

# **Tay Corinthian Boating Club**

## **Constitution and General Rules**

1. Name: The Club name shall be the “Tay Corinthian Boating Club”.
2. Objects: The objects of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of boating in all its aspects.
3. Location: The location of the Club shall be on the Firth of Tay.
4. Flags: The Club flags shall be a blue burgee containing a white St George’s Cross with a red anchor at the centre of the cross and with the initials T.C.B.C. across the fly; also the Red Ensign.

The Commodore – a swallow tail burgee as the Club flag.

The Vice Commodore – as the Commodore’s burgee with a white ball in the upper canton.

The Rear Commodore – as the Commodore’s burgee with white balls in the upper and lower cantons.

Past Commodores may fly a rectangular burgee as the club flag.

5. Members: All persons aged fourteen (14) years and over shall be eligible for membership. All members competing in Club racing events must be of amateur status as defined in the rules of the Royal Yachting Association. The following categories of membership will be available:
  - a) Cadet Member: for those over fourteen (14) years but under eighteen (18) years of age at the commencement of the sailing season, which will be deemed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> of April each year.
  - b) Senior members: for those eighteen (18) years of age and over at the start of the sailing season.
  - c) Associate member: for those who wish to participate in club events as a partner or spouse but do not wish full senior membership.

Only senior members shall have the power to vote at all meetings of the Club

6. Election of Members: Admission to membership of the Club shall be by ballot of the Committee. Applicants for admission shall be recommended by two senior members one of whom shall send to the secretary the prescribed form duly completed by the applicant and signed by the proposer and seconder. All application forms shall be posted on the Club notice board within the clubhouse by the secretary 14 days before the ballot takes place. If dissatisfied with the result of the ballot, the proposer shall have the right to demand a ballot of all the members of the Club at the first General or Special General Meeting thereafter. Any senior member opposing the admission of any applicant should lodge his objection in writing with the secretary prior to the ballot, stating grounds for objection.
7. Life Members: The Club may on the recommendation of the Committee, confer Honorary Life Membership on any person who has rendered good service to the Club. Such a member will enjoy the privileges and facilities of the Club, will not be required to pay any further subscriptions but will have no vote at any meetings.

8. Honorary Members: It shall be within the powers of the Committee to elect as Honorary Members for the current season, such persons as it thinks proper.
9. Officer: The officers of the club shall be a Commodore, a Vice Commodore, who shall be secretary, and a Rear Commodore, who shall be treasurer. All officers shall be senior members of the Club.
10. Management: The management of the club affairs shall be executed by a committee consisting of the officers of the Club and seven (7) ordinary members elected at an Annual General Meeting of the members constituted for that purpose. The officers and members of the committee of management shall serve for a maximum period of three (3) years but may submit themselves for re-election thereafter. During the first period of three (3) years following the adoption of this constitution, not less than three (3) members of the committee will retire annually, such nominated retirals to be determined by ballot at the first committee meeting following the A.G.M. electing the committee. Nominations for election to the committee shall be in the hands of the secretary not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the A.G.M. If insufficient nominations are received during this period, nominations at the meeting will be permitted.
11. Vacancies on Committee: In the event of a vacancy occurring at any time, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member onto the committee to fill the vacancy until the next A.G.M., at which time the co-opted member shall retire from the committee but may stand for election in the normal manner.
12. Expulsion of Members: The Club shall have the power to expel any Member by ballot at any General Meeting of the Club called for that purpose, provided that the majority of those attending and entitled to vote shall be at least two to one in favour.
13. Subscriptions: The annual subscription shall be fixed by members at the Annual General Meeting. No member shall be entitled to partake in any Club event, fly the Club burgee, or use the clubhouse or any other facilities of the Club until such subscription has been paid. Subscriptions are due for payment on election for new members and are renewable annually thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. A period of one month will be allowed for payment, after which time, a list of defaulters will be posted on the notice board for twenty-one (21) days. Any names on the list after this period may be struck off the role of Club members.
14. General Meetings: A period of twenty-one (21) days notice calling a General Meeting of the Club will be required. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in October or November. A further General Meeting will be held at the end of March prior to the start of the new sailing season. A Special General Meeting will be called by the secretary within twenty-one (21) days of receiving a request to that effect, signed by not less than seven (7) Senior Members. Twelve members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Club. The senior flag officer present shall take the chair at all meetings or, failing this, the meeting shall elect a chairperson for the duration of the meeting. The chairperson shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote. The minutes of the last preceding General meeting shall be read at each General meeting and if adopted as a true record, shall be signed by the chairperson in witness thereof.
15. Notices calling any General Meeting shall give details of all business to be conducted at that meeting and discussions at such meetings will be confined to the business stated in the notice.

16. Committee Meetings: meetings of the management committee shall be held monthly or at the discretion of the committee as appropriate. Five (5) members personally present shall form a quorum at a meeting of the committee.
17. Duties of the Committee:
  - a) The Secretary will keep a roll of member's names and addresses and shall exhibit a copy of the roll within the clubhouse. He will with the assistance of the Committee, arrange for all races, call General Meetings, notify new members on election, keep proper minutes of all meetings and conduct the correspondence of the Club.
  - b) The Treasurer will acknowledge subscriptions and other monies received by the Club, will make all necessary disbursements and will ensure that all surplus funds are banked with a recognised Bank as soon as practical. He will prepare an annual statement of the Club's financial position and present this to the Annual General Meeting each year. To enable this, the Club accounts for the year will be closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Two (2) ordinary members will be elected at the A.G.M. to examine the financial records of the Club and will report on the financial statements presented to the members.
  - c) The Committee will assist the Secretary and Treasurer in the above and will appoint sub-committees when necessary to look after the Club's assets and other interests.
18. Funds: The Club's funds shall be banked in the name of the Club and shall be withdrawn from the bank only on the signature of any two (2) officers consisting of the Commodore, Secretary and the Treasurer.
19. Trophies: All trophies shall be returned to the Secretary at the clubhouse by the last Friday in September each year. Holders of trophies shall be responsible to the Club for their safe custody and shall, if required give a satisfactory guarantee to the committee.
20. Alteration of Constitution and General Rules: These rules may be altered or rescinded at any General Meeting called for that purpose. Notice of proposed alterations shall be included in the notice calling the General Meeting.
21. Acquiescence in Rules Implied: Persons elected to membership of this Club shall be held to have acquiesced to these rules, any modifications made hereafter and any further bye-laws made from time to time by the committee.
22. Members, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, entirely at their own risk and accept:
  - a) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to any member, their guests or visitors.
  - b) The Club will not accept any liability for any personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club either sustained by members, their guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the Officers, Committee or servants of the Club.

23. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club. Such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Club by resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution and if, and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable trust

By order of the Club in General Meeting. 15<sup>th</sup> April 2000

E. Milton Commodore

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Amended by General Meeting. 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006

L. Johnston Commodore

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Amended by General Meeting. 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008

L. Johnston Commodore

## Record of Amendments

26<sup>th</sup> October 2006

Paragraph 5: added new class of “Associate member (c)”.

25<sup>th</sup> March 2008-04-30

1) Paragraph 5 (a) Change date to: 1<sup>st</sup> April each year

2) Paragraph 13: Change to “Subscriptions are due for payment on election for new members and are renewable annually thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> April”.

3) Paragraph 14, General Meetings: Delete sentence, “An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in November”. Replace with: “ The Annual General Meeting will be held in October or November. A further General Meeting will be held at the end of March prior to the start of the new sailing season”.

4) Paragraph 17, Duties of the Committee: Sub paragraph b): Following the sentence “The Treasurer will acknowledge subscriptions and other monies received by the Club, will make all the necessary disbursements and will ensure that all surplus funds are banked with a recognised Bank as soon as practical”. Add sentence “To enable this, the Club accounts for the year will be closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September”.