



The Association of Nene River Clubs

E.B.C., M.C.C., M.L.W.C., N.B.C., O.C.C., P.Y.C.

Association Rules

- 1.** The NAME of the Association is “Association of Nene River Clubs” and its pennant will be a gold star on a blue background.
- 2.** The OBJECT for which the Association is formed is to provide a liaising body for the benefit of all Clubs on the River Nene and Adjacent waterways, to encourage boating of all classes, and to provide facilities whenever required. To negotiate on behalf of member Clubs with River Authorities, Harbourmasters, and such other Associations or persons as may be necessary.
- 3.** MEMBERSHIP shall be of two classes: **A.** Club membership, consisting of representation from Clubs on the River Nene and adjacent waterways. **B.** Individual membership for those wishing to avail themselves of facilities provided by the Association. Membership shall entitle the member to display a gold star pennant. Candidates for membership as in **3B** must complete an annual membership form and data protection consent to enable the Association to process their data. A member of a River Nene Club not in the Association May apply for individual membership.
- 4.** Every member on joining the Association undertakes to comply with these rules and any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Association, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee, provided that before expelling a member such Committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct, and shall give them an opportunity of defending themselves or of resigning their membership. The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot, and the resolution shall only be carried if at least three quarters of the member of the Committee present vote in favour of the resolution.
- 5.** The cost of SUBSCRIPTION for membership under **3B** shall be decided annually; payable on 1st January each year or part thereof. For membership under **3A** the annual cost of levies on member clubs may be varied by the Committee.

- 6. OFFICERS:** The Officers of the Association shall consist of Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer **with an optional Membership Secretary**. Officers to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election. Officers may be elected from the floor at the AGM or co-opted at any time.
- 7. TRUSTEES;** Committee members shall act as Trustees, with a quorum of at least three Committee Members.
- 8. COMMITTEE;** The Committee shall include two representative members from each club in the Association, both of whom will be eligible to vote.
- 9. COMMITTEES;** The Committee shall have the right to form a Sub-Committee to deal with any special project. The Sub-Committee shall consist of members of the Association, but at least one member of the Sub-Committee shall be from the Committee.
- 10. MANAGEMENT;** (a) The affairs of the Association shall be wholly managed by the Committee according to these rules. Such Committee shall apply the funds of the Association in such manner as complies with sub-rule (b) of this rule, and shall make such bylaws, rules and regulations as it thinks fit as to the management of any Association premises. (b) No money or property of the Association or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Association shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Association as a whole. (c) All cases involving dispute, disciplinary and other contentious matters not provided for in the rules shall be referred to the Committee, and their decision shall be final. **(d) The members of the Association may, in a General Meeting reserve the management of such affairs as they think fit to a General Meeting and/or a Special Committee Meeting.** (d) The financial year of the Association shall end on the 31st day of December, and it shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Association finances. A banking account shall be kept in the name of the Association, **and the Treasurer and one other Officer shall be authorised to sign cheques and withdrawal slips.**
- 11.** At the Annual General Meeting in each year an Auditor shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to audit the Association accounts for the current year, a copy of the audited accounts shall be circulated to all members prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year.

12. GENERAL MEETINGS (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on a day in the month of March or April each year. No business (except the passing of the accounts, the election of the Officers, the appointment of the Auditor and any business that the general Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting) shall be discussed at such meeting unless notice thereof be given to the Secretary TWENTY ONE days before the meeting. (b) The Committee may at any time call a General Meeting of the Association for any specific business. The discussion at such general meetings shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to members.

13. VISITING YACHTSMEN; A member of any club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association (a list whereof is contained in the Year Book of the said Association) or any other Associations recognised by the Association of Nene River Clubs, may be authorised to use the premises and moorings of the Association. Such authorisation shall specify between which dates, not being more than fourteen days apart, the said person may also use the Association facilities.

14. NEW RULES, AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS; (a) Notice of any alteration or addition to the rules intended to be proposed by a member of the Association shall be given to the Secretary in writing TWENTY ONE DAYS before the Annual General Meeting, if same is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, and full particulars of any such proposed alterations or additions shall be sent out in the notice convening the meeting. (b) All such proposed alterations or additions, and any amendments to them which may be proposed and seconded, shall be put to the vote of the meeting and provided that on show of hands, or if demanded by six members in writing, on a poll, a majority of two thirds of the votes of those members present and voting shall be cast in favour of any proposed alterations or additions or amendments, then the same shall be deemed to be carried.

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