

CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

CLUB RULES

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1. NAME

The name of the club is "The Chichester Cruiser Racing Club" and the burgee of the club shall be white with Red border and Blue Motif.

2. OBJECTS

- (a) To provide competitive racing and social events for its members.
- (b) To encourage and to be helpful to those sailing cruiser owners who have never raced or cruised in company and who would like to do so.
- (c) To maintain a co-operative liaison with "The Chichester Harbour Conservancy", "The Chichester Harbour Federation", and Yacht or Sailing Clubs located within Chichester Harbour.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (i) Full Members - open to sailing cruiser owners who normally keep their vessels in Chichester Harbour. In instances where yachts are jointly owned, each additional person may be accepted as a full member on payment of 50% of the full membership subscription.

Full membership shall not be granted to owners of motor cruisers, multi-hull yachts and vessels considered by the Executive Committee to be of

abnormal or unsafe design and/or construction.

Membership may also be refused in the case of owners having unusually large yachts, i.e. greater than 21.9 ft I.O.R. MK III or 35 ft L.O.A., in the interests of providing fair competition.

- (ii) Associate Members - open to non-owners of sailing cruisers and owners of vessels not qualifying for full membership interested in supporting the activities of the club.

- (iii) Absent Members - open to Full and Associate Members who are unable to actively participate in the Club's activities but wish to retain membership. Such members, which shall not exceed 10% of the total membership, shall be placed on a restricted mailing list.

- (iv) Honorary Members - Honorary membership may be granted to any person at the Executive Committee's discretion.

Only Full, Joint or Associate Members are eligible to serve as Officers or as members of Committees and Sub-Committees.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

All applications for membership shall be vetted by a Membership

Sub-Committee, who may if deemed necessary, require the applicant to attend for interview. Applicants who are already a member of a club within Chichester Harbour will not require nomination but for others two referees are desirable, although not mandatory.

All memberships approved shall be subject to confirmation after 12 months from the date of election.

5. RETIREMENT

Any member desirous of retiring from the club shall notify his intention to the honorary secretary on or before the 21st December otherwise he shall be liable for the next year's subscription.

6. EXPULSION

Every member on joining the club impliedly undertakes to comply with these rules and Sailing Instructions, which are separately issued. Any refusal or neglect to do so or any conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the club shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Executive Committee provided that before expelling a member the Executive Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and shall give him an opportunity of defending himself or of resigning his membership. The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot and the resolution shall only be carried if not less than three quarters of the members of the Executive Committee present vote in favour of the resolution.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription payable on election and on the 1st January in each year shall be as follows :-

1.	Full Members	£10.00
2.	Associate Members & Joint Members (See 3(i))	£ 5.00
3.	Associate Members	£ 2.00
4.	Honorary Members	Nil

Such subscriptions shall remain until otherwise altered by a majority vote at the A.G.M.

Any member who has not paid his subscription by the 1st day of February shall be requested in the name of the committee to pay the same within fourteen days, and if his subscription is not paid by the 1st day of March, his name may be removed from the list of members by the Executive Committee. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the Executive Committee. In any event, non-payment by the 1st day of February will preclude inclusion of that member's name in that year's Handbook.

No member shall in any year be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership until his subscription for that year and all arrears (if any) are paid.

A member elected after the 1st October in any year who shall have paid his subscription for that year shall not be required to pay any subscription for

8. OFFICERS

The Officers of the club shall consist of a Commodore, a vice-Commodore, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and an Honorary Sailing Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election. No candidate for election to any office (other than the retiring Officers) shall be proposed unless the approval of the candidate shall have been first obtained.

9. COMMITTEES

- (a) The Executive Committ shall consist of the Officers, ex-Officers, and three members of the club elected by the Annual General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members and appoint the Sailing Committee and Sub-Committees as required.
- (b) The Committees 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.
- (c) The Committees shall make such byelaws, rules and regulations as they think fit as to the management of any club premises and its activities

- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the club's finances.

10. HONORARY AUDITOR

At the Annual Meeting in each year a member shall be appointed as Honorary Auditor whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the club for the then current year. In the event that he is unwilling or unable to act, the committee shall appoint a substitute.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on some day in the month of October or November, to be fixed by the Commodore. The Honorary Secretary shall at least 14 days clear before the date of such meeting post or deliver to each member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat.
- (b) No business other than the passing of the accounts, the election of the Officers, Committee and Honorary Auditor, any business that the Executive Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting, and any relevant subject accepted by the Commodore shall be discussed at such meeting.
- (c) The Executive Committee may, on giving fourteen days notice, call a General Meeting of the club for any specific business,

the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting , and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to that business only.

- (d) The Executive Committee shall also call a General Meeting on the written request of twelve members.
- (e) At a General Meeting of the club each member shall have one vote. In case of an equality of votes , the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

12. NEW RULES , AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS

- (a) Notice of any alteration or a addition to the rules intended to be proposed by a member of the club shall be given to the Secretary in writing before the 1st September if 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 forward , and full particulars of any such proposed alterations or additions shall be set out in the notice convening the meeting.
- (b) All such proposed alterations or additions and any amendments to them which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to the vote of the meeting , and provided that on a show of hands or , if demanded , on a poll , a majority of two thirds of the votes of those members present and voting shall be cast in

favour of any proposed alterations or additions or amendments then the same shall be deemed to be carried.