



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

CLUB RULES

1. Name

The name of the club is 'THE CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB' and the burgee shall be white with red border and blue motif.

2. Objects

- a) To provide racing and social events for its members.
- b) To encourage and be helpful to those cruiser owners who have never raced or cruised in company and who would like to do so.
- c) To maintain a cooperative liaison with member yacht or sailing clubs of the 'Chichester Harbour Federation'.

3. Membership

- a) Membership is open to cruiser owners who normally keep their yachts in or around Chichester Harbour and to persons wishing to participate in the club's activities as club supporters and crew.
- b) All members have voting rights and may be officers of the club.
- c) Honorary Life membership shall be by invitation from the Committee.
- d) Members wishing to enter their yachts in club events must complete a Yacht Registration Form and pay an annual yacht registration fee at the same time and in addition to their membership subscription.

4. Election of Members

The Club welcomes applications for membership from members of other clubs within the Chichester Harbour Federation and all who share and support the Club's objectives.

All applications for membership will be considered by the Club Officers.

5. Retirement

Any member desirous of retiring from the Club shall notify their intention to the Honorary Secretary as early as possible and certainly on receipt of the request for payment of membership renewal.

6. Compliance

Every member on joining the club undertakes to comply with these rules, and 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 by the Committee provided that before expelling a member the Committee shall call upon that member for an explanation of their conduct and shall give them an opportunity of defending themselves or of resigning their membership. The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot and the resolution only be carried if not less than three quarters of the members of the Committee present vote in favour of the resolution.

7. Subscriptions and Other Payments

- a) The annual subscription payable on election and on the 1st January in each year shall be as decided from time to time by the Annual General Meeting. Such subscriptions shall remain until otherwise altered by a majority vote at the AGM. Any member who has not paid their subscription by the 1st of March shall be requested in the name of the committee to pay the same within 14 days or have their name removed from the list of members by the committee. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the Committee. No member shall in any year be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership until their subscription for that year and all arrears (if any) are paid. A Member elected after 1st October in any year who shall have paid the subscription for that year shall not be required to pay any subscription for the following year.
- b) Members who have indicated that they will be attending a club race, take a berth or attend an event that incurs a charge levied by an outside body, shall be obliged to pay all applicable charges, after the booking deadline as set out in the race instructions if the race or event is cancelled, or if the member, for whatever reason, decides not to attend.

8. Officers

The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, a Vice Commodore, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Sailing Secretary and an Honorary Representative to the Federation, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election. No candidate for election to any office (other than the retiring officers) shall be proposed unless the name of such candidate and of their proposer shall have been sent to the Honorary Secretary 21 days prior to the date of the AGM

9. Committees

- a) The Committee shall consist of the Officers and they shall have power to co-opt additional Members.
- b) The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the rules and shall apply the funds of the club to the objects of the Club.
- c) The Committee shall make such bye laws, rules and regulations as they think fit as to the management of any Club premises.
- d) It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Club's finances.

10. General meetings

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on some day in the month of October or November, to be fixed by the Commodore. The Honorary Secretary shall at least 14 days clear before the date of such meeting post or deliver to each member notice thereof of the business to be brought forward there at.
- b) No business (except the passing of the accounts and the election of Officers and the Committee) 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 to the Honorary Secretary one month prior to such meeting.
- c) The Committee may, on giving fourteen days' notice, call a general meeting of the Club for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to that business only.
- d) The Committee shall also call a general meeting on the written request of twelve members.
- e) At a general meeting of the Club each member shall have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

11. New rules, amendments and alterations

- a) Notice of any alteration or addition to the rules intended to be proposed by a member of the Club shall be given to the Secretary in writing one month prior to the Annual General Meeting or at least one month before any special general meeting at which the same is to be brought forward and full particulars of any such proposed alterations shall be set out in the notice convening the meeting.
- b) All such proposed alterations and any amendments to them which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to the vote of the meeting and provided that on a show of hands or, if demanded, on a poll, a majority of two thirds of the votes of those members present and voting shall be cast in favour of any proposed alterations or additions or amendments then the same shall be deemed to be carried.

12. Insurance

All owners racing will ensure that their yacht has adequate third party insurance cover (the RYA currently recommend and CCRC require not less than the sum of £3,000,000).

13. Limitation of Liability

Members of the Club and their guests or visitors use the Club equipment, racing organisation and other facilities, provided by the Club, entirely at their own risk and implying agree to and accept the following limitation of liability.

The Club will not be responsible for any damage or loss to property belonging to members, their guests or visitors arising out of the use of the Club or participation in any event organised by the Club, whether or not such damage or injury shall be occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the officers, committee or servants of the Club.

General Note

The Club holds names, addresses, telephone numbers and yacht details on computer for producing the Handbook and the results service. Members have the right under the Data Protection Act 1984 to object to this data being held in this way.