



Wivenhoe and Rowhedge Yacht Owners' Association

CONSTITUTION

The name of the Association shall be the **WIVENHOE & ROWHEDGE YACHT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**. The word 'Association' in the Constitution shall refer to the 'Wivenhoe & Rowhedge Yacht Owners' Association'.

The aims of the Association shall be:

- 1 To perpetuate the established use of Wivenhoe and Rowhedge as a yachting centre.
- 2 To safeguard the interests of yachtsmen and boat owners for whom Wivenhoe and Rowhedge are home ports and who regularly lay-up in the River Colne.
- 3 To cooperate with riparian owners in:
 - 3.1 ensuring the maintenance of existing facilities for yachts and to work towards the improvement thereof and
 - 3.2 maintaining the picturesque aspects of the waterside area on both banks of the River Colne and to oppose any changes to their detriment.
- 4 To preserve the rights of cruising yachtsmen on the River Colne and adjacent waters.

RULES OF MEMBERSHIP

Definition. Membership of the Association is open to yacht owners and all others who are interested in perpetuating the long-established use of Wivenhoe, Rowhedge and the River Colne as a yachting centre and safeguarding the amenities and picturesque aspects of the quays and waterside area on both banks of the River Colne, and opposing any detrimental changes thereof.

(The definition of a 'yacht' as used in this instance is - "A cruising vessel propelled by motor or sail "power with permanent, enclosed sleeping accommodation.")

Election. Every candidate for membership shall fill in and sign a form of application. Membership shall be granted subject to formal approval by the Committee.

Notification of election and a copy of the Constitution shall be sent to every successful candidate as soon as the subscription fee is paid.

Privileges. A Member has the right to vote at meetings of the Association, propose candidates for election to Membership and to stand for election as a Member of the Committee.

Note. In the case of joint membership, both members enjoy the same privileges.

Expulsion of Members. Expulsion of a Member shall be considered a confidential matter to be decided by the Committee but the member in question shall have the right to appeal at a General Meeting and expulsion or reinstatement decided by vote of Members.

Subscription. The subscription shall be such as the Association may from time to time determine. Subscriptions are due on the 1st January but candidates elected after 31st October shall not be

liable for the current year's subscription. There shall be no refund of subscription if a member resigns.

If a member's subscription is not paid by one month after the Annual General Meeting, the membership may be lapsed at the discretion of the Committee.

Officials. Officials shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected annually. The Chairman shall only be permitted a casting vote at any meeting.

Committee. The Committee shall comprise seven persons to be elected annually and has the power to co-opt other Members as may be expedient from time to time.

A quorum shall comprise five members other than the Chairman.

Any two members may propose candidates as honorary officers or for the Committee by notifying the Secretary not less than twenty-one clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting, having obtained the consent of the candidate. All such proposals shall be included in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees under the chairmanship of a member of the main committee.

The Committee may invest the money of the Association in such stocks, funds, shares or other investments as the Committee shall in its absolute discretion think fit so that it shall **have** the same free and uncontrolled powers of investment and transposing of investments as if the Committee were entitled to the money beneficially.

Liabilities. The Association shall not be responsible for any liabilities whatsoever incurred by any member in the name of the Association nor shall the Association recognise any third party liability incurred by any of its members as the result of ownership of a yacht.

Meetings. Notice of the date, time and place of all general meetings and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be posted to every member not less than ten clear days before the meeting. Notice by the Secretary of an *Extraordinary General Meeting* shall state the nature of the business and the names of at least ten signatories convening the meeting. The Committee may convene *Special General Meetings*. A copy of the Accounts shall be sent out with the notice convening the *Annual General Meeting*. The Association shall appoint an Honorary Auditor to audit the Accounts for the year

Alteration of rules. No alteration shall be made to these rules except by a motion carried at a General Meeting. Such motion shall be deemed to be carried if, and only if, at least two-thirds of the members present and eligible to vote, vote in favour thereof. Notice of every such motion shall be delivered to the secretary not less than twenty-one clear days before the date of the meeting at which it is to be proposed.