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PART 1: INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1 DEFINED TERMS

1.1 The regulations contained in the Model Articles for Private Companies Limited by Guarantee set out in Schedule 2 of The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 3229/2008), shall not apply to the Club.

1.2 In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

Act	means the Companies Act 2006;
AGM	means an annual general meeting of the Club;
Articles	means these articles of association, and Article refers to a particular provision in them;
Associate Member	means a member of the Club who is not a Club Member, and who therefore neither has voting rights at general meetings nor any other rights to which members of companies are entitled under the Articles or the Companies Acts, and Associate Membership shall be interpreted accordingly;
Bye Laws	means Bye Laws of the Club from time to time proposed by the directors and approved by the Members in accordance with Article 14.4.2;
CASC	means a Community Amateur Sports Club, as that term is defined by s658 Corporation Tax Act 2010;
Club	means the company regulated by these Articles;
Club Member	means every person who agreed to become a company member of the Club and whose name is entered in the Club's register of members, in accordance with section 112 of the Act, and Club Membership shall be interpreted accordingly;
Companies Acts	means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Act), in so far as they apply to the Club;

Director	Means a Director of the Club, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
electronic means	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act;
Finance Acts	means the Corporation Tax Act 2010, the Finance Act 2012 and any other relevant legislation relating to CASCs;
Member	means all members of the Club, whether Club Members, or Associate Members, and Membership shall be interpreted accordingly;
Management Committee	a planned meeting of the Directors;
Officers	has the meaning given in Article 7.1;
ordinary resolution	means a resolution passed by a simple majority of Club Members;
present	means a person is either present in person or by suitable electronic means in which all participants may communicate with all other persons;
sailing and other waterborne activities	means sporting, recreational and other activities carried out on water-borne craft of any description powered by wind, mechanical or human means;
Secretary	means the company Secretary of the Club; if appointed;
special resolution	means a resolution of the Club Members passed by a majority of not less than 75%;
writing	means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in the electronic form or otherwise;

- 1.3 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1.3.1 other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Act as in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Club;
 - 1.3.2 words in the singular shall include the plural and, in the plural, shall include the singular; and
 - 1.3.3 a reference to one gender shall include a reference to all and any genders.
- 1.4 Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.5 Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it, and any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts.
- 1.6 A **person** includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality) and that person's personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns.
- 1.7 Any phrase introduced by the terms **including, include, in particular** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

2 LIABILITY OF CLUB MEMBERS

- 2.1 The liability of each Club Member is limited to £1, being the amount that each Club Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Club in the event of its being wound up while he is a Club Member or within one year after he ceases to be a Club Member, for:
- 2.1.1 payment of the Club's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a Club Member;
 - 2.1.2 payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
 - 2.1.3 adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

PART 2: OBJECTS & POWERS

3 OBJECTS

3.1 The Club is established for the following purposes:

Primary Objective:

3.1.1 to promote and facilitate community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for the sport of sailing and other water borne activities; and

Secondary Objectives:

3.1.2 to acquire and take over all or any part of the assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated body known as New Quay Yacht Club; and

3.1.3 to provide social and other facilities for Members as may from time to time be determined by the directors.

4 POWERS

4.1 In pursuance of the objects set out in Article 3.1, the Club has the power to:

4.1.1 establish, maintain and conduct a club for sailing and other water borne activities;

4.1.2 promote and hold, either alone or jointly with any other association, club or persons, meetings, competitions and regattas for the purpose of competitive sailing and other water borne activities and to offer, give, or contribute towards prizes, medals, and awards;

4.1.3 provide advice or information;

4.1.4 co-operate with other bodies;

4.1.5 accept gifts and raise funds;

4.1.6 borrow money;

4.1.7 give security for loans or other obligations;

4.1.8 acquire or hire property of any kind;

- 4.1.9 let or dispose of property of any kind;
- 4.1.10 set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure;
- 4.1.11 deposit or invest its funds in any manner;
- 4.1.12 delegate the management of investments to a financial expert;
- 4.1.13 insure the property of the Club against any foreseeable risk and take out other insurance policies to protect the Club when required;
- 4.1.14 employ paid or unpaid agents, staff or advisers;
- 4.1.15 enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;
- 4.1.16 establish or acquire subsidiary companies; and
- 4.1.17 do anything else within the law which promotes or helps to promote the objects set out in Article 3.1.

5 CLUB BURGEE AND AFFILIATION

- 5.1 The Burgee of the Club shall be leek on a dark blue and white background.
- 5.2 The Club shall be affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association.

PART 3: DIRECTORS

6 DIRECTORS

6.1 The directors are responsible for the management of the Club's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Club.

6.2 Directors are elected by the Club Members or co-opted by the directors, in accordance with any procedures set out in the Bye Laws.

6.3 A Director must be a Club Member

6.4 A director's term of office automatically terminates if he or she:

6.3.1 ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or is prohibited from being a director by law;

6.3.2 is absent without permission from three consecutive meetings of the directors and is asked by a majority of the other directors to resign;

6.3.3 is incapable, whether mentally or physically, of managing his/her own affairs;

6.3.4 resigns by written notice to the directors (but only if at least two directors will remain in office); or

6.3.5 is removed by the Club Members.

7 OFFICERS & SECRETARY

7.1 The officers of the Club are the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary (the **Officers**), all of whom must be Club Members and must also meet any other conditions and comply with any duties and responsibilities set out in any Bye Laws. The Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Rear-Commodore will be "Flag Officers" of the Club.

7.2 Officers shall be elected by the Club Members at the AGM each year. All Officers shall hold office from the conclusion of the AGM in which they are appointed until the conclusion of the AGM the following calendar year.

8 DIRECTORS' PROCEEDINGS

8.1 The Directors must hold at least three meetings each year. These meetings will be convened under the term "Management Meeting".

8.2 The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than two, and, unless otherwise fixed, it is three.

8.3 A meeting of the Directors may be held either in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the directors in which all participants may communicate with all the other participants.

8.4 The Commodore or (if the Commodore is unable or unwilling to do so) some other director chosen by the directors present presides at each meeting, as chairperson.

8.5 Any issue may be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting, but a resolution in writing agreed by all the directors (other than any conflicted director who has not been authorised to vote) is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting. For this purpose the resolution may be contained in more than one document.

8.6 Every Director has one vote on each issue and, in case of equality of votes, the chairperson of the meeting has a casting vote.

8.7 A procedural defect of which the directors are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

9 DIRECTORS' POWERS

9.1 The Directors may exercise any powers of the Club which are not reserved to the Club Members.

9.2 The Directors may delegate any of their functions to committees consisting of two or more individuals appointed by them on such terms as they think fit. At least one member of every committee must be a director and all proceedings of committees must be reported promptly to the directors.

9.3 Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors.

9.4 The power of the Directors to borrow any sum which exceeds the total income of the Club shall be reserved to the Club Members to determine at a general meeting. The total income of the Club shall be calculated as being the gross income of the Club as shown in the last annual statement of account provided that in the period of two years from the date of adoption of the articles the total income of the Club shall be deemed to be sixty thousand pounds £60,000.

10 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

10.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Club that the directors decide.

10.2 The Club may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Club.

11 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11.1 The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 11.2, authorise any situation in which a director has or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Club which would, if not authorised, involve a director breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest.

11.2 Any authorisation under Article 11.1 shall be effective only if:

11.2.1 the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors;

11.2.2 any requirement as to the quorum is met without counting the interested director; and

11.2.3 the matter was agreed to without the interested director voting or would have been agreed to if the interested director's vote had not been counted.

11.3 A Director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Club for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a conflict of interests which has been authorised by the directors in accordance with these Articles or by the Club Members in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds

11.4 If a proposed decision of the Directors is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Club in which a director is interested, that director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes, unless the director's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest.

11.5 Where the number of non-conflicted directors is less than the quorum for the purposes of approving a resolution authorising any situation or transaction constituting a conflict as anticipated by the Companies Acts, the quorum shall be all the disinterested directors.

11.6 When all the Directors of the Club are conflicted, the Club shall pass the conflict to the Club Members for approval by ordinary resolution.

PART 4: MEMBERSHIP

12 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

12.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of sailing and other water borne activities.

12.2 The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions to a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. The Club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to members.

12.3 No person shall become a Member unless:

12.3.1 that person has completed an application for Membership in a form approved by the directors from time to time; and

12.3.2 the directors, or a nominated deputy, have approved the application.

12.4 Membership is also subject to any subscriptions or affiliation fees that may be set by the members at an AGM or EGM.

12.5 Life Membership may be approved at an Annual General Meeting

12.6 Every person who, at the date the limited company starts trading, had paid a subscription fee to, and was a full member (having all the rights and privileges of full membership) of, the unincorporated club known as New Quay Yacht Club referred to in Article 3.1.1,

12.7 The Club Members at an AGM or EGM may establish different classes of Membership, and decide who will be eligible for admission to them and what their rights and obligations will be.

13 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

13.1 A Member may withdraw from Membership by giving 7 days' notice to the Club in writing.

13.2 A person's Membership terminates when that person dies or ceases to exist.

13.3 The directors may terminate the Membership of any Member without their consent by giving them written notice if, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors:

13.3.1 they are guilty of conduct which has or is likely to have a serious adverse effect on the Club or bring the Club or any or all of the Members and directors into disrepute;

13.3.2 they have acted or has threatened to act in a manner which is contrary to the interests of the Club as a whole; or

13.3.3 they have failed to observe the terms of these Articles and any Bye Laws from time to time.

13.4 If the Directors wish to terminate a person's membership in accordance with Article 13.3, they must give notice to that Member and provide the Member with the opportunity to be heard in writing, or in person as to why his Membership should not be terminated. The Directors must consider any representations made by the Member and inform the Member of their decision following such consideration.

13.5 A Member whose membership is terminated under Article 13.3 shall not be entitled to a refund of any subscription, or membership fee and shall remain liable to pay to the Club any subscription, or other sum owed by him.

14 GENERAL MEETINGS

14.1 Club Members are entitled to attend general meetings in person or by proxy (but only if the appointment of a proxy is in writing and notified to the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting). General Meetings may be held either in person or by suitable electronic means in which all participants may communicate with all the other participants.

14.2 The Club must hold a general meeting as an AGM in each year in addition to any other general meetings in that year, and must specify the meeting as the AGM in the notices calling it. The first AGM must be held within 18 months after the Club's incorporation.

14.3 At the AGM Members must:

14.3.1 receive the accounts of the Club for the previous financial year;

14.3.2 receive a written report on the Club's activities;

14.3.3 elect directors to fill the vacancies arising; and

14.3.4 appoint reporting accountants for the Club.

14.4 Members may also, from time to time:

14.4.1 discuss and determine any business put before them by the directors or set out in a valid request by the Club Members to call a general meeting pursuant to Article 14.5; and

14.4.2 in particular, consider and determine whether to approve any Bye Laws put before them by the directors, which are consistent with the these Articles and the Act, to govern:

- (a) classes and conditions of Membership;
- (b) the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by Members and guests;
- (c) the procedures for dealing with disciplinary action against Members, and/or for the expulsion of Members, and/or for refusals to renew Membership;
- (d) the procedures for general meetings and meetings of the directors and committees of the directors in so far as such procedure is not regulated by the Articles; and
- (e) matters relating to the use of the Club's premises and other Assets such as Safety Boats.
- (f) consider recommendations from directors for awarding honorary Life Membership.

14.5 A general meeting may be called by the directors at any time and must be called within 21 days of a written request from at least 10% of the Club Membership or (where no general meeting has been held within the last year) at least 5% of the Club Membership.

14.6 General meetings are called on at least 14 and not more than 28 clear days' written notice indicating the business to be discussed and (if any resolutions are to be proposed) setting out the terms of the proposed resolutions.

14.7 There is a quorum at a general meeting if the number of Club Members present in person or by proxy is at least twenty.

14.8 The chairman at a general meeting is the Commodore or his/her proxy.

14.9 Every Club Member present in person or by proxy who is entitled to vote has one vote on each issue.

14.10 Except where otherwise provided by these Articles or the Companies Acts, a written resolution (whether an ordinary or a special resolution) is as valid as an

equivalent resolution passed at a general meeting. For this purpose the written resolution may be set out in more than one document.

14.11 A technical defect in the appointment of a Club Member of which the Club Members are unaware at the time does not invalidate a decision taken at a general meeting or a written resolution of the Club Members.

PART 5: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

15 RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

15.1 The Directors must comply with the requirements of the Companies Acts as to keeping records, the audit or independent examination of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies of information required by law including:

15.1.1 annual returns;

15.1.2 annual reports; and

15.1.3 annual statements of account.

15.2 The directors must also keep records of:

15.2.1 all proceedings at meetings of the directors;

15.2.2 all resolutions in writing;

15.2.3 all reports of committees; and

15.2.4 all professional advice obtained.

15.3 Accounting records relating to the Club must be made available for inspection by any director at any time during normal office hours and may be made available for inspection by Members who are not directors if the directors so decide.

15.4 A copy of the Club's constitution and latest available statement of account will be posted on the Club's website.

16 INDEMNITY

16.1 Subject to Article 16.2, a director or former director of the Club may be indemnified out of the Club's assets against:

16.1.1 any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Club;

16.1.2 any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the Club.

16.2 This Article 16 does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.

17 COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 Notices and other documents to be served on Members or directors under these Articles or the Companies Acts may be served:

17.1.1 By hand

17.1.2 by post

17.1.3 by suitable electronic means or through publication in the Club's newsletter or on the Club's website.

17.2 The only address at which a Member is entitled to receive notices sent by post is an address in the UK shown in the Register of Members.

17.3 Any notice given in accordance with these Articles is to be treated for all purposes as having been received:

17.3.1 24 hours after being sent by electronic means, posted on the Club's website or delivered by hand to the relevant address;

17.3.2 two clear days after being sent by first class post to that address;

17.3.3 three clear days after being sent by second class or overseas post to that address;

17.3.4 immediately on being handed to the recipient personally; or, if earlier,

17.3.5 as soon as the recipient acknowledges actual receipt.

17.4 A technical defect in service of which the directors are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

18 AMENDING THE ARTICLES

18.1 Amendments may be made to the Articles via special resolution. Primary Objectives (eg 3.1.1.) of the Members must be passed by a majority of not less than 80%; All other amendments must be passed by a majority of not less than 75%

19 PROFITS NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED

19.1 All surplus income, or profit are to be invested in the Club. No surplus or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

19.2 No dividends or bonus may be paid or capital otherwise returned to the Members, provided that nothing in these Articles shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:

19.2.1 reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member, officer or servant of the Club for any services rendered to the Club;

19.2.2 interest on money lent by any Member of the Club or director at a reasonable and proper rate per annum not above the published base lending rate of a clearing bank to be selected by the directors;

19.2.3 reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member or director; or

19.2.4 reasonable out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred by any director.

20 DISSOLUTION

20.1 If the Club is wound up, or dissolved and after all its debts and liabilities have been satisfied if there remains any property it shall not be paid to, or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred, at the sole discretion of the Directors, to:

20.1.1 some other club that is a charity with purposes similar to those of the Club; or

20.1.2 the National Governing Body for the sport of yachting for use by that organisation for related community sports activities.

These Articles were approved at the NQYC AGM held on
9th April 2023.