

Chapter 3 Addendum

To The Turn of the Century

In 1897 the 1893 Rules of the Club were amended as follows:-

GEELONG YACHT CLUB

RULES

1. The Club shall be called the "Geelong Yacht Club", and shall be for the purpose of promoting yachting in Corio Bay.
2. The club shall consist of the present members and of such other members as may from time to time be elected and who shall be amateurs as defined by the rules of the Victorian Yachting Association.
3. The annual subscription shall be a minimum subscription of Ten shillings and sixpence but may, if found necessary, be increased by a resolution at any annual general meeting carried by a majority of three fourths of the members present at such meeting.
The Club year shall commence on the 1st day of October, when the Annual Subscription shall be due, which must be paid on or before the 1st day of November in each year; and no member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club after that date until his subscription be paid.
4. Any member neglecting to pay his subscription after having received a written or printed notice to do so, shall, at the expiration of one month from the date of such notice, render himself liable to be struck off the Club's roll of members, at the option of the Committee, who shall have full power to act in such manner, and such defaulting member shall not again be eligible for election until he has paid up all arrears of subscription.
5. Any person desirous of becoming a Member of the Club, must be proposed by one Member of the Club and seconded by another Member, (who shall be responsible for the first year's subscription of such new Member) and his name, address and occupation, together with the names of his proposer and seconder, must be exhibited on the notice board in the Club-room for one week after which he shall be eligible for election by ballot at any meeting of the General Committee held thereafter. One black ball in three to exclude. The subscription of such new Member shall be paid within one calendar month after his election.
6. The funds of the Club shall, after providing for all such expenditure as the Committee shall deem advisable, be devoted to prizes to be sailed for, under such rules and regulations as the Committee may fix from time to time.
7. The shed, landing stages and all property belonging to the Club shall be for the sole use of members who shall comply with the Rules and Bye Laws and under no circumstances shall non-members, or Members not complying with the Rules and Bye Laws, be allowed to make use of same except by special permission of the Committee or two of the officers of the Club.
8. The Officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Captain, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.
9. The General Committee shall consist of the Officers and six other Members of the Club. The General Committee shall conduct the general business of the Club, the election of

- Members, and generally supervise the work of Sub-committees and employees, and make bye-laws as they may consider necessary.
10. The General Committee shall appoint such Sub-committees as may from time to time appear necessary and all action of such Sub-committees shall be subject to revision by the General Committee.
 11. The Annual Meeting of Members shall be held during the first week in October, when the Report and Balance-sheet, duly audited by an auditor appointed by the General Committee shall be read and at such Annual Meeting the officers and the Committee and the Delegates to represent the Club on the Victorian Yachting Association shall be elected for the ensuing year; should any vacancy among the officers, members of Committee or Delegates occur during the year, the appointment to fill such vacancy shall be vested in the hands of the Committee.
 12. At General and special meetings twelve members and at Committee meetings, five Members shall form a quorum. In the event of no quorum being present after the expiration of fifteen minutes the Hon. Secretary may adjourn the meeting to such time as may be deemed advisable. The chair shall be taken by the senior Commodore present, and in the absence of such officer, the meeting shall elect a chairman.
 13. Special General Meetings of members may be convened by the Hon. Secretary at seven days' notice when directed by the Committee, or in response to a requisition signed by not less than twelve members of the Club, such requisition and notice to state the object of the meeting.
 14. The Captain shall have full charge of the club house and all other property of the Club.
 15. The Hon. Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all Club and Committee meetings and see that they are duly confirmed. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Club, and keep a correct list of Members, Club rules and Bye Laws posted in the Club House.
 16. The Hon. Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Club, which must be paid into the Club's account, at the bank. He shall produce, at the Annual Meeting of Members, a Balance sheet, duly audited, showing receipts and expenditure for the year.
 17. The property of the Club shall be vested in the hands of not less than three Trustees who shall remain in office until death or resignation, or removal by a General Meeting of Members.
 18. Any charge against a Member of wilfully infringing the Rules, By-Laws or sailing regulations, or of unbecoming or dishonourable conduct; or of acting in any way prejudicial to the interests of the Club, must be made in writing to the Committee, and a copy of the charge shall be sent to the accused. If, after investigation the Committee consider the matter ought to be brought before the Club, they shall convene a Special Meeting of Members for the purpose; a notice of such meeting shall be sent to each Member and shall also be forwarded to the Member accused and if the charge is proved, he shall be liable to be expelled by a ballot of the Members present. One black ball in three to expel.
 19. The Club's pennant shall be blue and red vertical, with yellow foul anchor, the red portion to be at the tail.
 20. In all Club races, the crew shall consist of Members of the Club only (subject to the Sailing Regulations) unless otherwise decided upon by the Committee.
 21. Any Member wishing to propose an alteration or addition to the Rules or Sailing Regulations, must give notice in writing at a General Meeting of Members of the proposed alteration or addition; and if duly seconded at that meeting a Special meeting of Members shall be convened for a date not less than seven days later, when a vote shall be taken, or he shall give notice in writing signed by the proposer and seconder to

the Hon. Secretary, who shall post the proposed alteration or addition in the Clubroom for not less than seven days after which he will convene a Special General Meeting of Members at which a vote thereon shall be taken and in either case no such alteration or addition shall take effect unless carried by a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and voting.

22. The Sailing Regulations of the Club shall be those adopted by the Victorian Yachting Association amended, if necessary, to suit local requirements.
23. Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club must give notice of his intention to do so in writing to the Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer before the 30th day of September in each year.
24. A boat used as a working boat or which shall at any time be let on hire to non-members or which shall in the opinion of a majority of the Committee be otherwise unfit shall not be placed on the Club Register and a boat belonging to more than one Member shall not be placed on the Club's Register unless each and every owner of such boat be a member of the Club.
25. Any boat on the Club Register shall be entitled to fly the Club Burgee.
26. A boat belonging to a Member of the Club will be placed upon the Club Register upon the owner of such boat supplying all necessary particulars to the Honorary Secretary.
27. The Commodore's flag shall be the Club Burgee swallow tailed.
28. The Vice Commodore's flag shall be the Club Burgee swallow tailed and with one white ball in the upper corner.
29. The Rear Commodore's flag shall be the Club Burgee swallow tailed and with two white balls in the upper corner.
30. The Captain's flag shall be the Club Burgee with one white ball in the upper corner.
31. The Club Badge shall be the Club Burgee in colour surrounded by the letters G.Y.C. in a gold wreath.
32. The Harbour Master of Geelong shall be an Honorary Member of the Club during his term of office.

BYE-LAWS

1. A visitor to Geelong proposed and seconded by two Members of the Club one of whom must be a member of the Committee shall be entitled to the privileges of Honorary Member for a period of one month from the date of his proposal.
2. A Member or visitor shall not be permitted to swing a hammock or make a bed in the boat house or otherwise utilise the boat house for sleeping accommodation and anyone offending against this Bye Law shall at once forfeit all privileges of membership.
3. Boat owners using the Boat House for storage purposes shall pay a fee of ten shillings and sixpence in addition to their subscription.
4. Sea bathing from the premises of the Geelong Yacht Club is forbidden.
5. Any Member or visitor offending against any of the Rules or Bye Laws for which no special penalty is provided shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding ten shillings on demand from the Hon. Secretary and in default shall at once forfeit all privileges of Membership