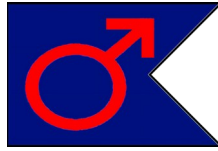


# VANGUARD SAILING CLUB OF WORKINGTON



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Vanguard Sailing Club Rules.

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1. The name of the club shall be the Vanguard Sailing Club of Workington hereafter referred to in these rules as the Club.
2. The object for which the club is formed is to promote and facilitate the sport of yachting and also to provide social and other facilities for the members. There will be no restriction of membership on the grounds of sex, age, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
3. The club shall consist of Honorary members, Ordinary members and Associate members. Definitions: Ordinary members are all the Ordinary members of the club at the date of the AGM 2014 together with members subsequently elected who join the club. The definition of a sailing boat shall be at the sole discretion of the Council.  
Associate members shall be those members who do not qualify as Ordinary or Honorary members and include those whose privileges are restricted to the use of

the slipway for the launching and recovery of their boats and the parking of their vehicles in the club car park.

4. Any person, whether or not a boat owner, who is keen or interested in sailing and boating is eligible for Associate membership.

5. Every candidate for Ordinary membership shall be proposed by an Ordinary member and seconded by another Ordinary member. Every proposal shall be in writing, signed by the proposer, seconder and the candidate and sent to the club Secretary/Treasurer. Every proposal for membership shall state the name and address of the candidate and also state that the proposer and seconder feel the candidate is a fit and proper person to be a club member and owns a third share in a sailing boat and his / her principal object is to pursue sailing activity,

6. Every application for Ordinary membership shall be approved by 2 Club officers unless there is an objection to the application, when it would be referred to the next Council meeting for approval.

7. The Club on the recommendation of the Council may in the general meeting elect Honorary members.

8. Any member retiring from the Club shall notify his intention on or before the 31st December otherwise he/she shall be liable for the next year's subscription.

9. Every member on joining the Club impliedly undertakes to comply with these rules and subsequent amendments. Any refusal or neglect to comply or conduct, which in the opinion of the Council is unworthy of a member or injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Council. The Council will listen to the member's explanation of his conduct and give him the chance to defend himself or resign. The Council vote on expulsion will be by ballot and will only be carried if not less than three quarters of the Council members favour the resolution.

10. The Burgee and other distinctive articles of dress shall be approved by Council.

11. An entrance fee for membership may be payable on joining the Club at the discretion of the Council.

12a. Members, according to their categories, shall pay an annual subscription as decided by the Council. This is paid on joining the Club and thereafter on the 1st day of January in each year. If the member joins after 31st of July then the subscription will be half the annual subscription. If a member joins after 30th of September his subscription will be for the following year.

12b. Temporary members may from time to time be appointed by the Council at such a subscription as the Council wishes.

13. Members shall also make the annual payments for mooring fees as set by the Council entitling the Ordinary member to the exclusive use of a Club Mooring.

14. All annual subscriptions and mooring fees are due on the 1st of January each year. Any member (Ordinary or Associate) who has not paid his dues by the 31st of March shall be sent a reminder to pay. At the discretion of Council, any member who has allowed their dues to lapse by more than 30 days from receiving this reminder could be struck from the Club register. No member shall be entitled to exercise his rights or privileges of membership until his subscription for that year and mooring fee have been paid in full.

15. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, the Vice Commodore, the Hon Treasurer, the Hon Secretary, the Hon Sailing Secretary, and the Hon Mooring Master. The Commodore shall be elected at the AGM for a period of 3 years. The other Officers are elected at each AGM for a period until the next AGM when they can be re-elected.

16. All property of the Club including land and investments shall be held by the Trustees for the time being on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. The Trustees act in accordance with the Council's directions and have the power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the Clubs benefit. The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Council out of the Club assets against any liability, costs, expenses and payments whatsoever may be incurred exercising their duties for the Club or in relation to any legal proceedings related to their performance as Club Trustees.

17. The Council shall consist of the Club Officers and no more than 8 other members all of whom are elected at the AGM by ordinary members. In addition 2 other members shall be elected by Associate members. The quorum at a Council meeting is 4 and the questions decided by a majority vote with the Chairman having a second or casting vote if there is equality of votes.

18. If a casual vacancy arises by death or resignation the Council may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.

19. If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the election shall be by ballot.

20. The Council 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, and shall make such byelaws, rules and regulations as they think fit as to the management of the Club and its premises. The Council or Hon Secretary as agent for the Club and its members shall enter into contracts only so far as they are expressly authorised by implication from these rules. Neither the Council or Hon Secretary shall pledge the credit of the membership beyond the subscription payable by such membership without the express authority of the membership. 21. A member of the Council and the Hon Secretary or Hon Treasurer in transacting business for the Club shall disclose to 3rd parties that he is so acting.

22. In pursuance of the authority vested in the Council by the members of the Club, members of Council are entitled to be indemnified by the members of the Club against any liabilities properly incurred by them, or by the Hon Secretary on behalf of the club, where ever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be reasonably assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club. The limit of member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one years subscription at the then current rate unless the Council has been authorised otherwise by a meeting called under Rule 29.

23. The Hon Treasurer is responsible to keep a complete and accurate account of the Clubs finances.

24. At the Annual General Meeting in each year a member or other person shall be appointed as Hon Auditor whose duty is to audit the accounts of the Club for the current year. In the event that he is unable or unwilling to act the Council shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the next Annual Meeting.

25. The funds of the Club shall be kept by the Treasurer under the supervision of and in such a place and manner as shall be determined by the Council.

26. The Club accounts shall be made up to the 31st December each year. The Council shall cause to be prepared and audited a statement of receipts and expenditure and a balance sheet made up to the 31st day of December which shall be submitted to the Club at the next AGM.

26. A notice convening the AGM is sent to every member prior to the meeting.

27. The Council may give sailing instructions which may be mandatory as ordered.

28. An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of March at a place to be decided each year by the Council. The business at such a meeting shall be the election of Officers and Council, the election of Auditors, the passing of the

accounts, any business that the Council may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting and any other business of which the Hon Secretary has been given 21 days notice prior to the meeting.

29. The Council may at any time and shall upon the requisition to be signed by 5 Ordinary Members stating the business for which it is required, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting for any specific purpose and the discussion at such a meeting shall be confined to the business stated on the notice sent to members.

30. The Hon Secretary shall at least 14 days before any general meeting deliver to every member at his last known address (or email address), a notice of the meeting stating the business of the meeting and the time and place of the meeting. No business other than business of a formal nature shall be brought forwards at any general meeting unless notice is given as stated in Rule 28. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or non receipt of a notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

31. At all general meetings the chair shall be taken by the senior officer present or if no officer is present by some member chosen by the meeting. Every question (unless otherwise expressly provided by these rules) shall be decided by a majority of votes. Only Ordinary members shall be entitled to vote on any matter other than election of Associate members to Council as per rule 17. Changes to these rules shall require a two-thirds majority of Ordinary Members present and voting. The Chairman shall have a second and casting vote. The quorum at the General meeting shall be 10 members and only members present may vote if qualified

32. A member of any Club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association may be authorised to use the premises of the Club by a member of the Club Council. Such authorisation must specify the dates of authorisation which must be less than 14 days.

33. Any person who is a competitor or crew member in any race by or on behalf of the Club is entitled to the use of the Club premises within a period of 24 hrs before and after the race they are competing in.

34. The Hon Secretary or any other person who has received the authority of 2 members of the Council may expel temporarily or permanently any person who has the right to use the Club premises only under Rules 32 and 33.

35. Every member allocated a mooring shall fill in a mooring agreement in a form prescribed by the Council which shall include an indemnity in general terms and an undertaking not to use the mooring for commercial purposes.

36. Every boat allocated a Club Mooring shall be covered against third party risks in such sum as may from time to time be prescribed by the Council. Evidence of such insurance should be given to the Hon Secretary on an annual basis.

37. Notice of any alteration or addition to the rules or motion to dissolve the Club to be proposed by a member of the club or by the Council shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least 28 days before the same is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting or at least one month before any special General Meeting at which the same is to be brought forwards and full details of this will be sent in a notice convening the meeting.

38. Dissolution Notice must be given of a motion to dissolve the Club and such a motion must be passed by a majority of three-quarters of those present and voting at a general meeting. On such dissolution the assets of the Club shall be paid or transferred to such persons or body as the meeting decides by a simple majority and in default of agreement to the Royal Yachting Association.