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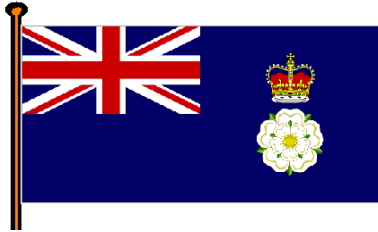
OF THE

ROYAL YORKSHIRE YACHT CLUB

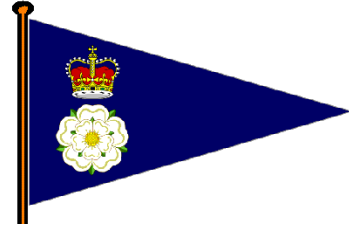
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Flags of the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club



Ensign - The Club Ensign is the Blue Ensign of H.M.'s Fleet defaced in the fly by a white heraldic Rose of York in conformity with the Admiralty Warrant dated 7th November 1929 .

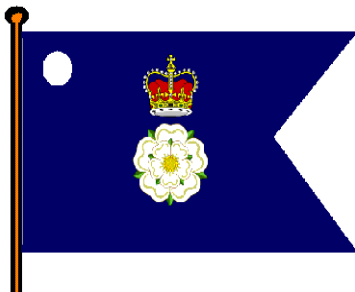


Club Burgee - The Club Burgee is a blue pendant with a white heraldic Rose of York surmounted by a yellow Imperial Crown.

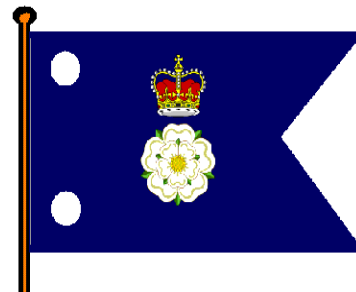
Flag Officers Pendants - are each a blue broad pendant displaying the same device as the Club Burgee with the following distinction in the case of the Vice Commodore whose pendant has a white ball in the upper canton next the staff; and in the case of the Rear Commodores the addition of one white ball in the upper canton and one white ball in the lower canton both next the staff.



Commodore



Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore



Past Commodore's Flag

A rectangular Flag displaying the same device as the Club Burgee to be flown at the masthead whilst still a Member of the Club.

RYYC RULES (2010)

Section 1 Name and objects.

Rule 1 The name of the Club shall be the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club (hereinafter referred to in these Rules as the Club).

Rule 2 The objects for which the Club is formed are to promote and facilitate community participation in the sport of yachting and water craft activities and to provide social and other facilities for Members and guests as may be from time to time determined.

Section 2 General and Administration.

Rule 3 Interpretation In these Rules

- Words importing a masculine gender include the feminine gender and where the context admits words importing a singular number include the plural.
- AGM means the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- The Committee means the General Committee.
- Meetings are duly convened meetings for which an agenda or notice has been circulated.
- The Flag Officers are the Commodore, The Vice Commodore and up to three Rear Commodores.

At any meeting of the Club the Chairman shall rule on any dispute as to the correct interpretation of these Rules and the ruling will be binding on the meeting.

Rule 4 Chairman

The Commodore may elect (specifically or generally) to chair all meetings. In any case where the Commodore waives the right hereby conferred to take the Chair the first business of a meeting shall be to elect a Sailing Member to take the Chair. If the waiver shall apply to all meetings the membership at the first of any meetings following the AGM shall determine the Member of that Committee or meeting to take the chair for the meeting or if so determined for all or any ensuing meetings up to the next AGM or for any other period of time Subject Always to the right of the Commodore to rescind the waiver at any time.

Rule 5 Voting procedure and poll of Members
(See Rule 17 for voting rights)

- a) Unless otherwise required in these Rules voting shall be by show of hands and determined by a majority of those Members present and entitled to vote.
- b) In the case of equality of voting the Chairman of a meeting shall have a second or if not having already voted a casting vote except on the election of Members to the Committee which shall be decided by lot.

c) A poll of Members entitled to vote may be required at any General Meeting of the Club by not less than two fifths (to be determined by a recorded vote) of Members present and entitled to vote and (if subsequently required by the Committee) upon an undertaking by those recorded as in support of the motion to pay any of the costs involved in the conduct of the poll. At the conclusion of business at such General Meeting it shall be adjourned pending the return of polling papers.

Arrangements for conducting the poll shall be undertaken by the Commodore who may request a Flag Officer or a Trustee to act in his place. Such arrangements shall be agreed by the Committee at the meeting immediately following the approval of the motion and shall include the circulation by post of printed polling papers stating the motion, and including a reply paid envelope endorsed "Polling Papers" to be sent to all Members entitled to vote. The polling papers shall be opened at the reconvened General Meeting. A majority for or against the motion shall be binding on the Club.

The same or similar motion cannot be made the subject of a further poll until the expiration of 11 calendar months from the date of the original General Meeting.

Rule 6 Notices

Any notification to Members on behalf of the Club, including notices of meetings, shall be sent to the last known address of the Member, except that where a Member has provided an e mail address notification by this means will be deemed to be acceptable to the Member and constitute due notice. The Club will not accept any responsibility for failure to send notification resulting from inaccuracies in or not updating details provided and it shall be a duty of members to provide or correct these.

Rule 7 Service of notices

Subject to the preceding Rule any notice, request or the like under the provision of these Rules shall be in writing and if to the Club be delivered or sent by post to the Secretary, RYYC, 1, Windsor Crescent YO15 3HX, or otherwise as determined by the Committee and recorded as a Byelaw of the Club.

Rule 8 Nominations

Nominations for Flag Officers or Honorary Officers of the Club shall be in writing countersigned by the nominee (if not the proposer) and must be received by the Secretary not later than 7 clear days prior to the AGM.

Nominations for membership of the Committee shall be in writing countersigned as above and must be received by the Secretary not later than 2 clear days prior to the AGM.

Rule 9 List of Members

A list of Members with their addresses and names of any craft notified as in their ownership or shared ownership shall be maintained as directed by the Committee and circulated as determined by the Committee.

Rule 10 Profits

The Club is a non profit making organisation and no profits or surpluses arising out of the carrying on of the affairs of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the purposes of the Club or other non profit making organisation or for charitable purposes and in the case of excisable goods in accordance with Rule 31.

Section 3 Membership

Rule 11 There shall be two classes of membership, namely Sailing and Social.

- a) Sailing Member. (as identified in the following categories, i) to vii).
 - i) Being a person approved by the Committee as a Sailing Member.
 - ii) Life Member. Being a Member who having attained the age of 65 and having paid at the maximum rate (or any discounted rate if so offered by the Committee) not less than 25 annual but not necessarily consecutive subscriptions as a Sailing Member following written application and election to this category of membership by the Committee.
 - iii) Senior Member. Being a Member having paid at the maximum rate (or any discounted rate if so offered by the Committee) not less than 25 annual but not necessarily consecutive subscriptions as a sailing Member following written application and election to this category by the Committee.
 - iv) Cadet Member. Being a person approved by the Committee having not yet attained the age of 18 years.
 - v) Associate Member. Being a person who is an approved nominee of another sailing club or educational or youth organisation having as one of its aims the fostering or furtherance of yachting and water craft activities, in accordance with decisions made from time to time by the Committee for governing such membership.
 - vi) Temporary Member. Being a person having attained the age of 18 years who is admitted to the temporary use and privileges of the Club premises
 - by the Committee for such period as they shall determine; or
 - on the proposal of two Members countersigned by two Members of the Committee for a period not exceeding two calendar months.
 - vii) Honorary Member. Being a person nominated by the Committee for election at an AGM and subject to be re-election annually at an AGM.
- b) Social Member. Being a person approved by the Committee as a Social Member.

Rule 12. Election of Members

- a) With the exception of Cadet Members no person shall be elected to Membership until attaining the age of 18 years.
- b) An application for membership shall be in the form prescribed from time to time by the Committee.
- c) A candidate submitting an application to become a Member of the Club in either the Sailing or Social categories may do so by delivery, by post, or on-line.

All applications received shall be entered in a register of candidates and provided 2 clear days have elapsed since receipt of the application it shall be reported to the following meeting of the Committee which may only refuse applications for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. After being approved the applicant shall be admitted as a Member in the Category so determined by the Committee for a probationary period of 12 calendar months. At the expiry of such period, unless a decision to terminate membership is made by the Committee at any point during the probationary period (and for which no reason may be required or given), the probationary status of the Member shall cease and the period of membership shall be taken from the date of admission in accordance with Rule 13d)ii).

- d) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of yacht racing and water craft activities on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, or other grounds which may be determined by the Committee.

Rule 13 Subscriptions and Fees

a) Amount. Entrance fees and subscriptions shall be decided from time to time by the Committee and subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year.

- b) i) The Committee may determine fees and subscriptions less than those determined as in a) above, in particular for family members which expression may include co-habiting adults and any children within their guardianship who are elected as Cadet Members.

ii) The Committee may suspend payment of subscriptions.

c) Members in arrears

A Notice shall be sent to any Member whose subscription is not paid by 1st March in any year and in the event of non-payment by the 31st March of the same year following decision by the Committee the name of any defaulter shall be posted on the notice boards of the Club.

Defaulters shall cease to be entitled to use any of the facilities or privileges of the Club on being so identified so long as payment is not made, and any defaulters who have not paid the due subscription shall cease to be Members at the discretion of the Committee.

d) Payment of fees following notice of Membership

i) Following acceptance as a Probationary Member a notice shall be sent in a form and manner to be determined by the Committee drawing attention to the Rules of the Club and any Byelaws as set out on the Club web site.

ii) The Candidate shall within 7 days of receipt of such notice remit the amount specified in the notice and shall not become a Member until this payment is received.

iii) Receipt of payment shall be conclusive as to date of commencement of Membership and proof of agreement to comply with and be bound by the Rules and Byelaws of the Club.

Rule 14. Conduct of Members

a) Every Member upon joining the Club becomes entitled to all the benefits and assumes the responsibilities which membership imparts and is deemed to have notice of and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club rules and current Byelaws of the Club as the same are set out on the Club web site.

b) Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or is injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a Member liable to expulsion from membership by resolution of the Committee.

Provided that, before expelling a Member, the Committee shall call upon such Member for a written explanation of the Member's conduct and shall offer a full opportunity of giving an explanation to the Committee, or of resigning.

Rule 15 Resignation of Members

A Member wishing to resign shall give notice of resignation at least 7 days before the next AGM after which no resignation can take effect except upon payment of the subscription for the current financial year and the said subscription shall be a debt to the Club.

Rule 16 Liability of and to Members and visitors

Members and guests and visitors are bound by the following, and this Rule shall be exhibited in a prominent place on the Club premises: -

Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and any of the other facilities of the Club or partake in Club activities entirely at their own risk and thereby impliedly accept the following: -

a) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to Members their guests or visitors to the Club.

b) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising directly or indirectly out of the use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club or partaking in Club activities sustained by Members their guests or visitors or caused by any of the aforesaid 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, the Committee, Members or employees of the Club.

Rule 17 Voting Rights

(See Rule 5 for voting procedure)

The right to vote at any meeting of the Club or in a poll of Members shall only be exercised by Sailing Members (including Probationary Sailing Members) elected pursuant to Rule 11)a) within categories i), ii) and iii) having paid the full annual membership fee as determined within Rule 5a) PROVIDED that any Member who is otherwise qualified and paying a lower rate fee as determined by the Committee shall be entitled to vote.

Section 4 **Officers**

Rule 18 The Officers of the Club if appointed shall be:

- The Commodore, Vice Commodore, and up to three Rear Commodores; all of whom shall be Members entitled to vote.
- The Honorary Secretaries, the Honorary Measurer, the Honorary Time Keeper, the Honorary Solicitor, the Honorary Treasurer;
- The Trustees.

Rule 19 Election of Officers

All Officers (except the Trustees) shall be elected annually at the AGM, and if any such Office in the Club becomes vacant the Committee may elect a Member to fill such vacancy until the next AGM.

Rule 20 The Honorary Secretaries

Honorary Secretaries, if appointed, shall be responsible for specific tasks as may from time to time be assigned by the Committee duly recorded in the minutes of the Committee.

Rule 21 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for specific tasks as may from time to time be assigned by the Committee duly recorded in the minutes of the Committee.

Rule 22 The Trustees

- a) Appointment. There shall be at least 3 and not more than 5 Trustees of the Club who shall be nominated and appointed from time to time as considered necessary by the Committee in conjunction with the Trustees. A trust Corporation may be appointed by the Committee to act jointly with the Trustees or as a sole Trustee.
- b) Tenure. A Trustee shall hold office until death, resignation or by resolution removing the Trustee from office which can only be passed at a meeting of the Committee following publication of the proposal to remove in the notice of the meeting by a majority comprising two thirds of those present and voting.
- c) Property. All the property of the Club (except cash in hand) including land buildings and investments of any nature shall be held by the Trustees upon Trust for the benefit of the Club in accordance with the directions of the Committee and whether held individually in their own names or jointly with any other Trustee or jointly and exclusively in any other capacity which shall include being a Director and/or Shareholder of a Limited Company or such other Corporate entity.
- d) Nomination and appointment. As and when required the Committee shall nominate by resolution new or additional Trustee(s) and shall as soon as practicable ensure that all lawful steps are taken to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after such nomination.
For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Commodore is hereby designated as the person to appoint Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 (or any subsequent provision to the same effect) and shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated
- e) Powers. The trustees shall only act in accordance with the directions of the Committee in regard to any property of the Club held by them and shall have power to sell lease mortgage or pledge any such property for the benefit of the Club in compliance with directions of the Committee which shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the Committee.

- f) Indemnity and limit of liability. The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Committee out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses, and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them in the exercise of their duties in relation to any of the property of the Club vested in them, or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee. Further, the liability of the Trustees for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club AND this provision shall be incorporated in every contract, lease, license or other agreement entered into by the Trustees on behalf of the Club.
- g) Any Trustee engaged in any profession or business shall be entitled to charge for work done by him or his firm on behalf of the Club.

Section 5 Honorary Appointments

Rule 23 The Committee may make recommendations for Honorary Appointments other than those provided in these Rules and any such recommendation will become effective following consideration of the recommendation at an AGM if approved by a majority of two thirds. Any appointment under this Rule shall be subject to re-election annually at the AGM by a simple majority.

Section 6 The General Committee

Rule 24 Constitution

- a) The Committee shall consist of the Officers ex officio and 9 Sailing Members if elected. Not more than 6 Sailing Members (who will carry out a designated role or duty) may be co-opted by the Committee.
Retiring Flag Officers may elect to continue their membership of the Committee for the year following retirement.
- b) At the AGM each year elected Members who have served on the Committee for 3 years since last elected shall retire. A retiring Member shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) Election to the Committee shall be by ballot if one is required, to be conducted at the AGM.
- d) In the event of equality of votes the position will be resolved by lot.
- e) If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled each of the candidates shall in turn be deemed to be elected on a show of hands by a majority of those present and entitled to vote.
- g) A casual vacancy as an elected Member on the Committee may be filled or not as determined by the Committee until the next AGM.
- h) Subject to the Rules the Committee shall determine all arrangements for holding and conducting meetings.
- i) The quorum for meetings shall be 8 Members entitled to vote.

Rule 25 Powers

- a) The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Club, and the only exception are those matters reserved by these rules for determination at the AGM. Any matter approved by resolution at an AGM which is not so reserved, or arising under Any Other Business shall be referred to the following Committee meeting for consideration and determination.
- b) The Committee may make such Byelaws as deemed necessary and cause these to be exhibited in the Club premises and on the Club web site for 14 days prior to implementation. Such Byelaws will be included on the agenda for consideration at the following AGM.
- c) The Committee may form Sub Committees which shall include a Dinghy Section Sub Committee, or appoint Group Leaders to advise and assist with the conduct of Club business, and membership of Sub Committees or Groups may include Members who are not Members of the Committee.

Rule 26 Indemnification of the Committee

In pursuance of the authority vested by Club Members in the Committee, Members of the Committee are entitled to be indemnified by the Members of the Club against any liabilities incurred on behalf of the Club which are of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be so.

The limit of such indemnity shall be a sum equal to the current rate of subscription for that Member unless the Committee has been given authority to exceed such limit at a General Meeting of the Club.

Section 7 Annual and General Meetings

Rule 27

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year within six calendar months of the financial year end on a date to be fixed by the General Committee of which 14 clear days notice setting out the agenda shall be given to Members.
- b) The Quorum for Annual and General Meetings shall be 20 Members entitled to vote.
- c) The following shall be included on the agenda for an AGM
 - To confirm minutes of the previous AGM
 - To adopt reports and accounts
 - Elections of Flag Officers
 - Election of Honorary Officers
 - Election of Honorary Appointments (Rule23).
 - Election of Honorary Members (Rule 11a) vi)
 - Election of Members of the Committee
 - Election of the Accountants
 - To read the names of the Trustees
 - Any other business, including items proposed under d) below
- d) The Committee shall arrange for the inclusion of any item on the agenda for the AGM requested by a Member and relevant to the Club's affairs of which notice is duly given not less than 28 clear days prior to the date of the AGM PROVIDED that the Committee may decide as considered appropriate to accept an item requested as above notwithstanding the lack of due notice.

- e) Special General Meetings (elsewhere in these Rules referred to as General Meetings) may be called by the Committee, or on a requisition stating the object of the meeting and signed by at least 10 Members entitled to vote.
- d) Fourteen clear days notice setting out the object of a General Meeting shall be given to Members after posting notice of the Meeting on the Club premises.
- f) A General Meeting shall not be convened if the object of the meeting will be the same or similar to a motion considered by an earlier General Meeting until 11 calendar months have elapsed since the earlier meeting.
- g) Subject to the requirements of Rule 33 (Amendment of Rules) and Rule 34 (Dissolution and distribution of assets) decisions by a majority of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting shall be binding on the Club unless a poll be demanded by two fifths of those present and entitled to vote when the meeting shall stand adjourned as required in Rule 5) c).

Section 8 The Dinghy Section Sub Committee

Rule 28 The Dinghy Section shall be constituted from those Members of the Club who on acceptance as Members or afterwards formally identify themselves as Dinghy Section Members.

- a) The Dinghy section will convene annually at a meeting (which is open to all Members) at least 7 clear days before the AGM and if required by the Committee shall nominate a Member to be one of the Rear Commodores of the Club.
- b) The quorum for such Annual Meetings will be 10 Members entitled to vote
- c) This Meeting will appoint a Dinghy Section Sub Committee (DSSC)
- d) i) The membership of the DSSC shall comprise the Flag Officers and the following if elected at the Dinghy Section Annual Meeting -
Dinghy Captain; Vice Captain; Committee Secretary; Dinghy Race Officer; Treasurer of the DSSC; and up to 3 other Member for specific purposes.
- ii) The quorum for a meeting of the DSSC shall be 5 Members entitled to vote.
- iii) The DSSC may co-opt up to 3 Members for specific purposes.
- iv) The DSSC may appoint Group Leaders as in Rule 25c) above.
- v) The DSSC shall determine frequency of meetings.
- e) The DSSC shall administer dinghy racing at Blyth Park; ensure that land and buildings are maintained in accordance with the Lease terms for Blyth Park; and maintain accounts on a monthly basis for presentation to the Honorary Treasurer.
- f) The DSSC shall be responsible for controlling income and expenditure for sailing and building maintenance and other activities approved by the Committee at Blyth Park in accordance with an approved budget to be agreed by the Committee by the 30th November each year.

Section 9 Purchase and supply of excisable goods

(The following Rules are required by the Licensing Acts and the power to amend the Rules to comply with any amendment to the Acts shall be vested in the Committee PROVIDED that any such amendment is reported to the following AGM.).

Rule 29 Purchase and supply.

The purchase by the Club of excisable Goods and the supply thereof on Club premises shall be exclusively and solely under the control of the Committee or of a special sub committee appointed by the Committee.

Intoxicating liquor may only be sold for consumption on the Club premises to persons over the age of 18 who are entitled to use the Club premises in pursuance of the Rules, Byelaws, for the time being in force. No Member under the age of 18 may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor or tobacco products within the Club premises.

Rule 30 Hours of sale.

The Committee shall cause the Club bar(s) to be opened (subject to the terms of the Club premises certificate) at convenient times (which shall be prominently exhibited on the Club premises) for the sale of excisable goods to those persons entitled as aforesaid PROVIDED THAT visitors' names shall have been entered in the Visitors' Book upon entry to the Club premises.

Rule 31 Profits from sale.

No person shall take a commission, percentage or other such payment in connection with the purchase of excisable goods for the Club.

Any profit deriving from the sale of such goods shall (after deduction of the cost of provision) be applied to the provision of additional amenities or the purchase or replacement of property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Club.

Rule 32 Accounts.

Proper accounts of all purchases and receipts shall be kept and presented at the AGM in each year and to enable any statutory return or statement and the payment of any excise or other duty to be made. Such information as above shall be furnished to the Secretary, Accountants or other person within the Club responsible for making such return, statement or payment.

Section 10 Amendment of Rules

Rule 33 Voting on rule change

Any motion put to an Annual or a General Meeting of the Club relating to the creation, repeal or amendment to any Rule shall not succeed except by a majority of two thirds of Members voting and entitled to vote being in favour.

Section 11 Dissolution of the Club

Rule 34 Dissolution and Distribution of assets

- a) If at a General Meeting of the Club a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of three quarters of those present and entitled to vote and provided a Poll of Members in accordance with Rule 5 has not succeeded the Trustees or failing them the Committee shall take action to convert into money all the assets and property of the Club.
- b) If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities of the Club any monies or property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members of the Club but shall be disposed of to one or more of the following:
 - i) to another club with similar sports purposes; and/or
 - ii) to another club which is a charity or is a registered community amateur sports club; and/or
 - iii) to the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community purposes.