

Richmond River Sailing and Rowing Club Incorporated

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1. Membership Applications

The application for membership in terms of rule 3(c) shall require the nomination of two adult financial members of the Club.

2. Membership Classifications

- a. **Family Membership** - shall comprise husband, wife (or defacto) and dependent children under the age of nineteen years as at 1st July of the year of membership.
- b. **Single Membership** - shall be a person nineteen years or older as at the 1st of July of the year of membership.
- c. **Youth** under the age of 19 as at the 1st July of year of membership or Full time University Student.
- d. **Racing Sailing Crew Members** – shall be a person who only sails as a crew on another person's boat.
- e. **Honorary Membership** - may be appointed at the discretion of the Committee for such period(s) as may be deemed necessary but not exceeding 12 months. Honorary Members will have all the privileges of membership but will not be entitled to vote at General Meetings or be elected to the Committee.
- f. **Life Membership** - nomination of members who have rendered special or meritorious service to the Club may be considered for the award of Life Membership. Such nominations must be submitted to the Committee in writing, signed by two financial members. Life Members will be entitled to privileges of members. To vote or to be a member of the Committee full membership fees must be paid. Detailed information on the nominee's service to the Club must accompany the nomination. Decision to award a Life Membership will require a three quarters majority of all Committee members.
- g. **Sail Pass Member** – a free membership for up to three selected sailing days.
- h. **Rowing Member** – shall be a person who rows.
- i. **Social Member** – shall be a person who uses the amenities for reasons other than sailing. People who hire the hall for non-sailing use or business must be social members.

3. Patrons

Patron(s) may be appointed by members at an Annual General Meeting.

4. Auxiliary Officers

The following positions may be appointed by the Committee:

- a. Canteen Officer
- b. Handicapper
- c. Sail Training Officer

Officers so appointed may have the option to appoint an assistant and/or sub-committee if deemed Necessary & approved by committee.

Management Committee members (other than office bearers) shall be eligible for election to an Auxiliary Officers position. Shall a position not be filled at an Annual General Meeting, the

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Committee may, at its discretion, appoint a member to fill the position.

Persons appointed as Auxiliary Officers (other than Committee Members) will become ex-officio members of the Management Committee.

5. Sailing Program

- a. Incoming Committee shall select sailing dates for the next season.
- b. A program for the season will be distributed to members with the first available newsletter.
- c. Members are responsible to acquaint themselves with the Club program and/or social activities.

5.B Rowing Program

- a. The Rowing Officer shall indicate to the Commodore any intention to hold a Regatta during the year.
- b. The Rowing Officer shall communicate with the regional or State Rowing association to determine the date of any regatta.
- c. The Rowing Officer shall inform the commodore of the desired regatta date in order to avoid clashing of club events and to enable an MSB License to be obtained for the day or days.
- d. Programs for any rowing activities will be distributed to all club members (Sailing and Rowing).

6. Duty Officers (Sailing only)

- A. The Committee shall appoint Duty Officer(s) or delegate someone to do that, to assist with the conduct of Club races. Names of members appointed will be circulated.
- B. Duty Officers shall be awarded points for a race missed while so acting, equal to the average points for both handicap and championship races.
- C. Average points is the average of all races in the series except for discarded races.

7. Memorial Race (Sailing only)

A race to be known as "The Ivan Bathgate Memorial Race" is to be held annually and suitable trophy awarded.

8. Club House and Grounds

- a. Members shall be allowed to use the Club rooms, grounds and facilities, provided such activities do not interfere in any way with other members rights.
- b. Members must apply in writing to the Committee for the use of Club facilities for private use and where a fee may be charged.

9. Sailing Club Training Boats

1. The Club training boats are for the purpose of introducing members to sailing without parents incurring the expense of purchasing a boat.
2. The Club training boats are to be use for sail training and will be allocated by the Clubs Sail Training Officer or Committee.

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3. Racing or Hire: the clubs training boats may be used by members for club races once approved by the Sail Training Officer to race in the fleet.
4. Booking/payment - A booking & payment via club website is required for the use of a Club boat except for organized sail training events hosted by club's Sail Training Officer or assistants.
5. Allocation
 - a skipper may have the use of a Club boat for only one financial year.
 - a crew may be a crew for only one financial year, then may serve as a skipper for another financial year.
6. Responsibilities
 - due care of boat and equipment.
 - reporting of any breakages or damage to Rear Commodore
7. Club boats must only be used by a member who has been approved by the Committee to use them. Suitable safety precautions should be undertaken when used outside club race days, such as sailing with other members or alerting a committee member when you are going out.
8. Any skipper or crew missing three (3) consecutive club days may lose the use of the allocated club boat for racing.
9. Booking & use of club boat may be terminated if you fail to arrive in time for the race briefing on the day.
10. A request to sail a boat at another Club venue must be made to the Sail Training Officer.

9.B Rowing Club Training Boats

1. The Club training boats are for the purpose of introducing members to rowing without incurring the expense of purchasing a boat.
2. The Rowing Officer or delegated officer shall consider any applications for selection of any race or training crews including allocation of rowing boats and times of use.
3. Due care of boat and equipment shall be the responsibility of the crew and any damages are to be reported to the Rowing Officer.

10. Boat Storage Agreement with RRSRC

Boat storage must be approved by the Rear Commodore or rowing officer in the case of rowing boats and approved by the committee before paying storage fees or storage of boat.

Please Note: In renewing your Boat Storage arrangement you are reminded of the terms of clause 5 below.

1. That the rental charge for storage will be paid in advance at the rate fixed by the Club from time to time.
2. That the boat shall display its name or registered number.
3. That the boat and its gear will be stored only in the location or such racks or places as the Club's Committee may direct.
4. That the Club may cause the boat and its gear to be moved to other racks or places within its boatshed or yard as the Club's Committee may direct.
5. Priority in allocation of club spots is given to sailing boats that participate regularly in the club's sailing activities. Owners of craft that in the opinion of the Club Committee are not in this category may be asked to remove their craft from the clubhouse during the season to make room for active boats, in which case a pro-rata refund of storage fee may be paid.

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6. That, in the event that: -

- A written or emailed request is made for you to remove your craft from the clubhouse or yard under clause 5 or otherwise and you have not done so within one month; or
- You neither have removed the craft from the boatshed or yard nor entered into a further rental agreement as directed by the committee.

the Club may, without reference to you: -

- a) remove the craft from the club property to any place deemed appropriate: and/or -
- b) dispose of the boat by giving good title thereto by sale, gift charter of any other means without being liable to you for any financial consideration arising from such disposal.

7. That I will hold the Club, its members and its officers harmless in respect of any damage, loss or injury suffered by the boat, its gear or any person as result of the boat being stored in the Club's Boatshed or yard.

11. Insurance

Every boat racing at RRSRC must be covered with Third Party Property and Public Liability Insurance to the sum of at least \$10,000,000 and this cover is to be maintained whenever sailing or storing a boat at RRSRC. (The insurance within YA membership does NOT cover this.) All members must be insured to compete in club races. The onus is on each sailor to be certain that their boat is suitably insured for the current season – Sept to August.

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Agreed to at the 2022 AGM.



Signed:
Commodore RRSRC