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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BYE LAWS
OF

ROYAL MADRAS YACHT CLUB

Springhaven Wharf, Chennai Port Trust, Chennai - 600 001. Phone: 25361713

I. NAME OF THE CLUB: The name of the Club shall be "ROYAL MADRAS YACHT CLUB", hereinafter referred to as "Club".

I. AIM AND OBJECTS: The Club shall be non-profit, non-political and nonsectarian Club having the following, among others as its objects:-

1. To foster and encourage the sport of yachting and Allied Water Sports in and around the City and Allied in and around the City of Madras;
2. To foster fraternal relations with other Yacht Clubs or Sailing Clubs in India or abroad;
3. To maintain cordial relations with the Port Authorities at all times so as to achieve smooth functioning of the above said first objective.
4. To arrange and conduct Yearly Boat Races and organize Annual Sailing Programme.
5. To raise funds through subscriptions, fees, donations or otherwise for promoting the objects of the Club.
6. To make suitable representations to the central and State Governments, including seeking government funds, to promote yachting and allied sports.
7. To hold and manage the funds raised as aforesaid for implementing the objects of the Club.

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1. NAME: The name of the Club shall be "ROYAL MADRAS YACHT CLUB", hereinafter referred to as "Club"
2. REGD. OFFICE: The registered office of the Club will be situated at the Club premises at Spring haven Wharf, The Harbor, Chennai 600001.
3. DATE OF FORMATION: The Club shall be deemed to have come into existence in the year 1994 (1911) when it was originally founded.
4. JURISDICTION: The Club is situate within the jurisdiction of the Registrar of Societies, Madras - North.
5. BUSINESS HOURS: The business hours of the Club shall be from 10.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on all days except on Saturdays and Sundays or as specified in the Rules Of The Club when the Club will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. On Special Nights notified by the Club, the Club will remain open till 10.00 p.m. The Hony. Secretary is authorized to extend take hours of closing on such days.

CLUB TIMINGS

- a. Catering services will be provided from 11.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on all days or at such time as provided for in the Rules Of The Club.
 - b. BAR: So long as the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act remain in force, Club members are required to register their permits with the Club and at all times obey the rules prescribed under such act.
 - c. The bar will be open to liquor permit holders during the following hours:
Monday to Friday : 11.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday : 11.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Notified Club Nights : 11.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. or at such time as provided for in the Rules of the Club
 - d. CORKAGE: Corkage will be charged as provided for in the Rules of the Club.
 - e. LATE HOURS: Members and their guests remaining in any part of the Club will be charged a late hour fee of as per Rules Of The Club.

No member of the Club shall ordinarily remain with the Club premises after 9.00 p.m. on weekdays and 10.00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, subject to the "Rules of the Club".
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7. ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB: The Club shall carry out all activities necessary, incidental, ancillary and connected with the said aims and objects of the Club.
8. The Club shall sue and be sued in the name of the Honorary Secretary.
9. The Chairman of the Club shall be the person authorised to give direction in regard to the business of the society in consultation with the committee.
10. MEMBERSHIP: There will be a thirteen types of memberships.
1. Sailing Members
 2. Life Members

3. Institutional Members
4. Lady Members
5. Student Members
6. Service Members
7. Cadet Members
8. Honorary Members
9. Honorary Life Members
10. Overseas Members
11. Temporary Member
12. Long Term Temporary Member
13. Annex Member

Subject to article 15, membership is open to persons who are interested in the sport of yachting.

- a. SAILING MEMBERS: After 07 December 2009, a person above 18 years of age interested in Sailing Membership shall join the Club as an Annex Member. Only on passing a helm's test (sailing proficiency test) will he/she qualify as a sailing member. The candidate may request the committee to depute the Capt. Of Boats to conduct the test or may choose to complete a race at the Club as a helm and thereby qualify .
- b. LIFE MEMBERS: LIFE MEMBER is a member who is above 40 years of age, resides within 50 km of the Club house and is admitted to the Club as a LIFE MEMBER. LIFE Members who join the Club after January 30, 1999 will be required to pay All fees and subscription except the "Monthly Subscription". Life member will have all other rights of a SAILING MEMBER.
- c. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS: Resident executives of either sex on being nominated by their respective institutions for membership of the Club not exceeding 2 nominees for each institutional member which shall be valid for a period of 15 years from the date of admission to membership.

Chennai Port Trust. [IMCPT]:

Serving officers (and their dependents) of the Chennai Port Trust, applying for membership by being proposed by (our Patron) The Chairman Port Trust's Office, will be allowed the use and facilities of the Royal Madras Yacht Club. IMCPT will be exempt from charges of subscription, minimum billing and entrance fees as a special case. The officers will only pay for what is consumed / used, as and when consumed, in cash. They will be issued a yearly ID Card which is to be produced at the time of entry and are not permitted to bring guests.

THE INSTITUTION seeking to sponsor its executives shall write to the Club, in the prescribed form giving details of the executives it seeks to sponsor along with a lump sum payment of the prescribed fee. The Committee shall scrutinize and where it is satisfied, admit the Institution as an Institutional Member. It shall then consider for admission not more than two nominees of the Institution for each Institutional Membership. It is open to the Committee to refuse admission of any nominee sponsored by the Institution at its discretion without assigning any reason.

The monthly subscription and other charges for each nominee will be the same as a for sailing members.

The Institution may at any time within the period of 15 years from the date of its admission as an Institutional Member sponsor any of its other executives in place of their nominee / nominees whose acceptance however would be at the discretion of the Committee. No further entrance fee shall be payable by the Institution for such successor nominee / nominees. The tenure of membership of each successor nominee / nominees shall

be limited to the unexpired period of fifteen years of the original nominee / nominees. The Institution sponsoring its Executives shall be responsible for payment of all the bills of its nominees. On the nominee ceasing to be an executive of the Institution sponsoring his membership, he shall immediately cease to be a member of the Club. It shall be the responsibility of the Institution to advise the Club in this regard.

The Committee shall, at its absolute discretion, be entitled to cancel the membership; granted to any nominee of an Institution without assigning any reason whatsoever. In such an event, the Institution concerned may sponsor another executive in his place whose application for membership will be considered by the Committee.

Institutional Members shall be entitled to enter any part of the Club premises, to take part in all Club competitions and recreations and enjoy all the amenities provided by the Club, and sign for all prescribed charges in force for the time being for the various amenities. Institutional Members shall NOT have the power to vote at General Meetings nor shall they have the right to serve on the Committee of Management. The nominees of the Institution shall be bound by these Bye-Laws of the Club.

Membership of the nominees and the Institution shall cease in case of :

1. dissolution or insolvency of the firm;
 2. the Institution carrying on any activity which is opposed to the Laws of the land.
 3. the Institution being wound up or liquidated.
- d. LADY MEMBERS: The Committee may admit Lady Members who are single or of legally unmarried status. They shall have all the rights of sailing member and shall be residents of Madras City.
- e. STUDENT MEMBERS : The committee may accept Student members for the purpose of Sailing. They shall enjoy such membership as long as they are full time students of a recognized school, college or university in India or Abroad. Their membership shall automatically cease should they cease to be enrolled in such institutions. The committee shall be the sole judge of what it considers to be such an institution. A member's child (dependent member) who opts to enroll as a student member will be regarded as a Student Member and will lose their rights as a dependent member.
- f. SERVICE MEMBERS: A service member is any commissioned officer stationed in Madras, in active service in the Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Coast Guard and the Madras Port Trust or officer of the Govt. Of Tamil Nadu or Govt. Of India above the rank of Jt. Secretary and any journalist of the sport's (press) in a registered reputed News Paper. Any officer applying for membership under this category shall have his/her form attested or proposed by their respective organization.
- g. CADET MEMBERS: GENTLEMEN CADETS of the ARMED FORCES, MADRAS, may be admitted as CADET MEMBERS.
- h. HONORARY MEMBERS: The privilege of Honorary Membership may be conferred on any person of outstanding merit or recognition subject to approval by the General Body of Members of the Club.
- i. HONORARY LIFE MEMBER: The privilege of Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on any person of outstanding merit or recognition subject to approval by the General Body of Members of the Club.
- j. OVERSEAS MEMBERS: Overseas Members are such persons who are assigned to Madras for a period of up to three years.

k. TEMPORARY MEMBER: The admission of a temporary member shall be by the concurrence of a confirmed member and that of the Commodore / Secretary.

I. LONG TERM TEMPORARY MEMBER (L.T.T.M): A LTTM is a member above the age of 18 years and is addressed as a long term Temporary Member. This member has no voting rights and is valid for 365 days and could be renewed. A person that joins as LTTM may make an application to convert his/her membership to that of a sailing/annex member by paying the difference of the fees in vogue within 2 years of joining the Club. The committee may or not accept the application or change in the members status. The subscription for the LTTM member shall be 50% more than that of a sailing/annex member in vogue and all other charges applicable to a sailing member will be applicable to an LTTM.

m. ANNEX MEMBER: An ANNEX MEMBER is a member who is above the age of 18 years of age and is addressed as an ANNEX MEMBER. This membership has no voting rights. Annex member who have the Club before 30/09/2005 shall have access to the main Club and by paying boat hire charges may sail. In addition, by paying a sum of Rs. 20,000/- may opt to become a sailing member subject to passing a helms test within 2 years of paying Rs. 20,000/- In the event that one does not pass the helms test, a sum of Rs. 10,000/- will be refunded but continues to be an Annex member. Upon passing the helm's test and for the purpose of ballot and enjoying the status of sailing member, they shall not be required to wait a period of 2 years. The date of admission as per the Club register will be relevant for the purpose of ballot period and enjoying the rights of sailing member. Annex membership will continue to be available at an enhanced rate of Rs. 40,000/- effective from 01/10/2005 and sailing member continues at Rs. 40,000/- both may be subject to change by the committee from Annex to sailing henceforth will be based on the above.

DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS: Wives, and dependent children of members up to the age of 21 years, may use the Club facilities as dependents. Parents of lady, sailing and life members who are above the age of 65 may also use the Club as dependents. However, this facility shall not extend to children above 21 years of age. The member shall be held acceptable for the conduct of his dependents and shall ensure that they abide by all articles and Bye-laws of the Club. The use of the Club and or its facilities by the dependents of the member is subject to the clear understanding that they do so at their own risk and that neither the Club or its officers or its employees or its members their dependents or their guests are liable in any manner for any loss, injury, accidents or death howsoever caused. Dependents of members shall not be eligible to entertain guests in the Club.

A dependent member over the age of 21 years seeking independent membership whose parent has been a member of the Club for at least a period of ten full years, shall have priority in admission, subject to approval by the Club committee through the usual balloting process.

11. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: There will be an annual subscription amounting to Rs.450/- payable in the month of January each year. Life Members who have joined the Club before 30/01/99, Student Members and Honorary Members will not be required to pay this fee.

12. SUBSCRIPTION: All members, other than Student, Life and Honorary Members, shall pay a monthly subscription of Rs.200/- (one hundred and fifty only). A new byelaw being proposed to other than student life and honorary members shall pay a monthly minimum amount of Rs. 300/- per month as his/her bill whether or not he/she uses the Club to that extent. The cost of personal boat repair and maintenance shall not be included for the purpose of minimum billing.

13. ENTRANCE FEE:

a. SAILING MEMBERS: The entrance fee for Sailing Members under the age of 31 (thirty one) years shall be Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only). The entrance fee for Sailing Members above the age of 31 (thirty one) years shall be Rs.40,000/- (Rupees forty thousand only). The age shall be determined as of date of application.

b. LIFE MEMBERS: The entrance fee for life members shall be RS.100,000/- (Rupees hundred thousand only).

- c. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS: The entrance fee for INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP shall be Rs.100000/- (Rupees one hundred thousand only).
- d. LADY MEMBERS: The entrance fee for a Lady Member shall be Rs.5000/- (Rupees five thousand only).
- e. STUDENT MEMBERS: There shall be no entrance fee for STUDENT MEMBERS but they shall pay a monthly subscription of Rs.150/- (Rupees One Hundred and Fifty Only). The Student members on attaining the age of 18 years may apply for Sailing Membership and preference in consideration of their application shall be given to them.
- f. SERVICE MEMBERS: The entrance fee for SERVICE MEMBERS admitted in Article 10(f) shall be Rs.2,500/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred only). Service members shall cease to be members on their being transferred out of Madras.
- g. CADET MEMBERS: The entrance fee for CADET MEMBERS shall be Rs.100/- (Rupees one hundred only).
- h. OVERSEAS MEMBERS: Overseas Members shall pay an entrance fee of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only). If they wish to continue their links with the Club, on departure from India, they will pay Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) as a one time payment.
14. PAYMENT OF ENTRANCE FEES: APPLICATION for membership of the Club for Sailing Members, Life Members, Institutional Members, Service Members, Overseas Members and Cadet Members shall be accompanied by the entrance fee in full. The Committee shall not consider any application which does not include the prescribed entrance fee. APPLICATIONS for membership of the Club for STUDENT MEMBERS and LADY MEMBERS shall be made along with the payment of one month's subscription as may be in vogue.
15. MEMBERS ADMISSION:
- a. A candidate for SAILING / LIFE / LADY / SERVICE / OVERSEAS membership in the Club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member of the Club both of whom shall have been members of the Club for not less than two years and to both of whom the candidate has been personally known. Neither the proposer nor the seconder shall be in arrears as per Article 16. Either the proposer or seconder must be a boat owner.
- b. No candidate who is below the age of 18 years shall be proposed for membership except as student or Cadet Member.
- c. The prescribed proposal form duly signed by the Proposer, Secunder and the candidate along with the prescribed entrance fee shall be handed over to the Secretary who shall place it before the Committee for consideration.
- d. On the acceptance of a proposal by the Committee the candidate shall be provisionally admitted as an applicant waiting for membership and will be invited to use the Club. He / She shall be temporarily entitled to the privileges of a SAILING MEMBER except that of attending / voting at General Meeting of the Club or proposing or seconding any candidate for admission or signing any requisition for a general meeting. He / She shall be governed by all the Articles/Bye-Laws of the Club. The admission of members shall be vested in the Committee and shall be by ballot. At least twenty four calendar months shall elapse between the date of proposal and date of ballot.
- e. The name of candidate, his rank, nationality, place of residence and profession or occupation along with the names of the proposer and seconder shall be posted in a conspicuous part of the Club House at least 30 days before the date of ballot.
- f. A candidate may be withdrawn before the ballot upon a written request to that effect being addressed to the Secretary by the candidate or his proposer.

- g. No ballot shall be valid unless at least seven members of the Committee shall vote and one dissenting vote negatives two assenting votes.
- h. If the ballot proves favourable the candidate shall be immediately notified by the Honorary Secretary and a copy of the Articles and Bye-Laws shall be sent to him. The result of the ballot shall also be posted on the Notice Board of the Club.
- i. If the ballot proves unfavourable a period of twelve months shall expire before the candidate is again proposed for membership.
- j. The Proposer and seconder shall be responsible for any debt incurred by the candidate to the Club during the period of waiting membership.
- k. For those joining after 18/09/99, in the case of withdrawal of a candidate or should the ballot prove unfavourable ONLY 50% OF THE entrance fees shall be refunded after adjusting the amounts if any, due by the candidate to the Club.
- l. If it appears at a later date that there has been a material omission or inaccuracy in the particulars relating to or in describing any candidate in the prescribed proposal form, the ballot may be rendered void at the discretion of the committee.
- m. Any person on his admission to any category of membership shall thereafter be deemed to have notice of and be bound by:
 - i) the Bye-Laws of the Club. ii) The terms of any agreement between the Club and the Madras Port Trust with regard to the right of use of the Harbour Premises. iii) All Port Trust Regulations.

16. MEMBERS' DUES:

- a. All sums due to the Club by the Members, whether towards subscription or otherwise, must be paid in full on the presentation of the bills and in any event, not later than the end of the month following the month for which bills are presented.
- b. It shall be the duty of every member to ascertain whether or not he/she is indebted to the Club and any reasons advanced of non receipt of bills does not absolve the member of liability under these articles.
- c. The amounts due by any member not settled as per Article 16 (a) shall become "arrears". The credit facility open to the member shall be discontinued for with and the member's attention will be drawn to this fact by a letter sent to him by registered post calling letter sent to him by registered post calling upon him to settle his dues in full within fourteen days of the receipt of the notice.
- d. If the member does not clear the 'arrears' within the time allowed, the committee may, after making such enquiries as they may consider necessary, order his name to be posted as a 'defaulter' on the Club Notice Board. The fact of such posting shall be communicated to the member by registered letter intimating him that unless the 'arrears' are paid within a period of one month of such posting on the Notice Board he shall cease to be a member of the Club and his name shall forthwith be removed from the Club's Register of Members.
- e. The Committee may take other steps as they deem expedient for the recovery of all amounts due from defaulters.
- f. Should a member's account at any time show a debit of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees thousand only) the Treasurer may call upon him by letter sent by registered post for immediate payment in full.

If full payment is not made within seven days of the receipt of the letter the committee may take action as provided for in Article 16 (d).

17. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Membership of the Club shall terminate: i) by voluntary resignation from a prospective date by Letter to the Secretary, after payment of all the amounts due to the Club; ii) by failure to pay the "arrears" to the Club under the provisions of Article 15 (d); iii) by expulsion under the provisions of Article 18; iv) on the death of the member.
- b. Provided that a person who has ceased to be a member of the Club, under Article 15 (a) and 17 (a) above may be reinstated by the Committee at his request in writing and on payment of the entrance fee in vogue reduced by the amount of entrance fee paid already. Such reinstatement shall be made only once.
- c. Neither the entrance fee nor the Annual subscription nor any part of either shall be refunded to any member whose membership terminate under Article;
- d. A member whose membership has been terminated must return the Harbour Pass issued too him/her failing which the Club reserves the right through the Port Security; Authorities, to repossess the same.

18. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:

In the event of the conduct of any member in the Club or outside, being in the opinion of the committee injurious to the prestige of the Club or affects port security or on the happening of any event which in the opinion of the committee would render the continuance of the member injurious to the prestige and interest and character of the Club, or in the case of any infraction by the member of any of the Bye-Laws as the committee may after giving the concerned member reasonable opportunity to show cause, suspend such member for a period not exceeding three months provided however that if the committee should considerate advisable in the interest of the Club they may call upon him to resign or remove him from membership by a resolution of the committee passed by not less than eight of its members being agreeable to the same and be effective from the date it is communicated to the said member by registered post and also posted on the Club notice board. Further if a member wishes to resolve his / her differences concerning the R.M.Y.C in a court of law he / she may do so only after bringing up the matter in a General Body meeting. He / she may call for a General Body meeting as per article No.31 of the bye laws of the Club.

19. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP:

- a. A Lady Member admitted under Article 10 (d) shall cease to be a member in the event of any change in her marital status. Should she wish to continue her membership, however upon a change of her marital status, she shall apply for continuation, her spouse shall use the Club only as her guest but with no restriction as specified under Clause XXVII and without guest fees. If the additional Entrance Fee is not paid then the Lady Member's membership shall cease forthwith.
- b. SERVICE MEMBERS: SERVICE MEMBERS who retire after having enjoyed membership for a continuous period of two years may opt to become SAILING MEMBERS on payment of Rs.1,500/- (Rupees One thousand and five hundred only).
- c. SAILING MEMBERS: Sailing members who have been members for a continuous period of ten years and who are 40 years of age and above may opt to become LIFE MEMBERS on payment of the difference - his initial entrance fees and that of life member in vogue. Any member who has been a continuous sailing member for 20 years or more and after attaining the age of 55 will be allowed to convert to the category of "Senior Member".

Once having converted, the monthly subscription, regatta fees and capsizes fees payable will be only 50% of that in vogue.

- d. STUDENT MEMBERS: Student Members who complete three years of continuous membership and regular participation in sailing activities may be considered for election as SAILING MEMBERS by the Committee on payment of 25% (Twenty five percent) of the entrance fee in vogue for Sailing Members).
- e. SENIOR MEMBER is one who is above the age of 55 years and has been admitted to the Club as a sailing member or lady member and has been a member continuously for over 20 years. Their monthly subscription and other fees shall be 50% of those in vogue. The conversion may be done on the written request from the member and after acceptance of the same by the committee.

20. MEMBERSHIP LIMIT:

a. In order to ensure an optimum membership, commensurate with facilities available, the committee is empowered to accept membership to an overall ceiling of 250 members of all classes. This figure will not include Overseas, Student, Long Term Temporary Members, Temporary members, Honorary Members, Honorary Life Members, Senior Members and Cadet Members. The Committee may at its discretion and in unforeseen contingency increase this membership by 10%. Any further increase shall be considered by the General Body. The Committee may accept upto 100 Annex Members only. The committee may with its discretion and in increase the membership by 10%, any further increase shall be considered by the general body.

b. Notwithstanding what is stated in Article 20(a) above The Committee may admit individually "Temporary Members" for the purpose of sailing for a period not exceeding 30 days in all, in anyone calendar year. Such temporary members shall pay a fee of Rs.10/- per day in addition to the charge levied by the Port Trust for passes. Temporary members shall observe all the Articles & Bye-Laws of the Club and shall use the Club's facilities only on payment of cash. They shall not be entitled to bring guests to the Club.

21. AFFILIATED CLUBS: Rules governing use of affiliated Clubs by members will be according to the reciprocal arrangements entered into with the Clubs concerned and as per the rules and regulation of the affiliated Club/s.

22. RECIPROCAL MEMBERS: The Committee may, at its discretion grant facilities to other Clubs in and outside India on a reciprocal basis. Reciprocal members shall be governed by such Rules as the Committee may decide from time to time.

23. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB: The affairs of the club shall be managed by a committee of management referred to in these articles as COMMITTEE, comprising the Commodore, The Vice Commodore, The Rear Commodore, The Deputy Conservator of The Madras Port Trust (or in his absence an Officer of the Port nominated by the Chairman) The Captain of Boats, The Honorary Secretary, the Treasurer, The Official Handicapper and Measurer - all shall be boat owners - and four Members none of whom need be boat owner. The Committee shall remain in office for a period of two years. In the event of a Committee Member's post becoming vacant or found "not Properly contested" for any reason what so ever, the same shall be filled only through the process of a BYE ELECTION. However floor nominations may be accepted at the General Body Meetings.

TO FURTHER READ: And the actions of all individual Committee Members shall be subject to review by the committee, only whose decision shall be final.

- a. No member shall be Commodore for more than two consecutive years; but he shall be eligible for re-election two years after the end of his term of office.

- b. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The ordinary meetings of the committee shall be held at least once a month by giving six days clear notice. The Hony. Secretary may, whenever he deems it necessary and shall, on the requisition of any four members of the Committee call for special Meetings of the Committee by giving at least three days clear notice to all members of the Committee.
 - c. QUORUM: Any four members of the Committee shall form a quorum. If at any meeting there are less than four members present at the immediately following meeting, three members shall be enough to form a quorum.
 - d. CONTROL: The Committee shall have control of the funds and of all properties of the Club.
 - e. VACATION OF OFFICE: Except for the Life Commodore and the Deputy conservator of the Madras Port Trust, any member of the Committee who is absent for three consecutive meetings of the Committee without obtaining leave of absence from the (Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his office. The Committee shall have power to decide any question arising out of the application of this clause.
 - f. SUB-COMMITTEES: The Committee may form subcommittees with the power to co-opt other members to participate in these sub committees. Sub-Committees for (a) Sailing (b) Premises (c) Catering (d) Bar (e) Entertainment may be formed. These Sub-Committee shall function under the overall direction of the main committee. Decisions of the Sub-Committee must in all instances be approved by the main Committee.
 - g. VACANCIES: In the event of the Office of THE COMMODORE becoming vacant between two Annual General Meetings by death or resignation the VICE COMMODORE shall become the commodore.
 - h. SALARIED OFFICE: No member of the Club shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Club or to any office of profit in the Club.
 - i. SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS: The Committee shall ensure that a statement of accounts showing the income and expenditure of the Club and the Profit and Loss on its working during the preceding month be laid before it once in 3 months, together with a statement of the actual liabilities and of the over due amounts by members to the Club on the 1st of the current month.
24. a. CHAIRMAN: THE COMMODORE or in his absence THE VICE COMMODORE shall take the chair at all meetings of the Club. In the event of none of these officers being present, the meeting shall elect a Chairman among themselves.
- b. HONY SECRETARY: THE HONORARY SECRETARY or in his absence the Hony. Treasurer or in their absence a member of the Committee acting under its authority shall call all meetings of the Club. The Hony. Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the meetings in the books provided for the purpose, which books shall be produced at the meetings.

He shall conduct all correspondence and general business of the Club, have charge of all Club property and control of the Club Staff. The Honorary Secretary shall submit to the General Body each year an annual report on the affairs of the Club which must include the number of committee meetings held and the number attended by each committee member.

The Honorary Secretary shall at all times function under the directions of the Committee.

- c. HONY.TREASURER: THE HONORARY TREASURER

shall keep a correct account of all monies received and disbursed by him in books provided for this purpose. He shall receive all monies due to the Club and make all payments on its behalf. He shall produce a statement of accounts once a month to the Committee. Soon after the close of the official year, the Hony. Treasurer shall also furnish to the Committee a statement of Income and Expenditure for the year, as also a balance sheet as at the year-end for their approval. He shall, in conjunction with the Hony. Secretary have the annual statements duly audited by the Auditors of the Club, printed and forwarded to the members before the Annual General Meeting and a in accordance with the articles of association. The power to handle the Club operating funds shall be vested under the direction of the Committee in the Honorary Treasurer and / or the Honorary Secretary who shall jointly or with one other committee member as signatory operate the bank accounts of the Club. However there will be capital funds of the Club with Scheduled Banks which shall be operated with the Commodore of the Club signing along with the Secretary and/or Treasurer. The Honorary Treasurer shall at all times function under the directions of the Committee.

d. CAPTAIN OF BOATS: THE CAPTAIN OF BOATS shall be responsible for all activity outside the Club house in the premises of the Club and on the water. He shall be responsible for advising on the condition of the Boats and assisting members to maintain their boats in good repair. He shall be responsible for the good condition of Club boats, for the engagement and discipline of staff employed for the maintenance of boats, and the making of petty payments. The transfer of the ownership of boats shall be recommended by the CAPTAIN OF BOATS and presented to the Committee of Management for approval, and which Committee's decision shall be final. The Captain shall be responsible for arranging Team Practices and shall in conjunction with the Commodore be responsible for selection of teams, Student and Cadet Members will report to the Captain.

e. HANDICAPPER AND MEASURER: THE OFFICIAL HANDICAPPER AND MEASURER is responsible for the Annual Sailing Programme and reselling of races. He shall maintain the charts for races conducted and the handicap table for helmsmen. He shall be responsible for the measurement of boats and sails according to their initial costs. He shall also be responsible for the correctness of the Officer of the Day's instruction sheet in the Club house, the chart of marks and allied matters.

He shall update and bring into force the current Yachting Association of India Racing Rules, as these rules are amended periodically by the International Yacht Racing Union.

25. ACCOUNTING: The Club's accounting year shall be from April to March.

26. FILING OF DOCUMENTS WITH REGISTRAR: The Club shall prepare and file with the Registrar all such records, annual and other statements as specified in the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975.

27. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS: The funds of the Club shall be invested in the manner provided by the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975.

28. SUPPLY OF BYE-LAWS ETC TO MEMBERS: The Club shall supply to any member, on application, and payment of a fee of Re.1/- (One Rupee) for copy of each document required copy of the following:- a. these Bye-Laws b. the receipts and expenditure account. c. the balance sheet.

29. EMPLOYEES:

a. No employee of the Club shall; be reprimanded or punished or abused by any member, In the event of a fault being found with an employee it shall be stated in writing to the Honorary Secretary who in consultation with the Committee if necessary will deal with the same and communicate the result to the member concerned.

- b. PROVIDENT FUND/STAFF RETIREMENT BENEFITS: Terminal Retirement Benefits for staff of the Club shall be provided through a Provident Fund Account for all permanent members of its staff and such other as may be necessary.
- c. CHRISTMAS BOX: Over the years the Club has maintained an annual Christmas box, the monies from which are disbursed at the time of Pongal to the Club staff in recognition of their services during the year. The Committee may indicate the desired member's contributions for this purpose during December of each year.

30. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- a. Atleast one Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held every financial year by giving 21 days' clear notice.
- b. The Annual General Meeting shall elect, once every two years, a Managing Committee out of the SAILING, LIFE, LADY AND SERVICE MEMBERS of the Club.

The Commodore, The Vice-commodore, The Rear-commodore, The Captain Of Boats, The Hony. Secretary, The Hony. Treasurer, The Official Handicapper & Measurer and four other members whose, eligibility shall be as per Article 23(a).

The Office-bearers and Committee need not be elected en bloc, should the nominations received for these posts be less than the stipulated vacancies, as they are voted into office individually, so long as they are in sufficient number to form a quorum for Committee Meetings All vacancies arising there from may be filled up by proposals from the floor of the General Meetings, or by later co-option if the former requirement is not for any reason possible.

- c. Sailing Members, Life Members, Lady Members, Overseas Members and Service Members shall normally be eligible to receive notice of and attend / vote at all general meetings of the Club.
- d. A corporate body admitted as an institutional member shall not be eligible to vote nor be a member of the management committee.
- e. No member who has not settled his dues up to two months before the date of a general body meeting shall be qualified to take part in the proceedings of or vote at the general meetings provided, however that the said member shall be entitled to take part and/or vote at the general meetings if such arrears are paid before the close of office on the day previous to the day of the meeting.
- f. No member:
 - 1. who has not been a full member for a continuous period of two years, OR
 - 2. who has not settled in full his dues upto two months before the date of the General Body meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting shall be eligible for election to any office or to propose or second any candidate for any office of the Committee.
- g. Every candidate to any official on the Committee shall have, not less that fourteen clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting left at the Office of the Club a Notice in writing under his hand signifying his candidature for an office in the Club or as a member of the Committee, duly attested by his proposer and seconder. Provided also that the candidature may be withdrawn at any time by the candidate on his proposer not less than three clear day before the date of the Annual General Meeting or on the floor by the permission of the Chair.

- h. The Club shall inform all its eligible members not less than seven days before the meeting the names of the candidates proposed for election.
- i. No voting shall be necessary if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of posts.
- j. Voting papers shall be prepared and duly attested by the Hony. Secretary and shall be handed over to each eligible member present at the General Meeting and sign his name in the prescribed Register / List.
- k. Each member shall be entitled to vote on the voting paper and shall deposit it in the Ballot Box. The voting papers shall be scrutinized by a Committee of three members nominated by the Chair and the results declared by posting on the Notice board of the Club.
- l. Every eligible member present shall have, on a show of hands or in case of ballot, one vote only. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote in the case of equality of votes either by ballot or show of hands. No member shall be entitled to be represented by a proxy or agent at any General Meeting.
- m. The quorum of all General Meetings of the Club shall be fifteen eligible members, four of whom shall be boat owners.
- n. If no quorum is present at the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same time and day the following week at the same place and time and the eligible members then present form the quorum.

All nominations to the Committee received from the earlier General Meetings which was adjourned for lack of quorum shall be valid for consideration and election at the adjourned meeting.

- o. If at the adjourned meeting the vacancies to the Committee are not filled up the outgoing members of the Committee shall be deemed to have been reappointed at the adjourned meeting.
 - p. No business shall be decided except such as contained in the Agenda of the notice convening the meeting but in the event of any proposal being put forward at the meeting with the permission of the Chair it shall be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.
 - q. The Club at each Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and fix their remuneration. No member of the Club shall be eligible of being appointed Auditor of the Club. The Auditors' Report shall be read to the General Meeting and shall be open to inspection by any member.
31. EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:
- a. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be convened by the Committee by giving 21 days clear notice.
 - b. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall also be convened by the Committee on a requisition in writing by twenty eligible members six of who shall be boat owners setting out the matter or matters for the consideration of which the meeting is to be called. The Committee shall then, within twenty one days of the receipt of such requisition, call for a meeting on a date not later than forty five days from the date of receipt of the requisition for consideration, of these matters. In default of the committee proceeding to call for a meeting as provided herein before, the meeting may

be called by the requisition themselves giving 21 days clear notice to all eligible members and as provided for in these Articles.

- c. No Business shall be considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting other than that contained in the notice convening the meeting.
 - d. A notice may be given by the Club to any member either by handing it over to him in person or by sending it over by post duly stamped and properly addressed to the last address registered in the Club. If the notice is returned undelivered then it shall be deemed to have been well served if it is then posted on the Notice Board for a period of three consecutive days.
32. PATRON: The Managing Committee of the Club shall, by a resolution, invite the Chairman of the Madras Port Trust to be the Club's Patron during his terms of office.
 33. BYE-LAWS: The Club may make any alteration / modification / change / addition / deletion / to these Bye-Laws only through a Special Resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of such members of the Club entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy (in case proxies are allowed) at a general meeting of which notice of not less than 21 days before the day appointed for such meeting specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given. Provided that, if all the members entitled to vote at any such meeting so agree, a resolution may be passed as a special resolution at a meeting of which a notice of less than the period prescribed under this article has been given; Any alteration / modification / change / addition / deletion so made to these Bye-Laws shall be registered with the Registrar of Societies and on such registration take effect from the date of passing of such resolution. Any such alteration / modification / change / addition / deletion and all other such decisions of the Committee pertaining to Bye-Laws shall be posted on the Club's notice board and shall be intimated to the members by post at least six weeks from the date of the resolution.
 34. EXHIBITION OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS ETC: The Club shall exhibit the register of members, the book/s containing the minutes and a books of account at its registered office during business hours for inspection by its members of the same free of cost.
 35. COMPLAINTS: A book shall be maintained by the Club to enable any member to make suggestions or complaints regarding the management of the Club. The Honorary Secretary shall consider all complaints and suggestions and may put up to the Committee such complaints and suggestions as he may deem necessary.
 36. DAMAGE TO CLUB PROPERTY: Any damage to any Club property shall be paid for by the person furnishing it and such amounts as may be fixed by the Committee in respect thereof shall be recovered in the same manner as amounts due for subscription.
 37. DUES: Every expense incurred by a member of any category shall be acknowledged due by his / her a Club's chit / bill.
 38. BUOYANCY AIDS: Wearing of a buoyancy jacket while on the water, is mandatory for each member of the crew at all times. Buoyancy aids should be carried in all boats without fail.
 39. TRAINING AREA: The boat basin should be used to teach the basic arts of sailing. This may also be used for sail board sailing.
 40. SAILING PROFICIENCY: Members who have attained a certain level of proficiency will be required to pass a proficiency test to be conducted by a member of the Sailing Committee before taking the helm of a boat in the outer harbour or open waters. He may however do so earlier provided he has a proficient crew who can helm.

41. RETURN OF BOATS: All boats under normal condition should return to the Club premises not later than 15 minutes after sunset.
42. GUESTS: Guests may be introduced to the Club on not more than six occasions in anyone calendar year. The name and address of the guest so introduced, the name of the introducing member and the date of introduction shall be entered in the Guest Book' before the guest is allowed to use any of the facilities of the Club. Every member introducing a guest shall be responsible for his / her compliance with the Bye-Laws of the Club.
- Members introducing guests will be charged a fee in addition to the charge levied by the Port Trust for passes. The Committee shall have the power to prohibit the use of the Club by any dependent or guest of a member without assigning any reason and such power shall be exercised through the Honorary Secretary. No member shall be permitted to bring any person as a guest who;
- has been expelled from the Club under Article 18 OR
 - whose application for membership has been rejected by the Committee OR
 - who has been posted as a defaulter or has been suspended from membership by the Committee.
43. FEES FOR GUESTS: A guest fee as decided by the committee in "the rules of the Club" will be charged on members introducing guests. Guest charges will not apply to children below the age of ten years.
44. TIPPING: No member shall give any employee of the Club any gratuity on any pretext whatever and any employee found to have received a gratuity may be liable for disciplinary action. The Committee shall take cognizance of any member found violating this Article.
45. CHARGE AND FEES: The Committee shall have the power to levy charges or fees as applicable for Berthing of Boats, Hire of Boats, Fees for Races, Boat Repairs, Gun Money and for such other requirements as it may deem fit. It shall also maintain CAPSIZE and REGATTA FUND and ensure that monies thus acquired shall be credited to the Boat Fund and utilised by the Committee to cover costs of recovery of capsized boats and for the basic organization of a regatta.
46. CLUB FLAG: The Club flag shall be a Navy Blue Burgee with a Palm Tree in yellow in the center and a Royal Crown in the upper canton. The Commodore's flag shall be a Swallow tailed burgee with the Crown and Palm Tree. The Vice Commodore's flag shall be a similar burgee with one white ball in the lower canton and the Captain's shall have an additional ball in the lower fly of the flag. The Club's burgee should normally be flown on boats when out cruising. When participating in inter Club sailing the Club racing flag shall be flown, this being provided by the Club. The racing flag shall be a rectangular flag in Navy Blue with the crown and palm tree depicted.
47. SALE OF BOATS: The Committee shall have the power to frame Bye-Laws for the sale of Boats, calculation of prices of Boats parts and spares and will maintain a record of the various classes of boats.
48. TROPHIES: The Club has the following challenge cup and trophies which may be competed for annually :-
1. Willingdon Cup, 2. Wilson Cup, 3. Goschen Cup, 4. Scovill Cup. 5. Silver Jubilee Cup, 6. Ruffle Memorial Cup, 7. Carmichael Cup, 8. George Romilly Cup. 9. The Deavina Plate, 10. Elliot Memorial Cup, 11. Pentland Cup, 12. Rose Bowl, 13. Golconda Trophy, 14. Johnnie Walker Trophy, 15. Ria Cup, 16. Craigfeon Cup, 17. Mellor Cup, 18. The Kolar Cup, 19. Alexandra Cup, 20. Timson Cup, 21. Dufferin Cup.

The committee may at its discretion institute more trophies and races. Rolling trophies won by members shall not be taken out of the Club premises under any circumstances.

49. DAMAGE LOSS TO PERSONS PROPERTY: The Club is / shall not be liable for any loss damage or injury whatsoever, or howsoever caused, suffered or sustained by any person, adult or minor, within or on the premises of the Club including the waters and / or the Port Trust area or other premises over which it has control or with which it is in any way connected.

50. RULES FOR SAILING:

1. The rules for sailing, racing etc. Shall be in accordance with those laid down by the I.Y.A.

2. Each owner of a boat shall register with the Club:

a. The types and description of his boat;

b. The name and addresses of the last owner;

c. The name of any member left to represent him when he is absent from Madras, as owner, giving the name and address of such person;

d. And ensure that all sails have been measured before use by the official handicapper and measurer and intimate at that time the cost of sails.

3. The classes of boats recognized by the Club are: a. Water Wag, b. Enterprise, c. Laser, d. Sail Boards, e. Optimist, f. Cadets. And any other class of sail boat which has a functional Class Association in the Country. Also, power boats may be recognized on the recommendation of the Sailing Sub Committee through the Captain Of Boats.

4. There shall be a monthly berthing fee as decided by the committee in "The Rules of the Club".

a. That schools and colleges may affiliate themselves with the RMYC by paying a refundable interest free deposit of Rs. 1,000/-; and yearly fees of Rs. 150/- per institution or such as decided by the committee under the "Rules of the Club" Maximum of five children from that school will be allowed the sailing facility of the club at a time. It will be imperative that each child furnishes an indemnity bond from its parent indemnifying the club or its management from any loss / accident to the children. This must be authenticated by the school. The children are always to be accompanied by an adult nominated by the institution. The charges to obtain port charges will be extra at actual. (This is being proposed with a view of bringing about inter school competitions and therefore taking the sport to schools)

5. HIRE OF BOATS: A charge by the Club of Rs. 10/- per outing will be made by the Club to the member taking out a boat which does not belong to him / her. The fee thus collected will be credited to the boat owner's account.

6. LASCARS:

a. All Lascars employed by the Club shall function under the control of the Captain.

b. A member may hire on application on the day of a race the services of a Club lascar, if available, at Rs. 5/- per race, plus gun money of Rs. 10/- when applicable, recoverable by debit to his account and paid to the lascar concerned at the end of the month. Student members shall be exempted from such charges.

7. RACE ENTRANCE FEES: The entrance fee for all races shall be Rs. 5/- per boat. All such fees shall be placed to the credit of the Club funds. Student members shall be exempted from such charges.
8. CAPSIZE & REGATTA FUND: A fee of RS.10/- per month will be collected by the Club from each member towards the CAPSIZE AND REGATTA FUND. The funds thus collected shall be credited to the BOAT FUND and be utilized to cover costs of recovery of capsized boats and the basic organization of a regatta. Life / Student members shall be exempted from this charge.
9. REPAIRS: The Club will, if so desired, assist in the repairs and supply of maintenance stores. Members desiring to have any repairs or replacements shall not down their requirements in the Boat Repair Book. Materials for such repairs, replacement or overhauls, supplied by the Club will carry a 10% surcharge over and above the cost incurred by the Club in procuring the material.
10. SALES OF BOATS: In order to ensure active continuation and to safeguard the best interests of members, the sale of boats or shares in boats shall require the prior approval of the Committee.
11. CALCULATION OF PRICES:
 - a. The prices of the hull and spares shall be assessed by the sailing Sub-Committee taking into consideration, the condition of the boat and monies spent on repairs and maintenance twelve months prior to the date of sales.
 - b. When sails are sold the maximum price shall be determined on the basis of a reduction of 12 ½ % (twelve and a half percent) of the original cost for each year, commencing from the date of measurement as recorded by the official handicapper and measurer.
12. RECORD: A record of each boat registered with the Club shall be maintained by the Captain of the Boats.
13. REMOVAL OF BOATS: No boat shall be removed from the Club premises unless prior approval, in writing, has been obtained from the Committee.
14. SALE OF SHARES IN BOATS: In the case of shared boats the seller of a share shall give the first option to the Co-owner/s. A boat may be shared by a maximum of three owners. Allocation of Boats: Boats belonging to the Club may be allocated on a "6 months at a time" to sailors on the recommendation of the Sailing Sub Committee through the Captain Of Boats [COB]. The charges of allocation of the boat per month are:
 - Optmist : Rs. 400/-
 - Sea Bird : Rs. 1000/-
 - NT : Rs. 600/-
 - Laser : Rs. 600/-
 And will be revised by the committee if the boat hire charges increase. The boat will be for the exclusive use of the allotted and or their nominees for the duration of the allocation; and the boat hire charges during the duration of the allocation will be NIL. All other charges for repair, upkeep, lifting/loading etc.etc will need to be paid by the allotted persons. The C.O.B may reallocate the boat if it is not used for 4 consecutive weeks and the fees paid by the member towards allocation will not be refunded.

15. NEGLECT OF BOATS: The Committee shall have the right to bring to the notice of a boat owner the fact that his / her boat is being neglected and the Club may effect necessary repairs or renovations for the cost of which it has the right to make the owner/s responsible.
16. RESIGNATION OF BOAT OWNER: In the event of a boat owner resigning his membership or losing it under the articles of the Club, the Committee shall have right to dispose of the boat in the manner it deems best.
17. DAMAGE TO BOATS: In the event of boat under hire to a member causing or incurring damage, the person in whose name the boat was taken out shall be liable for damage caused to and by the boat, unless the damage was due to gear failure. The decision of the Committee will be final.
18. That Schools and colleges may affiliate themselves with the R.M.Y.C by paying a refundable interest free deposit of Rs.1,000/-, and yearly fees of Rs. 150/- per institution or such sum as decided by the Committee under the "Rules of The Club ". Maximum of five children from that school will be allowed the sailing facility of the Club at a time. It will be imperative that each child furnishes an indemnity bond from its parent indemnifying the Club or its management from any loss / accident to the children. This must be authenticated by the school. The children are always to be accompanied by an adult nominated by the institution. The charges to obtain Port charges will be extra at actual.
19. A charge by the Club as decided by the Committee under "Rules of the Club" will be made by the Club to the member taking out a boat which does not belong to him/her. The fee thus collected will be credited to the boat owner's account. The crew will be charged 50% of the boat hire charges in addition to the full charges collected from the helm.
51. AFTER CLOSING HOURS: Except for the watchmen, no person shall be allowed to remain within the Club premises after closing hours and under no circumstances will anybody be permitted to stay overnight in the Club or use any part of the Club premises for such purpose.
52. CLUB FUNDS ON WINDING UP : The surplus of income over expenditure of the Club shall be accumulated and utilised to meet any excess of expenditure over income, but on the dissolution or winding up of the Club's affairs, any surplus remaining shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other yacht Club or institution having objects similar to the objects of the Club to be determined by the members of the Club at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof by the High Court of Judicature at Madras.
53. RETURNS: All returns shall be filed by the Hony. Secretary with the Registrar.
54. GENERAL: In all other respects, the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 and the Rules framed there under shall govern the Club.
55. "RULES OF THE CLUB" : The management committee at a meeting of the committee attended by at least 7 committee members is empowered to frame/change the rules of the Club to administer the day to day running of the Club and is to be referred to as "Rules of the Club". Any changes in the rules shall be posted on the Club's notice board and circulated to members subsequently. The Rules shall always be in accordance with the Articles of Association and keeping the rules of the Port in mind.