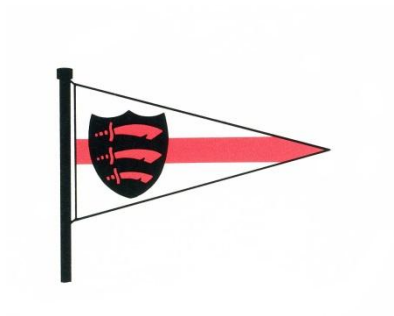


**NORTH FAMBRIDGE**

**YACHT CLUB**



**RULES**

**AMENDED AND APPROVED BY AGM**

**20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

## 1. Name and Object

- a. The name of the club is North Fambridge Yacht Club and the burgee of the club shall be the Essex Shield on a horizontal red band on white.
- b. The object for which the club is formed is to promote and protect the facilities for the sport of yachting at North Fambridge.

## 2. Membership

- a. Any person of either sex over the age of 18 years, being the owner of a yacht or boat sailed at North Fambridge, or any other person, with an interest in yachting, is eligible for membership at the discretion of the committee.
- b. The categories of member shall be –
  - i. Member
  - ii. Joint Membership of two members living at the same address.
  - iii. Honorary member. An Honorary member may be elected at an Annual General Meeting on the proposal of the Officers and Committee.
  - iv. Out of Port member. Any member who has been a member for at least two years and who no longer keeps his or her boat in the area of the Crouch Harbour Authority is eligible for this membership subject to the approval of the Committee.
- c. Every candidate for membership shall be proposed by a member and seconded by a Committee member and his or her name and address and any other particulars the Committee shall require shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary.
- d. Members may be elected at any meeting of the Committee. Candidates may be elected by majority vote.
- e. Every member on joining the club impliedly 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 club shall render a member liable to expulsion. Before expelling a member the Committee shall call upon him or her to explain his or her conduct and shall give him or her, the opportunity of defending themselves or of resigning their membership.
- f. The vote on a resolution for expulsion shall be by ballot and the resolution shall only be carried if not less than three quarters of the Committee members present vote in favour of the resolution always provided that not less than eight members of the Committee are in attendance at the meeting.
- g. Entrance Fee and Subscriptions. There shall be an entrance fee of such a sum as the Committee may from time to time prescribe. The annual subscription payable on election and by 31st day of January each year shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. The subscriptions for the categories of membership shall be based on the following percentages of the basic subscription.

a.	Full member	100%
b.	Joint member and Partner	150%
c.	Out of port member	An amount suggested by the committee but no more than 25%

- h. Any member who has not paid his or her subscription by the 1st day of April shall be requested in the name of the Committee to pay it within 14 days and if remains unpaid by the 30th April, his or her name may be removed from the list of members by the Committee. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the Committee.
- i. Members may introduce friends to the club as guests, subject to such restrictions and regulations as the committee may make from time to time, provided that no person shall be admitted as a guest on more than six occasions in any calendar year. A guest may not pay for any meal or other refreshment in the Club and the member introducing him or her shall be responsible for all liabilities incurred by him or her on his or her behalf.
- j. A member of the club may introduce to the club members of his or her family providing that that member of the club takes full responsibility for the actions and safety of those family members who are under the age of 18 years
- k. A member elected after the 30th June shall pay the entrance fee and half the annual subscription for the period ending 31st December next.
- l. Any person taking part in an Open Race either organised by NFYC or in conjunction with them to be allowed to use the club facilities and pay for a meal on that day providing there is a full member present

## 3. Trustees

- a. There shall be two Trustees of the club who shall be appointed as necessary by the committee from among members who are willing to be appointed. A trustee may resign by giving written notice to the committee.
- b. The trustees shall act on behalf of the Club only in connection with the property leased from Fambridge Yacht Haven Ltd. when such a lease is in existence.
- c. The Trustees shall be indemnified by the committee out of the assets of the club against any liability or expense properly incurred in the exercise of their duties in connection with the lease.
- d. There shall be incorporated into the lease specific provision that the liability of the Trustees for the performance of any obligation shall be limited to the assets of the Club.

#### **4. Officers**

- a. The Officers of the club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore ( who shall be Flag Officers) an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, all of whom must be members of the club and who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nominations for these positions at the A.G.M. the posts shall be filled from within the elected Committee by the Committee. These Officers hold office until the conclusion of the next A.G.M. and shall be eligible for re-election. No candidate for election to any office (other than proposed by the Committee) shall be accepted unless the name of the candidate, duly proposed and seconded, shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days prior to the A.G.M.
- b. The candidates' names, proposers and seconders will be displayed in the clubhouse at least 14 days before the AGM. These names will be sent to members with the AGM notification papers.

#### **5. Committee**

- a. The Committee shall consist of the officers, ex-officio and not more than 6 members of the club elected by the Club in General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- b. Candidates for election to the Committee shall be those members of the retiring Committee who shall offer themselves for re-election and such other members of the club whose nominations, duly proposed and seconded by members of the club in writing, shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- c. The candidates' names, proposers and seconders will be displayed in the clubhouse at least 14 days before the AGM. These names will be sent to members with the AGM notification papers.
- d. If a vacancy occurs by death or resignation, the Committee may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.
- e. If the number of candidates proposed and standing for re-election exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled then the election shall be by ballot.
- f. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the club according to the rules and shall apply the funds of the club to the objects of the club. The Committee shall make such byelaws, rules and regulations as they may think fit as to the management of any club premises. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep a complete and accurate account of the club's finances. The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the club and shall have custody of all documents belonging to the club or relating to its affairs and shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Committee.

#### **6. Honorary Auditor**

The Committee shall appoint an Honorary Auditor to audit the club's books for the current year.

#### **7. General Meetings**

- a. An Annual General Meeting shall be held at North Fambridge on some day after the month of October to be fixed by the Commodore. The Honorary Secretary shall, at least 14 days clear before the date of such meeting, post or deliver to each member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward there at.
- b. No business (except the passing of accounts and the election of the Officers and Committee) other than business that the Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting, shall be discussed at such a meeting unless notice thereof be given to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st day of September prior to such meeting.
- c. The Committee may, on giving 14 day's notice, call a general meeting of the club for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting, and the discussions at that meeting shall be confined to that business only.
- d. The Committee shall call a general meeting on the written request of 20% of the current members.
- e. At a general meeting of the club each member, including honorary members, shall have one vote. In case of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- f. A full member may apply in writing to the Honorary Secretary for a postal vote if unable to attend a General Meeting. The issue of any postal vote will be at the discretion of the committee

#### **8. New Rules, Amendments and Alterations**

- a. Notice of any alteration or addition to the rules to be proposed by a member of the club shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing before the 1st day of September, if the same is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, or at least one month before any special meeting at which the same is to be brought forward. Full particulars of any such proposed alterations or additions shall be set 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. Provided that on a show of hands or, if demanded, on a poll, a majority of two thirds of those members present and voting shall be cast in favour, then the changes shall be carried.

9. If, upon winding up or dissolution of the club, there remains, after satisfying all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

#### **Amendments**

AGM 2012	Rule 2
AGM 2013	Rule 4
AGM 2014	Consolidation of numbering Additional Membership Rule 2l (L) Amendment to Officers 4a Additional rule Officers 4b Amendment of Committee 5b Additional rule Committee 5c Amendment of General Meeting 7d Additional rule General Meeting 7f
April 2015	Consolidation of numbering
AGM 2016	Amendment of Membership fee percentages 2g: c