

# **EYOTT SAILING CLUB**

## **RULES**

**When joining Eyott Sailing Club  
members agree to abide by  
The rules and regulations  
of  
Eyott Sailing Club  
2025**

**Including revisions agreed at the 2010, 2011,  
2012,2013, 2018, 2020,2022 and 2024 Annual General Meetings**

# **RULES OF THE EYOTT SAILING CLUB**

1.     **NAME**  
The club shall be known as The Eyott Sailing Club.
2.     **OBJECT**  
The object of the Club shall be to encourage amateurs in the sailing of yachts and other craft and all activities appertaining thereto.
3.     **INSIGNIA**  
The Burgee of the Club shall be dark blue in the hoist and light blue in the fly, divided by a naval curl in white pointing upwards.
4.     **RACING RULES**  
All Club races shall be sailed under the International Yacht Racing Union Rules, with the Royal Yachting Association prescriptions thereto as extended or modified by the Sailing Instructions.
5.     **PERSONAL BUOYANCY**  
All individuals launching from Eyott Sailing club, whether members of the Club or not, shall whenever afloat, whether racing or not and in whatever craft, always wear adequate personal buoyancy and any member of the Committee shall have power to prevent embarkation by or order immediately ashore anyone who in his or her opinion seems to be in breach of this rule.
6.     **RESCUE BOAT**  
The Committee shall lay down regulations for the administration and use of the Club Rescue Boat.
7.     **CLASSES**  
a) The adopted classes of boats shall be the Heron, Mirror 10, Miracle, Solo, Comet, Comet Duo, Comet Versa, Comet Zero and Topper. Boats of other classes not exceeding 13ft (3.96m) in overall length may be admitted to the Club at the discretion of the Committee.  
b) Any boat fitted with bowsprits and conforming to a) above, may compete at ESC races provided the spar is removed or remains fully retracted within the hull (so as not to increase the overall length of the hull). The Committee may make special exception for races that do not enter Fenn Creek.

8. INSURANCE

All water craft stored/launched/sailed or in any way used from the club must be insured with at least third party insurance. Man-powered Non-rigid inflatable craft are excluded

9. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The Club shall consist of Adult Sailing, Junior, Honorary and Associate members. Junior membership is from age 11 to 18, including the rest of the season in which 18 years is attained. Junior membership can be extended up to the age of 21 if the member is a student in full time education and appropriate confirmation of this is provided each season. The extension does not include Adult rights.
- (b) Application for membership shall be in writing on the appropriate form.
- (c) Application for membership must be proposed and seconded by two Full members of the Club and approved by the Committee by a majority vote of those present and voting, provided that if there is no convenient meeting of the Committee, the Secretary may, with the consent of a Flag Officer, obtain the oral approval of more than half the members of the Committee; such action to be reported to the next Committee Meeting and recorded in the minutes.
- (d) A notification of election shall be sent to every successful applicant, who shall then be supplied with a membership card with a copy of the up-to-date Club rules attached thereto.
- (e) No member shall have a right to the privileges of membership unless his or her entry fee and current subscription have been paid.
- (f) Honorary members may be elected at the discretion of the Committee for services rendered, distinction or some other reason.
- (g) A President should be elected by the Members in General Meeting, the term of office should be for three years renewable by the committees consent. A retiring Commodore, having served for 3 years in that position, should occupy the position of ex-officio committee member for one year. Should the retiring Commodore be unable to do so, a former Flag Officer could occupy the position.
- (h) Honorary Members and Junior Members shall have no right to take part in the management of the Club and shall have no right of vote at any General Meeting but shall be entitled to speak upon any matter before the meeting. Associate Members shall be eligible to stand for committee membership, limited to one in any year and excluding Flag Officer, Sailing Secretary and Assistant Sailing Secretary posts, with committee voting rights, but shall have no right of vote at any general meeting.

- (i) The Committee shall have power to extend temporary membership to visiting yachtsmen and yachtswomen under such conditions as the Committee shall in each case determine.
- (j) The Committee shall be empowered to agree special arrangements with outside bodies, such as Scout Troops, either for affiliated corporate membership or for personal membership on special terms.
- (k) Visitors to the Club prior to becoming members, may attend on a maximum of five occasions, for prospective cadet members the limit is three visits. Visits to be recorded in the visitor's book.

10. FINANCE

- (a) The entry fees, subscriptions and other fees payable by members shall be of such amount respectively as the Club may from time to time in General Meeting decide.
- (b) A list of the current rates of fees and subscriptions shall be displayed on the Club notice board at all times.
- (c) The Committee may at their discretion vary or remit the subscription of any member in special circumstances, including prolonged absence from the locality.
- (d) Subscriptions become due on 1st March each year, but any member elected after 1st September shall remain in membership until 28th February next but one following. Any member whose subscription is not paid in full (including any additional monies owed under the terms of membership for items such as boat park fees etc) by end of day 30th June in any year shall cease to be a member of the Club effective end of day 30th June that same year. This rule shall in no way limit the Committee's powers under Rule 10(c) above.

11. MANAGEMENT

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by the Committee. The Officers of the Club shall be: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Sailing Secretary, Assistant Sailing Secretary, Social Secretary and Public Relations Officer, who together with two other members, shall constitute the Committee.
- (b) The President and ex-officio member shall receive notice of all Committee Meetings and may attend and speak thereat but shall not be entitled to vote.
- (c) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt, either to fill a casual vacancy or for any other reason.
- (d) At Committee Meetings five voting members shall form a quorum.
- (e) The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees but the chair at all meetings thereof shall be taken by a member of the main Committee.
- (f) Funds of the Club shall be deposited in a banking and/or building society account in the name of the Club at a bank or building society approved by the Committee, the bank account to be operated on the signatures of any two or three members of the Committee duly authorised.
- (g) The Committee shall annually appoint one person in no way connected with the Club or two members of the Club as auditor(s) who shall ensure that the Clubs Accounts are audited before the Annual General Meeting.
- (h) The Race Committee shall be such members of the Committee, and not less than three, as are available at the time when a protest is to be heard or a meeting is otherwise required.
- (i) Committee members, other than officers, shall not be eligible to serve more than two years in succession.
- (j) No member shall be eligible to hold the same Flag Office for more than three years in succession.
- (k) Trustees may be appointed by the Club Committee to act for the Club with various bodies. The appointment as a trustee carries an indemnity against financial liability in such actions. The only liability they have is to pay the normal dues as required of a member of the Club.

*(The committee is required to inform the landlord of any changes of trustee without undue delay)*

12. MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Month of January each year or on such day thereafter as the Committee shall decide but in any case not later than the 14<sup>th</sup> February.
- (b) A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Committee at any time and must be convened within 28 days upon written request signed by any eight full members.
- (c) The Club Officers and other Committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Twelve members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any meeting of the club.
- (e) Notice of a General Meeting shall be sent to every member entitled to attend not less than 14 days before the day appointed for such meeting. The notice shall contain full details of the business to be transacted.
- (f) The Chairman of a meeting of any committee or subcommittee of the Club shall, in the case of an equality of votes, have a second or casting vote.
- (g) Notice of any motion not originated by the Committee, excluding nominations of officers or committee members for the election at the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting.
- (h) All voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands, unless a ballot is demanded, provided that, where there is more than one nomination for any office or for membership of the Committee, voting shall always be by ballot. The right to vote is limited to Adult Sailing membership with one vote, or two in case of married or co-habiting partners.
- (i) Motions shall be passed on a simple majority of those present and voting, except that any proposal to amend these rules shall not be carried unless there is a majority in favour of the proposal of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting.