounts as necessary) to be audited at least once annually by the Auditors and shall thereafter cause the same to be laid before the Annual General Meeting.
 - (d) Present to the Committee such information as they may require or request to be able to monitor the finances of the Club during the financial year.

- 7 The Membership Secretary shall:
- (a) Keep a register of Club Members' names and of addresses;
 - (b) Send annual calls for renewals and subscriptions to the Members of the Club.
 - (c) Process all new membership elections.
 - (d) Collect all Club subscriptions.
- 8 The Auditors shall:-
- (a) be approved in accordance with the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996 and shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year;
 - (b) the auditors shall audit the accounts 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 Committee;
 - (c) if he/she is unwilling or unable to act, inform the Committee who shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the termination of the next Annual General Meeting.

Section 3 - Membership - Subscriptions

- 9 There shall be the following categories of membership with such power to vote at all meetings of the Club as is 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 date of election, is over the age of eighteen. Each Full Member shall have one vote.
AN OUTPORT MEMBER	being a person who at the date of election is over the age of eighteen, who continues to reside outside a radius of 50 miles from the Club premises. Outport Members shall have no entitlement to vote.
A JUNIOR MEMBER	being a person who, at the date of election or at 1 March in the relevant subscription year, is under the age of eighteen. Junior Members shall have no entitlement to vote.
AN HONORARY MEMBER	who shall be nominated and elected in the manner described in Rule 59, shall have one vote.
A HOUSE MEMBER	being a person, who at the age of election, is over the age of eighteen. House Members shall have no entitlement to vote.
A RESTRICTED MEMBER	being a person, who at the age of election is over eighteen. Restricted Members shall have no entitlement to vote.

- 10 Candidates for membership shall have no privileges whatsoever in relation to the use of the Club or premises.
- 11 The rate of Entrance and Subscription fee for each category of Membership shall be fixed prior to 1 October in each year, by the Committee and each membership year shall run from 1 October to 30 September.
- 12 All Members shall pay the Entrance fee (if any) and their first annual subscription upon election to the Club and thereafter annually in advance on 1st October in each year or by 1st March in the case of Junior Members. If Members (other than Junior Members) renew after 31 December they shall be liable to pay a levy of 10% of the relevant annual subscription, unless same is waived by the Committee.
- 13 The Annual Subscription and Entrance Fee payable in accordance with Rule 11 at the date of the adoption of these rules, and subject to review from time to time, shall be:

FULL MEMBER	£140
JUNIOR MEMBER	£27

OUTPORT MEMBER	£27
HOUSE MEMBER	£52
RESTRICTED MEMBER	£1

The ENTRANCE FEE shall be 25% of the full annual subscription for the relevant membership class.

Where such fees and subscriptions are subject to VAT this shall be payable by the Member as well.

- 14 The following discounts shall apply to the annual subscription:
- (a) 50% for any Member, who has not been a Member of the Club within the previous two membership years, elected to membership of the Club between 1 July and 30 September in that membership year.
 - (b) 50% family membership discount for any Full or Junior Member who ordinarily resides with and is the spouse, partner or child (under the age of 18 at 1 March in the relevant membership year) of a Full Member provided that both Full Members have paid his or her full and discounted annual subscription on or before 1 December in that subscription year.
 - (c) 50% for any Full Member aged 18, 19 or 20 years of age at the start of the membership year.
 - (d) 60% to any Full Member who is aged 65 or over at the start of the membership year.

PROVIDED THAT in no case shall more than one discount apply to any Member. Entitlement to any discount shall be lost (unless reinstated by the Committee) if the subscription is not paid by 1 December in the relevant membership year, or in the case of Junior Members by 1 March in the relevant membership year. Discounts shall not apply to the Entrance Fee due by new Members.

- 15 The Committee may fix life subscriptions for any category of Member, where required to raise funds or service borrowings.
- 16 The Committee may fix subscriptions payable in advance for a term not exceeding 5 years, where required to raise funds or service borrowings.
- 17 Any advance payments made or any life membership granted before the adoption of these rules shall be respected by the Club, until their expiry.
- 18 Every Member shall furnish the Membership Secretary with an up-to-date address which shall be recorded in the Register of Members and any notice sent to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.
- 19 An alphabetical list of the names and addresses of every official and Member of the Club shall be kept on the premises of the Club.
- 20 The Committee may limit the number of Members of any particular class in the Club.
- 21 Members shall also pay a winter and summer boat permit fee of such a sum as the Committee shall from time to time prescribe which shall entitle a Member a single space in the Club's dinghy park to keep boats, dinghies or boat trailers.
- 22 In addition to the powers given to the Committee under Rules 12, 14 and 30 hereof if, at any time, any fees or other sums payable to the Club by any Member or former Member shall be three months or more in arrears and a vessel or trailer the property of a Member or former Member remains upon the Club premises, the Committee may:-
- (a) Move the vessel and/or trailer to any other part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused.
 - (b) Give one month's notice in writing to the Member or former Member at his last known address as shown in the Club Register and thereafter sell the vessel and/or trailer and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of

subscription or annual payments, dinghy park 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 vessel and/or trailer is unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel and/or trailer in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the Club by the Member or former Member.
- (d) 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 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 vessel and/or trailer 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 period of six years.

Section 4 - Election and retirement of Members

- 23 Every candidate for membership (except Honorary Members) shall be proposed and seconded by Full Members of the Club, both of whom must be personally acquainted with the candidate.
- 24 An application for membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the Membership Secretary, and shall include the name and address of the candidate, and the signatures of the Proposer and the Seconder.
- 25 Upon receipt of an application for membership, the application form shall be displayed in conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least one week before the candidates' election, and on interval of not less than 2 weeks shall elapse between the nomination and election of Members. The election of all classes of Members is vested in the Committee and shall be by a simple majority vote of those Members present and voting at the relevant meeting of the Committee, save in the case of election of a Member previously expelled in which case election shall require the greater of (a) a three quarters majority vote of those Members present and voting or (b) 9 Members present and voting at the relevant meeting of the Committee in favour of such election.
- 26 The Membership Secretary shall, upon the election of any Member, make request for such payments as are necessary for subscriptions and Entrance Fees.
- 27 If for any reason persons are elected as Members by a procedure which does not comply with rule 25 they shall not be admitted to any of the privileges of membership until the expiration of at least 2 days from their election.
- 28 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 to the Membership Secretary who may refer such issue to the Committee.
- 29 A Member wishing to retire from membership shall give notice in writing to the Membership Secretary before the start of the membership year and shall not then be liable to pay the subscription for that year. Upon re-application by a past Member the Committee may, at its discretion, excuse the payment of an Entrance Fee.
- 30 The Committee may cancel, without notice given, the membership of any Member whose annual subscription, entrance fee or other annual fees are not paid in full, or for which appropriate standing order or other satisfactory payment arrangements have not been made, by 31 December in each membership year (1 March in the case of Junior Members) provided that the Committee may, at its discretion, re-instate such Member upon payment of all

arrears. No Member whose annual payments are in arrears may enter any Club event or regatta nor vote at any meeting.

31 Persons shall not be admitted in such numbers to membership not carrying voting rights in relation to the affairs of the Club as will result in the number of Members not having such rights being more than three times the number of Members having such rights.

32 Membership of the Club and acceptance of these rules by the Member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding and processing for subscription and membership purposes of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Section 5 - Conduct of Members and Visitors

33 Every Member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and impliedly undertakes to comply with, the Club Rules and the current Byelaws and Regulations of the Club. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a Member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a Member liable to expulsion or to suspension for a period not exceeding 6 months by the Committee.

34 Before expelling or suspending a Member, the Committee shall call upon such Member for a written explanation of the Member's conduct within 7 days of such a request and shall give the Member full opportunity of making explanation to the Committee, or of resigning. A Resolution to expel a Member shall be carried by a two-thirds majority vote by those Members of the Committee present and voting on the Resolution. An expelled or suspended Member shall have a right of appeal to a special general meeting of the Club called for that purpose. The decision of such a special general meeting shall be by simple majority of those Members present and voting. Any appeal must be exercised by notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary within 5 days of the Committee's decision to expel or suspend. There shall be no appeal to a general meeting of the Club from a decision to resign. Suspended or expelled Members shall not be entitled to any refund or rebate on membership or other fees due or paid.

35 A Member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club and, in case of breach of this rule, shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.

36 A Member shall not cause any communication in whatever form to be exhibited on Club notice boards or premises without permission of an Officer.

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

38 All suggestions shall be entered in the Suggestion Book and signed by the Member.

39 Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the Club premises shall be made to an Officer of the Club. Such complaint shall be in writing if the Officer or the Committee so requests. Under no circumstances shall any employee of the Club be personally reprimanded by a Member.

40 Visitors (being any person other than a Member) may be admitted into the Club premises on the introduction and in the company of a Member subject to the observance of the following provisions:

- (a) that the same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife or child of a Member, shall not be admitted as a visitor to the Club on more than a specified number of days not exceeding twenty in any period of twelve months.
- (b) that notwithstanding rule 40(a) visitors shall not be admitted to the Club's bar facilities on more than 12 days in any membership year.
- (c) visitors shall not be admitted to the Club's premises except in the company of a Member and the Member shall immediately on the admission of his guest to the Club

premises enter his name and name of his guest in a book which shall be kept for that purpose which shall show the date of each visit.

- (d) that a visitor not be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless upon the invitation and in the company of a Member.
- (e) no visitor may be introduced within 30 minutes of the end of the legally permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor.
- (f) the Committee shall have the power to exclude, or limit the number of visitors on such occasion as they see fit.
- (g) no person who has been expelled or is currently suspended from membership or whose membership has been cancelled in accordance with Rule 30 may be admitted as a visitor to the Club.
- (h) a Member shall be responsible for his or her guest strictly observing the Rules and shall not leave the Club premises before his guest and a guest of a Member shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless upon the invitation and in the company of a Member.

41 The Committee shall have absolute discretion as to the admission of visitors.

42 A person on payment of such fee as the Committee may prescribe in respect of any day may use on that day such facilities as the Committee may determine and Rule 40(c) shall not apply to that person in respect of that day.

Section 6 - Limitation of Club Liability

43 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 who use the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, do so 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 for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, and 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, Committee, employees or agents of the Club.

Section 7 - Management Committee

44 The Management Committee (herein referred to as 'the Committee') shall consist of the Officers, the retiring Commodore, ex officio, and not more than two Full, Honorary or House Members of the Club elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the termination of the next following Annual General Meeting. Members of the Management Committee shall be eligible for re-election. All Officers of the Club must be Full, Honorary or House Members of the Club with the exception of the Commodore who must be a Full or Honorary Member. The number of House members that can serve on committee shall be restricted to three.

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

46 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.

47 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.

48 If, for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur, the Committee may co-opt a Full, Honorary or House Member to fill such a vacancy until the next following Annual General Meeting.

- 49 A retiring Commodore shall serve as an, ex-officio, Member of the Committee in the year immediately following his retirement.
- 50 The Committee shall meet at intervals of approximately one month and 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 Committee shall meet not less than 6 times in every year. The Commodore or in his absence a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.
- 51 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 Commodore or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.
- 52 Five Members personally present shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.

Section 8 - Powers of the Committee

- 53 The 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 General Meeting.
- 54 The Committee may make, vary, revoke or replace such Byelaws and Regulations as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises for fourteen days before the date of implementation. Such Byelaws and Regulations may be revoked by a vote at a general meeting of the Club.
- 55 The 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. Such sub-committees shall consist of such Members of the Committee or of the Club as the Committee may think fit. Officers of the Club shall be ex-officio Members of all such sub-committees.
- 56 A Member of the 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.
- 57 The Committee, or any person or sub-committee delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its Members, shall enter into contracts only so 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.
- 58 In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by Members of the Club, Members of the Committee are entitled to be and shall 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.
- 59 The Committee may elect, as Honorary Members of the Club, such Members or former Members of the Club who are in the opinion of the Committee deserving of special recognition by virtue of their meritorious service to the Club or the sport of sailing. The total of such of Honorary Members shall not, however, at any time, exceed the greater of (a) five per cent of the total number of Full Members entitled to vote or (b) six in number.
- 60 The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st October to 30th September.

Section 9 - Purchase and supply of excisable goods

- 61 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 Committee, or of a special sub-committee appointed by the Committee.
- 62 No Member of the Committee or governing body and no manager or servant employed on the Club shall have any personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor therein or in the profits arising from such supply.

- 63 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club.
- 64 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to any person under the age of eighteen years.
- 65 No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.
- 66 No person shall, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club or Members or guest, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.
- 67 Intoxicating liquor will not be supplied, obtained or consumed on the Club premises other than in accordance with the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996, as same may have been amended, repealed or re-enacted and the terms of the Club's registration thereunder.
- 68 The Committee may at its discretion with the permission in writing of the Sub Divisional Commander of the Police District in which the Club premises are situated extend the hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors on special occasions not more than 52 nights in any year in accordance with Article 26 of the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996.
- 69 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 Auditors 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 10 - Trustees

- 70 There shall be at least three Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Committee of the Club from among Full or Honorary Members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his lifetime or until he shall resign, by notice in writing given to the Committee, or until a resolution removing him from office shall be passed at a meeting of the Committee by a majority comprising two-thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote.
- 71 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. On the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall nominate a new Trustee in his or her 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 Commodore for the time being is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 35 of the Trustee Act (NI) 1958 and he shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.
- 72 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 Committee, subject to clause 73, 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 Committee's directions (which shall be duly recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee) but no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.
- 73 Sale, lease, other disposal or alienation, mortgage or the giving of security over the Club-house or dinghy park shall require the prior approval of the Members entitled to vote in general meeting acting by a simple or majority of the Members present and voting.
- 74 The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the 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.

- 75 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. This provision shall be incorporated in every contract, lease, licence or other agreement entered into by the Trustees of the Club.

Section 11 - General Meetings of the Club

- 76 An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of December on a date to be fixed by the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall at least 21 days before the date of such meeting or of any General Meeting as hereinafter mentioned post, email or deliver to each Member entitled to vote notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat. However, in the case of two Full Members from the same family whose membership subscription is held by way of Family Membership, pursuant to Rule 14(b), and where the Club has only been notified of one email address, service of the notice to that email address shall be deemed good service on both Full Members.
- 77 No business, except the passing of the Accounts and the election of the Officers, Committee, Trustees and Auditors, and any business that the Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting shall be discussed at such meeting unless notice thereof be given in writing by a Member entitled to vote to the Honorary Secretary before the 15 November preceding the Annual General Meeting.
- 78 The Committee may at any time, upon giving 21 days notice in writing, call a general meeting of the Club for any special business, the nature of which shall be stated in the notice convening the meeting, and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to Members.
- 79 The Committee shall similarly call a General Meeting on 21 days notice upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary by at least 12 Members entitled to vote. The discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to Members.
- 80 At every meeting of the Club the Commodore or, in his or her absence, a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.
- 81 Twelve Members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Club.
- 82 Only Full, Honorary and House Members shall be entitled to receive notices of any general meeting of the Club. Only Full and Honorary Members are entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club. Other Members may attend but are not entitled to vote.
- 83 Voting, except upon the contested election of Members of the Committee, shall be by show of hands.
- 84 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 Committee.

Section 12 - Variation of Rules

- 85 These rules may be added to, repealed, replaced or amended only by resolution of a general meeting passed by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. Unless such addition, repeal, replacement or amendment is proposed by the Committee notice of such resolution, signed by the proposer and seconder, shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-one days before the date of the meeting if such meeting be an Annual General Meeting and not less than fourteen days if such meeting be a Special General Meeting duly convened for that purpose.

Section 13 - Dissolution of the Club

86 If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities (whether actual, present, future or contingent) any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions of not less than 7 years standing having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the dissolution and if and so far as, effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

87 Variation, amendment or repeal of this rule shall require a three quarters majority of Members attending and voting at a special general meeting called for that purpose.

Section 14 – Child Protection

88. The Management Committee of the Club shall adopt a policy for the safeguarding of children and young people whilst engaged in Club activities and such policy shall nominate between 1 and 3 persons to act as Designated Safeguarding Officer(s).

89. Any issue of concern regarding the welfare of a child or young person engaged in Club activities shall be referred to the Designated Safeguarding Officer(s).

90. Any complaints regarding any potential breach or non-compliance by any member of the Club with the safeguarding Policy shall be presented in writing to the Club Secretary and shall be referred to the Management Committee.

91. The Management Committee may determine that any potential breach or non-compliance by any member of the Club with the Safeguarding Policy is treated as a disciplinary matter whereupon rules 33 and 34 shall apply, save that any appeal shall be to an appeal panel of 3 members of the Management Committee designated for that purpose and who shall not have participated in the consideration of the disciplinary matter before the Management Committee. The decision of the appeal panel shall be final.

Section 15 – Sports Equity Declaration

92. The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every member and each member will treat other members fairly within the context of the sport of yachting and boating regardless, unless justified, of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexualit or social and economic status.

93. The Club’s members shall commit to the principle that every member has the right to enjoy the sport of yachting and boating in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment or abuse.

94. The Club’s members shall commit to the principle that they shall oppose any unlawful discriminatory behaviour of which they are aware and shall endeavour to promote equality of opportunity within the Club to other members.

95. Any member failing to abide by the terms of section 15 of the Rules shall be liable to disciplinary process under Rules 33 and 34.

Section 16 – Byelaws

96. The present rights and privileges of each category of Membership shall be as follows:-

A FULL MEMBER shall have the full use of all of the Club's facilities.

A JUNIOR MEMBER shall have the full use of all of the Club's facilities subject only to Rule 64 and the terms of the Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996. A Junior Member may not introduce visitors to the Club premises.

AN HONORARY MEMBER shall have the full use of all of the Club's facilities.

AN OUTPORT MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club's facilities.

A HOUSE MEMBER shall have the use of the Club-house facilities but shall not be entitled to the use of the Club's sailing facilities (including the dinghy park or the changing and shower facilities) or to participate in the Club's sailing activities. House Members may, if the Committee so decides, assist with duties in support of the Club's sailing activities and events.

A RESTRICTED MEMBER shall have the use of such parts of the Club premises and at such times as the Committee shall stipulate and only at the events or activities organised by the Club or by bodies or groups approved by the Committee. The Committee may limit the duration of such membership. A Restricted Member shall not be entitled to introduce visitors to the Club premises.

97. Cars shall not be parked so as to cause an obstruction to other cars or to the approaches to the Club premises.

98. The Club premises shall be open to Members at such times as the Committee shall direct.

End.