



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

ESTABLISHED 1859

BOARD PROPOSED NOTICES OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL RESOLUTION

To be presented to Members for consideration and resolution at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

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Special Resolution 1

That RGYC Rules 8; 9 (2) (b); 12 1); 13 (2) (a); 49 (2) (a) & (b); 76 (2):

be altered as follows:

Rule 8: Delete

- (i) Gold Member *a person aged 18 years or more and if not having attained the age of 25 years electing to forego Silver membership*
- (a) *Any member who is a vessel owner and who races or uses the club facilities, slipway, yard or marina to service, berth, store or in any way use his/her vessel must be a Gold Member or Platinum (Veteran, 50 Year or Honorary Life) Member of the Association.*
- (b) *It is not intended that the subsection 8 (i) (a) shall apply to Silver, Bronze or Blue Members of the Association who race or use sailing dinghies or Off the Beach (OTB) vessels.*
- (c) *Gold Members have the right to vote in elections of Board members, at Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and may become members of the Board and Flag Officers of the Association subject to the Rules of eligibility herein. Gold Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.*

(ii) Platinum Member

(a) Veteran Member

A member who has completed 40 years of continuous membership (including Leave of Absence) of the Association, or has attained the age of 70 years as at the 1st July in any year and has completed 20 years continuous membership. Members may transfer to Platinum (Veteran) Membership when eligible. A Platinum (Veteran) Membership annual subscription is 35% of annual Gold subscription.

(b) Honorary Life Member

A Gold Member or Platinum (Veteran) Member of the Association who, on recommendation by the Board and elected by two thirds majority of members at a General Meeting, has been appointed as an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Platinum (Honorary Life) Members will be entitled to their continuing annual membership of the Club at no charge for their annual membership fee.

(c) 50 Year Member

A Member who has completed 50 years of continuous membership (including Leave of Absence) in any or all of the membership categories will be entitled to their continuing annual membership of the Club at no charge for their annual membership fee.

A Platinum (Veteran, Honorary Life or 50 Year) Member shall have the same voting rights and privileges as a Gold Member of the Association.

(iv) Silver Member

a) a Member who having attained the age of 18 years as at 1st July in any year but who shall not be eligible to vote under the Articles of Association or fill vacancies on the Board or be a Flag Officer unless otherwise allowed in clause iv) b).

b) a Senior or Senior Family Member as at June 30 2015 who becomes a Silver Member on July 1, 2015 whose partner (as defined) becomes a Gold Member, Platinum (Veteran, 50 Year or Honorary Life) Member of the Association on July 1 2015 is eligible to vote under the Articles of Association.

No person may join sub category iv) Silver b) after July 1, 2015.

All Silver Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

The Silver membership annual subscription is 45% of annual Gold subscription.

(v) Bronze Member

A person aged 18 years or more but not having attained the age of 25 years; but this shall not preclude a person electing to be a Gold Member foregoing their right to Bronze membership. Bronze Members may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board. Bronze Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

The Bronze membership annual subscription is 35% of the Gold subscription.

(vi) Blue Member

a) a person aged 5 to 17 years.

The annual subscription for individual Blue Members in this category is 15% of the annual Gold Subscription.

Blue Members may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board. Blue Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

Where there are two Blue Members from a family that includes a Gold Membership holder, any subsequent Blue Member will not be required to pay an annual subscription.

(vii) Day Membership

The Board may offer a Day Membership in the manner described in the By-Laws and may determine the fee, if any, that will be charged.

A Day Member is entitled to access and use the Club facilities for a one day period and has no other Membership rights or privileges.

No person with an existing or previous Membership may use this category.

(viii) Honorary Member

A person over the age of 18 years and appointed by and at the discretion of the Board for a period not exceeding 12 months. There is no annual subscription for Honorary Members. Honorary Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

Honorary Members may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board.

And replace with:

(i) Full Member

A person aged 18 years or more and electing to forego Sailing, Intermediate or Social Membership.

(a) Any member who is a vessel owner and who races or uses the club facilities, slipway, yard or marina to service, berth, store or in any way use his/her vessel must be a Full or Veteran or 50 Year or Honorary Life Member of the Association.

(b) It is not intended that the subsection 8 (i) (a) shall apply to Sailing, Intermediate or Junior Members of the Association who race or use sailing dinghies or Off the Beach (OTB) vessels.

(c) Full Members have the right to vote in elections of Board members, at Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and may become members of the Board and Flag Officers of the Association subject to the Rules of eligibility

(ii) Veteran Member

A member who has completed 40 years of continuous membership (including Leave of Absence) of the Association, or has attained the age of 70 years as at the 1st July in any year and has completed 20 years continuous membership. Members may transfer to Veteran Membership when eligible. A Veteran Membership annual subscription is 35% of annual Full subscription.

Veteran Members have the right to vote in elections of Board members, at Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and may become members of the Board and Flag Officers of the Association subject to the Rules of eligibility

Veteran Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

(iii) Honorary Life Member

A Full, Veteran, 50 year or Sailing Member of the Association who, on recommendation by the Board and elected by two thirds majority of members eligible to vote at a General Meeting, has been appointed as an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Honorary Life Members will be entitled to their continuing annual membership of the Club at no charge for their annual membership fee.

Honorary Life Members have the right to vote in elections of Board members, at Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and may become members of the Board and Flag Officers of the Association subject to the Rules of eligibility

Honorary Life Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

(iv) 50 Year Member

A Member who has completed 50 years of continuous membership (including Leave of Absence) in any or all of the membership categories will be entitled to their continuing annual membership of the Club at no charge for their annual membership fee.

50 year Members have the right to vote in elections of Board members, at Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and may become members of the Board and Flag Officers of the Association subject to the Rules of eligibility

50 year Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

(v) Sailing Member

A Member who having attained the age of 18 years as at 1st July

in any year.

A Sailing member shall be eligible to vote under the Articles of Association.

The Sailing membership annual subscription is 55% of annual Full Member subscription.

A Sailing Member may participate in all Club racing, boating and social events and have total use of the club facilities.

(vi) Intermediate Member *A person aged 18 years or more but not having attained the age of 30 years; but this shall not preclude a person electing to be a Full or Sailing Member foregoing their right to Intermediate membership. Intermediate Members may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board.*

The Intermediate membership annual subscription is 30% of the Full Member subscription.

Intermediate Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

(vii) Junior Member *A person aged 5 to 17 years as at 1st July in any year*

Junior Members may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board. Where there are two or more Junior Members from a family that includes a Full or Sailing Membership holder, any subsequent Junior Member, will not be required to pay an annual subscription.

The annual subscription for Junior Members in this category is 15% of the annual Full Member subscription.

Junior Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

(viii) Family Membership Sailing

This consists of a combination of Full and Sailing memberships and any junior member of that family. Junior members that are within the Family Membership Sailing category are included in the annual subscription fee.

To qualify, adults need to be the husband or wife, de facto or partner of a Full Member (and you need to be residing at the same address).

The Full Member within this Family Membership Sailing Category has the right to vote in elections of Board members, at Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, and may become member of the Board and Flag Officers of the Association subject to the Rules of eligibility.

The Sailing Member within this Family Membership Sailing Category shall be eligible to vote under the Articles of Association.

The annual subscription in this category is 140% of the annual Full Member subscription.

The Full & Sailing Members within this Family Membership Sailing Category may participate in all Club racing, boating and social events and have total use of the club facilities.

(ix) Family Membership Social

This consists of 2 Social Memberships and any Junior members of that family. Junior members that are within the Family Membership Social category are included in the annual subscription.

The Social Members within this Family Membership Social Category may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board.

To qualify, adults need to be husband or wife, de facto or partner of a Social member (and you need to be residing at the same address.

The Family Membership Social annual subscription will be determined by the Board annually.

The Social Members within this Family Membership Social Category may participate in all Club social events and have total use of the club facilities.

(x) Social Member

A Member who having attained the age of 18 years as at 1st July in any year but who shall not be eligible to vote under the Articles of Association nor entitled to participate in club races except those events determined by the Board from time to time. Social Members may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board.

The Social membership annual subscription will be determined by the Board annually.

A Social Member may participate in all Club social events and have total use of the club facilities.

(xi) Day Membership

The Board may offer a Day Membership in the manner described in the By-Laws and may determine the fee, if any, that will be charged.

A Day Member is entitled to access and use the Club facilities for a oneday period and has no other membership rights or privileges.

A Member on Leave of Absence from the Club or a person who has been an RGYC Member previously may use this category no more than three times per year. A person who is suspended or has been expelled will not be granted a Day Membership

(x) Honorary Member

A person over the age of 18 years and appointed by and at the discretion of the Board for a period not exceeding 12 months. There is no annual subscription for Honorary Members.

Honorary Members may not vote or fill vacancies on the Board.

Honorary Members may participate in Club racing, boating and social events.

Rule 9 Application for Membership 2 (b): delete

(b) be nominated in writing by a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Member of the Association over the age of 18 years and seconded in writing by a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Member of the Association over the age of 18 years and- “

and replace with:

(b) be nominated in writing by a Full Member, Veteran Member, 50 year Member, Honorary Life Member, Sailing Member, Intermediate Member or Social Member of the Association over the age of 18 years and seconded in writing by a Full Member, Veteran Member, 50 year Member, Honorary Life Member, Sailing Member, Intermediate Member or Social Member of the Association over the age of 18 years; and-

Rule 12 Annual Subscription (1): delete

the word “Gold”

and replace with:

“Full”

Rule 13 General Rights of Members (2) (a) delete

A member is entitled to vote if -

- (a) the member is a member other than a Silver, (except as defined in Rule 8 (iv) (b)) Bronze, Blue or Honorary member; and*

and replace with:

A member is entitled to vote if -

- (a) the member is a member other than an Intermediate Member, Social Member, Honorary Member or Junior member; and*

Rule 49 Election of Officers and Ordinary Board Members (2) (a) & (b): delete

A candidate may only be nominated for one office, or as an ordinary member of the Board, prior to the Annual General Meeting.

- (a) No candidate shall be eligible to be elected as an Officer unless that candidate has previously served two consecutive years (24 months) as an ordinary member of the Board and is a financial Platinum, Gold, Silver (category b) only) (formerly known until June 30 2015 as Senior Member, Senior Family Member, Cadet Family Member over the age of 18 years, 50 Year Member, Veteran Member or Life Member) of the Association.*
- (b) No candidate shall be eligible to be elected as an ordinary member of the Board unless that candidate has been a financial Platinum, Gold, Silver (category b) only) (formerly known until June 30 2015 as Senior Member, Senior Family Member, Cadet Family Member over the age of 18 years, 50 Year Member, Veteran Member or Life Member) Member of the Association for a minimum of two consecutive years (24 months) prior to nomination.*

And replace with:

A candidate may only be nominated for one office, or as an ordinary member of the Board, prior to the Annual General Meeting.

- (a) No candidate shall be eligible to be elected as an Officer unless that candidate has previously served two consecutive years (24 months) as an ordinary member of the Board and is a financial Full member (formerly Gold), Veteran Member, 50 Year Member or Honorary Life Member of the Association.*
- (b) No candidate shall be eligible to be elected as an ordinary member*

of the Board unless that candidate has been a financial Full Member, Veteran Member, 50 Year Member, or Honorary Life Member, of the Association for a minimum of two consecutive years (24 months) prior to nomination.

Rule 76 Club Vessel Register (2) (a) (b): delete

Only the following Members shall be eligible to make application for vessel registration on the Club Vessel Register;

- (a) Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Member over the age of 18 years*
- (b) Blue Member and Bronze Member, in respect to a sailing dinghy or Off the Beach yacht.*

and replace with:

Only the following Members shall be eligible to make application for vessel registration on the Club Vessel Register;

- (a) Full Member, Veteran Member, 50yr Member, Honorary Life Member.*
- (b) Sailing, Intermediate or Junior Member, in respect to a sailing dinghy or off the beach vessel.*

Special Resolution 2

That the following be added to Rule 49 Election of Officers and Ordinary Board Members as Rule 49 (2) (c):

- (c) A Sailing member, including a Sailing member within the Family Membership Sailing category, shall be eligible to fill Ordinary Member of the Board vacancies on the Board. No Sailing Member shall be eligible to be elected as an ordinary member of the Board unless that candidate has been a financial Full Member, Veteran Member, 50 Year Member, or Honorary Life Member or Sailing (formerly Silver) Member of the Association for a minimum of two consecutive years (24 months) prior to nomination.*

Special Resolution 3

Motion: That RGYC Rule 31 (1) be altered as follows:

Rule 31 Special General Meeting held at request of members (1) delete:

(1) The Board must convene a special general meeting if a request to do so is made in accordance with sub-rule (2) by at least 10% of the total number of members eligible to vote.

and replace with:

(1) The Board must convene a special general meeting if a request to do so is made in accordance with sub-rule (2) by at least 15% of the total number of members eligible to vote.

By Order of the Board

Philip J Clohesy
Secretary

Dated: **19 July 2022**