

CONSTITUTION OF THE ROYAL CAPE YACHT CLUB

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The membership of the Club shall consist of –
 - 3.1.1 Ordinary Members.
 - 3.1.2 Intermediate Members.
 - 3.1.3 Life Members.
 - 3.1.4 Family Members.
 - 3.1.5 Partner Members.
 - 3.1.6 Junior Members.
 - 3.1.7 Cadet Members.
 - 3.1.8 Absentee Members.
 - 3.1.9 Associate Members.
 - 3.1.10 Honorary Life Members.
 - 3.1.11 Honorary Members.
 - 3.1.12 Temporary Members.
 - 3.1.13 Reciprocity Members.
 - 3.1.14 Corporate Members.
- 3.2 **Ordinary Members** shall consist of all members who usually reside or work within a radius of 80 kilometres of the club house, who do not fall within one of the other categories of membership.
- 3.3 **Intermediate Membership** is to bridge the difference between a young Member not qualifying as a Student, but being under the age of 28.
- 3.4 **Life Members** shall consist of those members who on 26 June 1981, were entered in the Register of Members as Life members. They shall have all the rights and obligations of Ordinary Members save that they shall be exempted from all further liabilities for subscriptions. Any reference to “Ordinary Members” in this Constitution or any bye-laws made thereunder shall be deemed to include a reference to Life Members save in so far as it relates to an obligation to pay subscriptions. When the Club no longer has any Life members then this Constitution shall in ipso facto be amended by the deletion of all reference to Life members.
- 3.5 **Family Members** shall consist of those members who are the spouses or school-going children of Ordinary Members; provided that a spouse may elect to be an Ordinary Member and a child may elect to be a Junior Member. Provided further that a wife who is a Family Member at the time of her husband’s death shall be entitled to continue being a Family Member

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- 3.6 **A Partner Member** shall be a person nominated by an Ordinary Member who has not utilized the Family Membership category. Election and fees of Partner Members shall be as per Family Membership. The nominating Ordinary Member shall be wholly responsible for both the payment of fees and the conduct of the Partner Member, whose Membership card shall include such Ordinary Member's name. A Partner Member shall be cancelled upon request by that Ordinary Member who shall then be entitled to nominate an alternative Partner.
- 3.7 **Junior Members** shall consist of members who are under the age of 21 years or who, being over the age of 21 years, are serving articles or an apprenticeship, or who are enrolled as students in full time study at a University, Technikon or other institution of tertiary education, provided that a member above the age of 21 years may elect to be an Ordinary Member or an Intermediate Member. Junior membership is to be applied for on an annual basis and the Membership Committee to use their discretion in granting this membership.
- 3.8 **Cadet Members** shall consist of members who are under the age of 18 years, provided that such members may, if they qualify, elect to be Family Members or Junior Members.
- 3.9 **Absentee Members** shall consist of members who ordinarily reside outside a radius of 80 kilometres from the Club premises or who during a particular year will be away from their normal residence for more than eleven months of that year and who give notice of such fact to the Club, provided that such members may, if they qualify, elect to be Ordinary Members.
- 3.10 **Associate Members** shall consist of members who have been Ordinary Members for not less than 20 years, do not habitually use the Club and who apply for such membership.
- 3.11 **Honorary Life Members** shall consist of persons who have rendered distinguished service to yachting or the Club and who, on the recommendation of the Committee, have been elected as such by the Club in a General Meeting.
- 3.12 **Honorary Members** shall consist of persons who have been granted such membership by the Committee for no more than a year at a time for good cause.
- 3.13 **Temporary Members** shall consist of persons –
- 3.13.1 Visiting Cape Town by yacht and wishing to use the Club's facilities during the course of their visit.
 - 3.13.2 Participating in a regatta or function organised or hosted by the Club.
 - 3.13.3 Wishing to join the Club but are unable to do so because they have not known members for sufficient length of time who can propose or second them:
 - 3.13.4 To whom the Committee in its discretion has granted such membership for a limited period of time not exceeding: -
 - 3.13.4.1 One (1) month in the case of persons mentioned in 3.1.12.1 which period may be extended from time to time.
 - 3.13.5 The period of the regatta or function in the case of persons mentioned in 3.12.2
 - 3.13.6 Six (6) months in the case of the persons mentioned in 3.12.3
- 3.14 **Reciprocity Members** shall consist of members of other yacht clubs with whom the Club has Reciprocity.
- 3.15 **Corporate Members** shall consist of persons who are bona fide employees and management of a business enterprise who, through its authorised officer, may nominate such persons for one year at a time and who may substitute any such member for another provided such alternate nominee applying for membership as provided for in terms of clause 4 below.

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A business may apply for a minimum of three corporate members and a maximum of ten, unless the Committee sanctions such higher number.

- 3.16 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, no person residing within 15 kilometres of the Club premises shall be eligible as an Honorary or Temporary or Reciprocity Member of the Club except where:
- 3.16.1 Such person holds a public office or is a bona fide candidate for membership or has conferred some special benefit upon the Club:
Or
 - 3.16.2 By resolution of the Committee such person is allowed the privileges of membership while engaged in any competition.