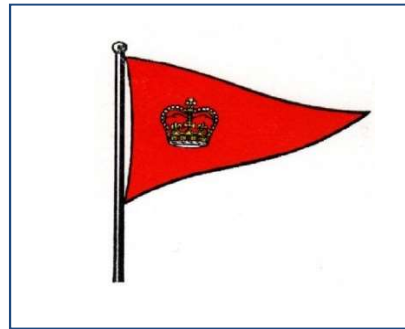


ROYAL WINDERMERE  
YACHT CLUB



General Rules 2019

	<u>CURRENT</u>
<b>1. Name and Object of Club</b>	The Club, a private members club, shall be called the ROYAL WINDERMERE YACHT CLUB, and its object shall be the encouragement of sailing on Windermere.
<b>2. Club Flags</b>	The Club flags shall be the Red Ensign defaced with gold crown in the fly, and Red Burgee with a gold crown in the centre.
<b>3. Conduct of Club</b>	<p>The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by its Officers and Committees as set forth in these rules.</p> <p>Those Officers who are authorised to operate the Club's current bank and investment accounts shall have power to arrange overdraft facilities, on behalf of the Club up to one quarter the amount of the annual subscription income for the year concerned.</p>
<b>4. Membership</b>	<p>There shall be eight classes of members who shall be elected or admitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Honorary</b> members: The Management Committee shall have power to elect any person as an honorary member of the Club for such time as it may think fit but the total number of such honorary members shall not at any one time exceed seven per cent of the total number of all members.</li> <li><b>ii. Single Ordinary</b> members including a single parent/grandparent with children under the age of 18.</li> <li><b>iii. Family</b> members comprising: - husband and wife / partners (and including children or grandchildren under 18 years of age).</li> <li><b>iv. Overseas</b> members – a member proceeding abroad may, on application, have their subscription reduced at the discretion of the General Committee</li> <li><b>v. Young Adult</b> members from 18 to 25 years of age.</li> <li><b>vi. Junior</b> members from 12 and 18 years of age whose parents or grandparents are not members of the club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A junior member shall not be eligible for any office of the club or committee but may be co-opted as a non-voting committee member.</li> <li>➤ A junior member shall not be eligible to vote except as owners at Owner's Meetings of their particular class of boat.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>vii. Children</b> below 12 years of age whose parents or grandparents are not members of the Club.</li> <li><b>viii. Temporary</b> members may be admitted for up to a maximum of a year, on such terms as the General Committee may from time to time prescribe. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Temporary members shall not be eligible to hold office, vote at any meetings, or propose or support candidates for any class of membership.</p> </li> </ul> <p>The Management Committee shall have power to regulate the total number of classes and members, by such means as it thinks proper.</p>
<b>5. Admission of Candidates to Membership</b>	Admission of candidates for membership shall be by secret ballot at a meeting of the Management Committee or at a meeting of a sub-committee of the Management Committee with delegated authority for membership matters. Such meetings shall duly be convened by seven days notice giving the names of candidates and nominators. Two votes or more against shall exclude membership.

	<p>Candidates for election shall be nominated by four members, (not junior members), in a form approved by the General Committee. The first named member shall be the main proposer and may be called to speak or write to the Committee in support of the candidate's election. All four signatories shall be personally acquainted with the nominee and at least two shall be members of club committees at the time of signing.</p> <p>Nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the ballot and shall be displayed on the Club notice board at least ten days before the ballot.</p>
<b>6. Re-admission to Membership</b>	Former members, who wish to be re-admitted, shall be nominated in the manner provided for new members in Rule 6. Their nomination for re-admission shall be subject to ballot as provided in that rule. Members who have been re-admitted shall not on re-admission be required to pay an entrance fee provided that the member resigned in accordance with Rule 8.
<b>7. Voidable Admissions</b>	The Management Committee shall have power to declare void the admission of a member who, within two months of admission, fails to comply with any of the rules and regulations of the Club, or to pay the entrance fee and annual subscription, or to have put in place a valid Direct Debit mandate.
<b>8. Resignation of Members</b>	<p>Any member who wishes to resign from the Club and who has not paid a subscription, for the year, must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary of his/her intention to resign before 1<sup>st</sup> March.</p> <p>A member who has neither paid nor resigned may be removed from the membership list in which case his/her right to re-admission without payment of an entrance fee will be forfeited.</p> <p>If a member has not given notice of resignation before 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Club shall be under no obligation to refund any sums paid in respect of subscriptions, boat charges or other invoiced fees.</p>
<b>9. Complaints against Members</b>	<p>Where a member has cause for complaint against another member for any reason, he / she shall put the complaint in writing to the Hon Secretary. Where the matter cannot be resolved, the Hon Secretary shall pass the matter to the Flag Officers to decide if there is a case to answer and how it may be resolved. The Flag Officers may invite the members involved to put their case at a meeting of the Flag Officers. A member refusing to attend may be suspended until a meeting may be affected.</p> <p>The Flag Officers may, at their discretion, refer all matters of misconduct, or accusations of misconduct to the Management Committee in the first instance.</p> <p>If an Honorary Officer is accused of misconduct the matter shall be passed directly, in writing, to the Management Committee. If a Flag Officer is accused of misconduct, the matter should be passed directly, in writing, to the Management Committee.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the provision of this rule, any member shall have the absolute right to address any complaint to the Management Committee for consideration and disposal.</p> <p>The Flag Officers shall consider but not be restricted to the following courses of action where a member's conduct is found to be unsatisfactory or unacceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A formal admonishment by two or more Flag Officers.</li> <li>➤ A suspension from one or more club activities for a period not exceeding one calendar year.</li> <li>➤ A proposal to the Management Committee for exclusion under rule 10.</li> </ul>

<p><b>10. Expulsion of Members</b></p>	<p>Each member on joining the Club implicitly undertakes to comply with the rules and regulations of the Club. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Management Committee, is either unacceptable or injurious to the interest of the Club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Management Committee provided that before expelling a member such Committee shall call upon that member for an explanation of their conduct and shall give that member an opportunity of defending themselves or of resigning their membership.</p> <p>The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot and the resolution shall only be carried if half or more members of the Management Committee present, vote in favour of the resolution</p> <p>Any person who ceases to be a member of the Club shall thereby forfeit any rights and claims they may have as a member against the Club or upon its property or funds.</p>
<p><b>11. Entrance Fees</b></p>	<p>Members shall, on election, become liable to pay such sum as the Management Committee shall set as an entrance fee. The Management Committee may from time to time suspend or re-impose or alter the entrance fee for a prescribed period.</p>

<p><b>12. Annual Subscription, Boat Charges and other applicable fees</b></p> <p><b>Junior to Young Adult</b></p> <p><b>Young Adult to Single Ordinary</b></p>	<p>The Management Committee shall prescribe the annual subscription, boat parking/mooring charges and any other applicable fees payable by members. Notice of proposed changes in the rates of subscription and other charges shall be given to all members and shall be deemed to be effected at the date specified, unless within one month of the date of such notice, the Hon Secretary has received a requisition for a Special Management Meeting to discuss the proposed changes.</p> <p>Such subscriptions shall be payable by 1st February in each year unless a valid Direct Debit mandate has been put in place.</p> <p>A new member shall pay a pro rata subscription calculated from the date of admission to the end of that membership year.</p> <p>Junior Members shall cease to be such on their 18th birthday and become Young Adult members on that date. The annual subscription rate for such members changes to the Single Ordinary or Family rate for those aged 25 at January 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Young Adult Members shall cease to be such on their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. The annual subscription rate changes on 1st February after their birthday to that of a Single Ordinary or Family Member.</p> <p>Unless a member has a valid Direct Debit mandate in place, sums received from members shall be allocated in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrears if any</li> <li>• Membership subscriptions</li> <li>• Boat charges</li> </ul>
<p><b>13. Unpaid Subscription</b></p>	<p>If a Member has not paid their subscription or signed a direct debit by 31<sup>st</sup> March access to the car park and club will be denied.</p> <p>If a Member's Direct Debit payments are two months in arrears, the Direct Debit mandate will be regarded as suspended until the arrears are settled.</p> <p>If full subscription is not paid by 1<sup>st</sup> June or Direct Debit payments become three months in arrears their membership will be terminated.</p> <p>The members or former member shall continue to be liable to the Club for any unpaid subscriptions, boat charges, other invoiced charges or unpaid parts thereof.</p>
<p><b>14. Eligibility to vote and race</b></p>	<p>No member shall be allowed to vote at any meeting or to compete in any club race without having first paid their dues in accordance with Rule 11, 12 and 23.</p>
<p><b>15. Unpaid Boat Park Fees</b></p>	<p>If at any time any boat park or mooring fees payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be two months or more in arrears:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Management Committee shall be entitled to move the boat to any other part of the premises without being liable for any loss of or damage to the boat howsoever caused.</li> </ul>

	<p>Upon giving three month's notice in writing to the member, or former member, at his last known address shown in the register of members, the Committee shall be entitled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To move the boat to an off-site location without being liable for any loss or damage howsoever caused. The Club shall also be entitled to recover the reasonable costs of so doing from the member or former member.</li> <li>➤ To sell the boat and to deduct any monies due to the Club from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.</li> </ul> <p>Alternatively any boat, which in the opinion of the Management Committee cannot be sold, may, upon such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner the Management Committee may think fit and the expenses recovered from the member or former member. Any arrears as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member.</p>
<b>16. Guests of a Member</b>	<p>Members may introduce guests provided that the member enters the name and address of the guest in the book provided for the purpose, together with their own name.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No member may have more than four guests at any one time without permission from a club officer.</li> <li>➤ A person may not be introduced as a guest on more than three days in any one year, without permission of a club officer.</li> <li>➤ A guest may not use the clubhouse unless accompanied by the introducing member, but a guest may enter the Club grounds unaccompanied.</li> </ul>
<b>17. Guests of the Club</b>	<p>Guests may be admitted on such terms as the Management Committee may from time to time prescribe.</p> <p>Helmsmen and crews taking part in open race meetings organised by the Club, and their supporters, shall be entitled to use the Club premises and the facilities of the clubhouse, as guests of the Club, within a period of twenty-four hours before and after the races in which they are competing.</p> <p>Guests shall not be eligible to hold office, vote at or attend any meetings, or propose or support candidates for any class of membership.</p>
<b>18. Officers</b>	<p>The Officers of the Club shall be:</p> <p>The Commodore, the Vice Commodore and the Rear Commodore, who shall be elected annually by the Management Committee, and shall be ex-officio members of all committees.</p> <p>The Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Sailing Secretary and Hon Operations Secretary who shall be ex-officio members of all committees, except the Management Committee (of which they are elected members).</p> <p>The officers shall be eligible for re-election annually by the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee may appoint a member to fill any casual vacancies occurring during the year in the above offices.</p> <p>The officers shall be eligible for re-election annually for a maximum of five years. Any officer wishing to stay in office for longer than this, must have the support of a minimum of two Flag Officers.</p>



	<p>No member of the Bar Committee shall receive any commission, percentage or similar payment in respect of the purchase of alcohol by the Club. No person shall directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of alcohol apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.</p> <p>The Management Committee shall be the holder of the premises licence.</p>
<b>23. Sailing Committee</b>	<p>The Sailing Committee shall consist of the Hon Sailing Secretary, the Class Captains, the Class Secretaries and the Training Officer.</p> <p>The Sailing Committee shall appoint the Training Officer annually, in the autumn.</p> <p>The Sailing Committee shall direct and co-ordinate the sailing activities of the Club, confirm the sailing rules of the Club and shall have power to introduce new classes.</p>
<b>24. Class Owners Committees</b>	<p>Unless otherwise prescribed by the Sailing Committee there shall be a class Owners committee for each of the Four classes, Yacht, Flying 15, Dinghy and Cruisers.</p> <p>Each owners committee shall consist of a Class Captain and a Class Secretary and owners of that class of boat.</p> <p>The owners committees shall make such arrangements, as they consider necessary for the proper conduct of the racing and sailing of their class of boat or boats.</p> <p>The owners of each of the classes defined in Rule 24 shall meet annually to elect a Class Captain and a Class Secretary. All current owners in that fleet may be present at the owners' meetings but there shall be only one vote from each boat.</p> <p>The Class Captain and/or the Class Secretary will attend the Sailing Committee; the Class Captain or Class Secretary will attend the Management Committee and nominate an attendee.</p> <p>Other business, relevant to the class, may be conducted at the annual owners' meeting subject to the provisions of Rule 23.</p>
<b>25. Committee Vacancies</b>	<p>Casual vacancies occurring on any committee during the year may be filled until the next meeting of the electing body by an appointee of that committee</p>
<b>26. Sub Committees</b>	<p>All committees shall have power to appoint sub-committees and not necessarily from amongst their own members.</p> <p>The Planning and Implementation Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Management Committee. It shall be responsible for planning and co-ordinating proposals for the development of the Club, and for the project management of approved programmes of work as directed by the Management Committee.</p>
<b>27. Retirement from Office</b>	<p>Unless otherwise specifically prescribed in the Rules, one third of the elected members of all committees shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.</p>
<b>28. Committee Meetings</b>	<p>Each committee and owner's meeting shall be held at the clubhouse at such times as they themselves shall arrange.</p>



	<p>Any three members of any committee may at any time, by giving notice to the committee secretary in writing, require that a meeting of that committee be called.</p> <p>A meeting may also be called at the secretary's discretion. The secretary must give seven days notice of such meetings, in writing, to each member of the committee in question.</p> <p>The seven days notice of meeting and the place of meeting may only be varied with the permission of two officers of the Club as defined in Rule 19.</p>
<b>29. Administration</b>	The Flags and Honorary Officers will meet as necessary for the effective administration of the Club.
<b>30. Annual General Meeting</b>	<p>The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on a Saturday in March in each year at the clubhouse, or on such other date and place as the Management Committee may appoint, provided that fifteen months shall not elapse without an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>The general business of the Club shall be conducted at this meeting and elections shall be held to appoint: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One/two members of the Operations Committee to replace the member/s retiring by rotation.</li> <li>▪ The Management Committee.</li> <li>▪ Two Auditors.</li> </ul> <p>At least fourteen days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member entitled to attend.</p> <p>The Hon Secretary shall send to all members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the notice calling the Annual General Meeting</li> <li>▪ a copy of the statements of account</li> <li>▪ a statement showing the vacancies occurring on the Operations Committee</li> <li>▪ a request for nominations of members to fill the Operations Committee vacancies</li> <li>▪ a request for nominations for the Management Committee</li> </ul> <p>Nominations must be made in writing with the consent of the candidate and must be supported by at least two members. The Hon Secretary must be in receipt of nominations at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. The elections shall be by ballot.</p>
<b>31. Special Management Meeting</b>	The Hon Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting on receiving a request from at least three members of the Management Committee or twenty members of the Club. At least fourteen days notice shall be given to each member entitled to attend. The notice shall state the time, place and object of the meeting, and the discussion at such meeting shall be strictly confined to the question at issue.
<b>32. Quora</b>	<p>A quorum at committee meetings shall be one half of those entitled to be present.</p> <p>A quorum at Annual General or Special Management Meetings shall be at least twenty-five members present and entitled to vote but at an adjourned Management Meeting a quorum shall be those members present.</p>

<p><b>33. Voting on Resolutions</b></p>	<p>Every resolution submitted to an Annual or a Special Management Meeting shall, unless unanimously agreed, be decided in the first instance by a show of hands.</p> <p>Unless a poll be demanded by at least ten members present a declaration by the chair that a resolution has been carried, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.</p> <p>If a poll be demanded as aforesaid, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date to be set by the chair which date shall not be later than twenty-eight days from the date of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The poll shall be taken by means of a postal vote by all members of the club then entitled to vote and in such a manner in all respects as the chair of the meeting shall direct.</p>
<p><b>34. Voting Rights of Chair</b></p>	<p>If at any meeting of members or a committee there should be an equality of votes either on a show of hands or a ballot or at a poll, the chair shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote to which he/she may be entitled as a member, providing that this casting vote shall not be exercisable at the Annual General Meeting.</p>
<p><b>35. Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes of the proceedings of all committee meetings shall be recorded by the secretary or deputy in books provided for that purpose. These books shall be available at the relevant meetings and minutes will be available for all members in the club and website</p>
<p><b>36. Club Funds</b></p>	<p>All monies payable to the Club shall be paid to the Hon Treasurer, who shall keep a correct amount of all monies received and disbursed by him on account of the Club.</p> <p>The Management Committee shall control all current banking and investment accounts. The Management Committee shall nominate four persons to be signatories of these accounts and for the purpose of the normal daily running of these accounts may instruct the Club's bankers to accept the signatures of any two of such persons.</p> <p>The books of account shall be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting and a member wishing to inspect them at other times may do so on giving fifteen days' notice to the Hon Treasurer.</p> <p>No money or property of the Club, nor any gain arising from the activities of the Club, shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club or for benevolent or charitable purposes to be nominated by the Management Committee with the exception of sponsored open meetings.</p> <p>No sponsorship shall be accepted without the approval of the Management Committee, and such sponsorship shall be administered by the Sailing Committee</p>
<p><b>37. Trustees</b></p>	<p>The Trustees shall be appointed by the Management Committee. Trustees shall hold office until they shall resign by notice in writing given to the Management Committee, or until a resolution removing them from office shall be passed at a meeting of the Management Committee by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present.</p> <p>All freehold and leasehold property and the investments of the Club shall be placed in the names of three Trustees, who shall hold them on trust for the Club, with the exception of the current bank and investment accounts.</p>
<p><b>38. Alteration of Rules</b></p>	<p>Any member wishing to propose any alteration in or addition to the rules of the Club must do so at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the Club called in accordance with Rules 31 or 32.</p> <p>The notice calling such meeting (whether an Annual General or a Special Management Meeting) shall contain a statement of the proposed alteration or addition. At the meeting such member shall move the proposed alteration or addition, and, if it is seconded, a vote shall be taken thereon, in accordance with Rule 33, but the majority required to make any alteration or addition, shall be in the proportion of at least three to two.</p>

<b>39. Hours of Opening</b>	The Club shall be open to its members and guests as laid down by the Management Committee. These hours shall be displayed in a prominent position at the entrance to the Club.
<b>40. Club Formal Dress</b>	Recommended evening attire for gentlemen members shall be Evening Dress, white waistcoat with the Club buttons and black tie.