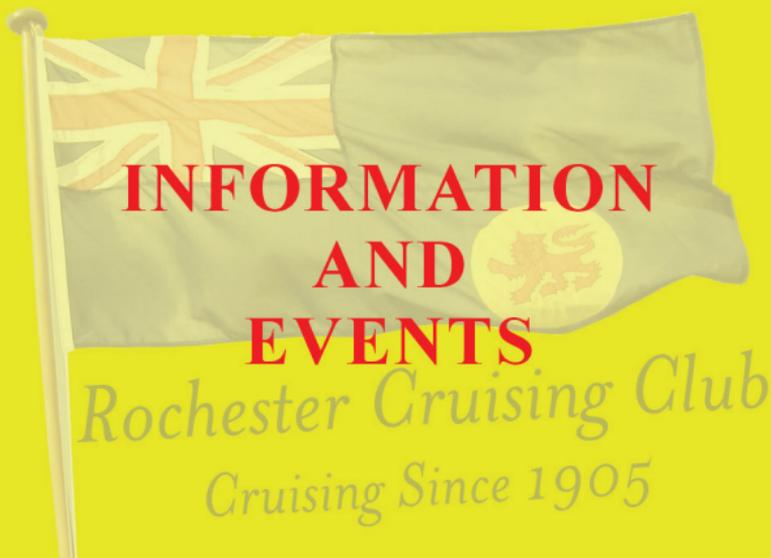




Rochester Cruising Club

(Established 1905)



2026

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

All diary dates are provisional and subject to legislation as required by HM Government.

The Committee will endeavour to advise members by email of subsequent modifications. Please ensure that the club has your current email address.

Thank you

CRUISING PROGRAMME 2026

For some cruises there will be a slower group (up to 10 knots) leaving first and a faster group (over 11 knots) leaving about 20 minutes later.

This group must slow down as they pass the slower group, PLEASE.

1 st January (Thurs) HW 10.20	New Year's Day Cruise towards Chatham
15 th March (Sun) HW 10.00	Mothers' Day Cruise to the Forts
3 rd - 6 th April (Fri-Mon) Easter HW 14.30	Inshore - Allington/Maidstone Offshore - St. Kats
2 nd - 4 th May (Sat-Mon) Early BH	Inshore - 2 speed groups Queenborough Offshore - Burnham (2 speed groups)
22 nd - 25 th May	ADLS Small Ships to Ramsgate
23 rd - 25 th May (Sat-Mon) Spring BH	Inshore - Conyer (Must arrive near HW) Offshore - Titchmarsh
11 th - 12 th July (Sat-Sun) Leave 11.00	Admiral's Cruise Weekend
25 th - 26 th July (Sat-Sun) Leave Thurs or Fri	Maidstone River festival
Summer Holiday	
27 th June HW 11.40	Thames - 2 speed groups
July/August Dates TBC	East Coast - 2 speed groups
25 th July - 8 th August	Thames or South Coast
29 th - 31 st August (Sat - Sun) S. B H	Inshore - Conyer (Must arrive near HW) Offshore - Ramsgate
Or some leave Friday	
27 th September (Sun)	Commodore's Sailpast
LW 07.20 leave 10.30	
21 st - 22 nd November (Sat-Sun)	Christmas Cruise to MDL Chatham Dinner in Ship and Trades etc.

Please Note: We hope that each cruise will have a team leader but, plans may change due to weather or other circumstances. Additional cruises may be available during the year. Please check emails and the noticeboard regularly.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME 2026

Date	Function	Dress
January 31 st	Annual Dinner Dance	Black Tie
February 14 th	Valentines Dance	Smart Casual
March 7 th	Fitting Out Supper	Blazers/Greys
March 15 th (Sun)	Mothers Day Carvery	Smart Casual
July 11 th	Admiral's Cruise Dance	Smart Casual
July 12 th (Sun)	Admirals Reception	Blazers/Whites
September 26 th	Commodores Sailpast/Dance	Smart Casual
September 27 th (Sun)	Commodores Sailpast/Carvery	Blazers/Greys
October 10 th	Laying Up Supper	Blazers/Greys
October 30 th (Fri)	AGM	Comm/Blazers
October 31 st	Halloween Dance	Smart Casual
November 28 th (Sat)	Childrens Christmas Party	Smart Casual
December 5 th	Pursers Lunch	Smart Casual
December 12 th	Christmas Dance	Smart Casual
December 24 th	Purser's bash	Smart Casual
December 31 st	New Years Eve Dance	Smart Casual

Extra events may be arranged throughout the year. Details will be on the notice board and emailed.

ROCHESTER CRUISING CLUB

CRUISING ETIQUETTE

All R.C.C. craft on an official cruise should wear a Red or Defaced Blue Ensign, at transom or mizzen, and also wear the R.C.C. burgee. All craft should be seaworthy and covered by at least third party insurance for the area in which the cruise takes place.

All cruises are planned by the Rear Commodore and it is he who will sail in the sternmost position of a cruise. Should any craft suffer disability, or should other problems occur the Rear Commodore should be contacted by VHF radio for advice and/or assistance. A VHF channel will be allocated at the briefing for each cruise. Members will be expected to follow normal good practise in all VHF radio transmissions, as laid down in the documents, which accompanied the ships VHF licence. Normally all official club cruises will be led by the Commodore, or in his absence, the Vice Commodore, in either his own craft, or wearing his flag in another vessel. All participating craft should take station in line astern, at a suitable regular distance. Any craft wishing to either join, or leave a cruise convoy, should first contact the Rear Commodore by VHF radio. Although every effort will be made by Flag Officers to advise and assist members during a cruise, all participating members will be responsible for their own seamanship and navigation.

There are two very important cruises in the R.C.C. cruising programme in which all members should endeavour to take part. These are the Admiral's Cruise and the Commodore's Sailpast. For these events members are permitted, indeed encouraged, to dress their craft overall. The correct order to fly signals flags, stem to stern, is as follows:

E. Q. P3. G. P8. Z. P4. W. P6. P. P1. I. A/P. T. Y. B. X. 1st SUB. H. 3rd SUB. D. F. 2nd SUB. U. A. O. M. R. P2. J. P0. N. P9. K. P7. V. P5. L. C. S.

ROCHESTER CRUISING CLUB BURGEE & ENSIGN ETIQUETTE

All Rochester Cruising Club Members with boats should fly the club Burgee and should wear the Red or Defaced Blue Ensign. This ruling applies when the owner/member is on board, or when under way.

The Club Burgee should be flown on the masthead or starboard crosstree (port crosstree would also be acceptable) - as on the river, vessels pass to port.

The Ensign should be worn on an Ensign staff at the stern of the boat. Both Burgee and Ensign should be put up at 08.00 hours summer or 09.00 hours winter and taken down at 20.00 hours winter or 21.00 hours summer or sunset - whichever is the earlier. This is to save wear and tear. The Ensign should not be worn at night or when the skipper is not in attendance.

When on Club moorings, only the Rochester Cruising Club Burgee and Red or Defaced Blue Ensign will be acceptable.

OTHER ENSIGNS AND BURGEEES

All Rochester Cruising Club members with boats who are members of other clubs, are free to fly another club's burgee and wear the appropriate ensign-

- a) when leaving Rochester Cruising Club moorings or returning to Rochester Cruising Club Moorings whilst on another club's business;
- b) whilst on another club's business;
- c) outside the Medway River boundaries;

(When on Rochester Cruising Club moorings, only the Rochester Cruising Club Burgee and Red or Defaced Blue Ensign will be acceptable).

When on another club's business, the Rochester Cruising Club Burgee must not be flown. Upon entering the Medway River, if not on another Club's business, the Rochester Cruising Club Burgee and Red or Defaced Blue Ensign should be flown. This would mean changing club dress at Garrison Point if not on another club's business.

COURTESY ENSIGNS

When entering and in foreign ports, all Rochester Cruising Club members with boats, should fly that country's courtesy ensign.

The courtesy ensign should be flown from the starboard crosstree. If own burgee is flown from the masthead or port crosstree, it will leave the starboard crosstree free to fly the courtesy ensign upon entry to that port, without having to change the position of your own burgee at sea. When in foreign waters, it would be acceptable to display both Club Burgee and Ensign continuously.

Conduct

High standards of behaviour are required of members and their guests. Failure to observe these standards will leave the member or guest liable to action under the Articles as laid down in sections 11,12,13,14 &15.

This is especially true for violent or abusive behaviour.

ROCHESTER CRUISING CLUB LTD.

BY-LAWS

1. These by-laws are issued in accordance with Article 40 of the Articles of Association. They are binding on all members of the Club as are the Memorandum and Articles of Association; copies of which are available to Members. One copy shall be displayed on the Notice Board at all times. One copy of the By-laws shall be issued free to each Member. All previous By-laws are hereby revoked.
2. Rochester Cruising Club Limited formerly known as the Rochester Cruising Club founded in 1905 (in these By-laws called the Club) shall sail under the colours of the Rochester Heraldic Red Lion on a yellow background.

3. Subscriptions

- a) Subscription fees and Mooring fees will be determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Subscriptions and Mooring fees will be subject to an annual increase to the greater of the Retail Price Index (RPI), published by the Government for the previous year, or 2% capped at an increase no greater than 5%.

It is deemed that the mooring year will be 1st September to 31st August each year. The Mooring Fees will be payable within 30 days of the date of the invoice to qualify for a 5% reduction.

Subscriptions will be payable from 1st November and due by the end of November.

- a(i) Members paying in full within 30 days will qualify for a 5% reduction. Those wishing to pay their mooring fees by quarterly instalments will pay the published rate. Members paying by monthly S.O. will pay a 5% levy. These percentages may be amended from time to time by members at an AGM.
- b) Members who have reached the age of 65 and have been Full Members of the Club for not less than 5 five years will only be liable to pay 85% of the current membership subscription. Members achieving the required status prior to the 1st October 2016 and those already enjoying it will continue to pay 50% of the current membership subscription.

- c) Members currently enjoying Life status and those achieving same prior to 1st October 2016 will pay the currently agreed rate. Those achieving Life status after 1st October 2016 will pay 50% of the current membership subscription.
 - d) All partners (excluding Spouses) who are joint owners in boats moored at Rochester Cruising Club shall be required to apply for membership of the Club.
 - e) A full membership subscription and mooring fee shall be payable in respect of each boat on a Club Mooring.
 - f) A son and daughter of a Full Member, on attaining the age of 18 years, also Life Partner and the legal spouse of a Full Member may apply for full membership without being liable to pay the joining fee, provided that the Full Member has been a fully paid member for 12 months prior to the application.
 - g) A first subscription for a newly elected member shall be calculated by dividing the annual subscription by twelve and charging the number of whole or part months remaining in the club year until the 31st October'
 - h) Applications for Membership: Any person may apply to become a Member by filling in the application form with his name, address, age, occupation and previous Clubs. He should be proposed and seconded by existing Members of the Club. His form will be displayed on the Notice Board for at least 14 days after which he will be interviewed by the Membership Committee who will submit their findings to the next available General Committee Meeting. When an applicant is not known to existing members he should submit the names of two referees to whom the Secretary will apply.
 - i) A member who chooses to resign from membership should do so in writing to the Honorary Secretary. A subsequent application to rejoin within a period of five years from the date of resignation will be exempt from the joining fee but will require payment of the full annual application subscription, irrespective of the date. Upon renewal of the new membership, the members seniority date will be that of receipt of the new membership fee.
4. The Committee shall have the power from time to time to make a charge to a Member for entry to the Clubhouse to specific Social

Functions, providing 28 days notice of same shall have been posted on the Notice Board.

- a) Members will contribute £10.00 to the Social Fund for each guest taken by them to a Club 'Free' event.
5. a) The Club or its Officers shall not be held responsible for any accident or damage to property moored on or to the Club Premises or to any Member or visitor using the Club premises, or liability for negligence or other default in maintenance of equipment or errors of judgement in leadership.
 - b) Any member who is held responsible for the loss of or damage to Club property shall be liable to the Club for the cost of such loss or damage.
6. No person shall be allowed to live permanently on any boat on or moored to any Club property.
7. Dress Etiquette: Members will have to abide by the dress code as set out for appropriate functions.
8. Children shall not be allowed in the Bar Area.
9. Members may bring well behaved dogs on leads into the clubhouse, except during functions and special occasions, and at anytime elsewhere, must be kept under control at all times.
10. Only alcoholic beverages purchased from the Club Bar may be distributed or consumed in the Clubhouse.
11. Members must not use the Clubhouse for storage of property.
12. The Back Door shall be kept locked at all times.

13. Mooring By-Laws

All moorings and associated facilities provided by Rochester Cruising Club Ltd., for use by Club Members, remains the property of Rochester Cruising Club at all times. The management of the moorings and associated facilities is vested in the position of Mooring Master, answerable to the duly elected Management Committee and in accordance with the By-Laws as set out below and as amended from time to time by AGM.

Rochester Cruising Club Limited, for itself, its Committee, Members, Employees and servants, does not accept responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property howsoever

caused in the usage of the mooring facilities.

Should a dispute arise with regard to the administration or interpretation of these Mooring By-Laws a member may appeal in accordance with the By-Laws and Articles of the Club.

- a) Only Club members shall be granted annual mooring facilities, limited to one berth per member.
- b) A mooring application form shall be completed and lodged with the Club for the duration of membership. The application shall be completed in full showing overall vessel dimensions including all fixtures and fittings, whether temporary or permanent, extending past the hull transom and prow.
- c) The Mooring Master in accordance with the current mooring by-laws will allocate moorings. All allocations will be made in accordance with Appendix A "Guidance for Mooring Allocation" attached to these By-Laws. The allocation guide lines are to be considered as part of these by-laws and binding upon all members. The mooring By-Laws will be displayed on the Club notice board. All new allocated and relocated berths by the Mooring Master will be displayed on the Club notice board and emailed to all club members 14 days in advance of the berth being confirmed to allow members to appeal. Any appeals against an allocation must be made in writing within this period giving reasons for the appeal. The Management Committee in line with the By-Laws and Articles of Association will consider any appeals. With effect from 1st January 2001, no new berth allocations will be made to vessels in excess of 50 (fifty) feet (15.24 metres) overall.
- d) All first time berth allocations will be let subject to a one-year probationary period. It is the Mooring Master's responsibility to notify the Management Committee when a probationer is nearing his/her assessment date. The assessment will be in accordance with the Articles and By-Laws of the Club.
- e) Berths allocated on the inshore pontoons extending either side of the second walkway gate will be limited to vessels not exceeding 35 (thirty five) feet (10.67 metres) overall, with the exception of the first 2 (two) berths from the shore side down river end, which are classed as deep water berths for charging purposes. Such an allocation will be made at the discretion of the Mooring Master.

- f)** Members shall not transfer or sub-let their allocated berth.
- g)** A berth allocated shall not be occupied before the appropriate fee has been paid. Subsequent mooring changes, which require a corresponding alteration to payment or rebate, will initially be administered by the Mooring Master. Any rebate will be subject to an administration charge equal to one-month fee for the vessel in question. The Club must be notified within 14 days of any change in a moored vessel.
- h)** All vessels on Club moorings whether temporary or permanent are required to have third party insurance with a minimum indemnity limit of £2,000,000 (two million pounds sterling). A copy of the insurance certificate is to be deposited annually in the Club office on renewal. No use shall be made of the allocated berth until the current certificate is submitted.
- i)** Owners must ensure that vessels be securely moored in the position, as allocated by the Mooring Master. All vessels secured to Club moorings must use ropes and fenders suitable for the vessel and in a serviceable condition.
- j)** Whilst every effort will be made to contact the owner beforehand, in the event of an emergency, a vessel may be moved at the risk of the owner from a berth, or moved from one berth to another at the discretion of the Mooring Master or mooring sub-committee, without the prior consent of the owner or owners of the vessel.
- k)** Berth holders who leave their mooring for a period exceeding 72 (seventy two) hours must deposit a notice in the departure box on the reception and fuel pontoon, stating their period away and estimated time of return.
- l)** Any member vacating his allocated berth for a period exceeding 3 (three) months without giving prior notice to the Mooring Master or the Club Secretary, in writing, will automatically lose his right to that or any berth. The member concerned must obtain written confirmation of receipt of such notification from the Club. Any extension to the vacated period will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- m)** Non-berth holding members may be allowed to moor their vessel registered with the club on the pontoons free of charge for up to 24 (twenty four) hours, at the discretion of the Mooring Master, when a

berth is available, for a maximum of 6 (six) occasions in any 12 (twelve) month period. Additional time will be charged at the normal visitors' rates. No member is to moor on the pontoons without having first consulted the Mooring Master or member of his sub-committee.

- n)** All berth holders must be prepared to take visiting craft alongside from time to time as circumstances may require. The Mooring Master or mooring sub-committee member will ensure that the visiting vessel uses suitable fenders and is appropriately moored and that the visitor is made aware of the need to treat Club Members' vessels with care and respect. Details of the visitor's vessel, insurance company and owner are to be provided by the visitor to the Mooring Master or a member of his sub-committee.
- o)** All visitors will be charged the appropriate mooring fee in force at the time, except Clubs that have reciprocal arrangements that have been agreed by the Club Management Committee, and a visitor's mooring form shall be completed.
- p)** A tender is a dinghy not over 12 (twelve) feet overall length, used to go to and from the parent craft and shall be subject to the same rules as the parent craft. Only dinghies whose parent craft occupies a Club berth may be placed in the dinghy parking area free of charge. Where a security lock is used on a dinghy in the dinghy parking area, a duplicate key shall be lodged with the Mooring Master. Only one dinghy per parent craft will be allowed and all dinghies must be clearly marked with the name of the parent craft. No responsibility is accepted by the Club for the security of any dinghy or other property left in the dinghy parking area and which shall remain at the owner's risk.
- q)** The reception and fuel pontoon is solely for obtaining fuel, landing and loading only. The Mooring Master in conjunction with the Fuel Officer will regulate use of the pontoon.
- r)** The Club launch will not operate above Barge House Point or below Rochester Bridge, except in special circumstances as sanctioned by the Management Committee. Only persons authorised by the Mooring Master can operate the Club launch.
- s)** In the interest of safety, no loose gear is to be left on the pontoons.
- t)** Members are to be responsible for the safety and behaviour of their children and guests at all times. Pets brought on to the moorings

must be under the owners' control at all times. Members are responsible for the safety and behaviour of any animal so allowed.

- u)** Electrical cables and plugs from the pontoon electrical supply boxes to a berth holders' vessel are the responsibility of the berth holder and must be of a suitable nature and free from defects. Such equipment must be of the correct rating and correctly installed to suit its intended purpose or shall be removed. It will be the berth holder's responsibility to ensure that his pontoon electrical outlet is locked whilst he is away from the berth. The berth holder will be responsible for payment of all electricity supplies through his designated meter.
- v)** All barrows must be returned to the designated parking area by the main walkway gate immediately after they have transported their loads. All barrows must be returned in a clean condition. Only designated barrows may be used for the transportation of oily or dirty loads, and must be thoroughly cleaned before their return to the parking area.
- w)** The walkway gates shall be kept locked at all times. Members may obtain a fob from the office. Visitors will be provided with a pin pad code on arrival.

14. Scrubbing Berth Rules

- a)** All bookings for use of the scrubbing berth to be made through the Scrubbing Berth Officer or his sub committee and signed for. Dates will be allocated as requested, or by agreement if requested dates are already booked. The Scrubbing Block Officer reserves the right to change booked dates in what he decides are exceptional circumstances, such as essential maintenance required to the berth.
- b)** Only Club Members to be granted access to the berth. Emergency use by visitors only at Scrubbing Block Officer's discretion.
- c) i)** No vessel in excess of 20 tons will be permitted to use the berth.
 - ii)** No vessel in excess of 46 feet waterline will be permitted to use the berth.
- d)** No vessel is to be left unattended whilst grounding on the blocks.
- e)** The Club does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage however caused whilst using the berth.
- f)** All vessels shall be fully insured to cover damage to the berth and themselves.

- g)** The removal of old antifouling paint by scraping or sand blasting is prohibited whilst in the berth.
- h)** All rubbish to be removed from the berth and put in the skip in the car park.
- l)** No paint brushes or rollers to be cleaned out in the berth or on the pontoons. Environmental considerations to be adhered to. The structure will remain black and not have antifoul paints brushed out on it.
- j) i)** No children under the age of 12 will be permitted on the berth.
 - ii)** Children between the ages of 12 and 16 must be strictly supervised.
 - iii)** No person under the age of 18 will be permitted to use the power washer.
- k)** Any person wishing to use the berth will have to be safety inducted.
- l)** The tariff for use of the berth will be as laid down by the committee.
- m)** Persons who have booked the facility and do not use it on the booked dates; will still be liable for full payment unless:-
 - a)** 14 clear days' notice of cancellation is given.
 - b)** Another person is willing to take over the booked dates.
 - c)** Exceptional circumstances exist at the Scrubbing Berth Officer's discretion.
- n)** Persons booking the berth for two consecutive days and only using it for one, will still be liable for two days charges.
- o)** Any instance of use of the berth without the consent of the Scrubbing Berth Officer or his sub committee will be treated as a breach of Club By-laws and will be dealt with as such by the General Committee.
- p)** No vessel will be permitted to book the berth for more than two Consecutive days without the special consent of the Scrubbing Berth Officer.
- q)** All scrubbing berth charges due are payable at the time of booking.
- r)** All members using the Scrubbing Berth must have completed an induction course and been individually signed off by the Scrubbing Berth Officer or a designated member.

15. Marine Fuel Purchase Rules

- 1** The Company (RCC) is a Registered Dealer in Controlled Oil (RDCO) under sections 100G (2) and 100H(1)(a) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and the Hydrocarbon Oil (Registered Dealers in Controlled Oil) Regulations 2002 and more specifically Excise Notice 192 Registered Dealers and Excise Notice 554 Fuel used in private pleasure craft.
- 2** The Management of the supply (delivery of fuel to RCC by third party company) and distribution (sale of fuel by RCC to users) is vested in the RCC Fuel Officer (FO), duly elected at AGM by the Club Membership and strictly in accordance with the requirements of Certificate of approval 46794023 issued to RCC by HM Revenue and Customs.
- 3** Any infringement of the RDCO rules by any member(s) that results in any action taken against RCC by HM Customs and Excise will result in disciplinary action against the member(s) in accordance with the Articles, namely 13,14,15 and 42.
- 4** The Fuel Officer (FO) may nominate one or several named members of RCC to act as the deputy fuel officer (DFO) should it be necessary in the absence of the FOZ Alt DFO's must be nominated by the FO and approved by the Full Committee (Directors) of RCC and recorded in minutes of general meeting.
- 5** All DFO's must be fully trained in the use of the fuel supply and delivery facilities, administration requirements and docket completion procedures.
- 6** The FO or DFO must be always present during supply (discharge) of fuel from third party company tanker into the RCC fuel tank. The receipt of goods printout must tally with the meter reading of the supply tanker. All related documents and receipts must be signed and dated by the supply operative. No supply delivery can take place unless the FO or a DFO is present.
- 7** In accordance with the approval notice 46794023 RCC is required to send to HMRC a complete and accurate H05 return detailing the supplies and H0107 return detailing distribution of fuel to craft along with payment by 21st of each month.

- 8** At all times a minimum of 300 litres must be left in the main fuel storage tank to avoid malfunction of the system. The FO or DFO must ensure there is adequate fuel in the main tank before any distribution or shut off delivery before the 300-litre quantity is used.
- 9** It is the responsibility of the FO or DFO to manage the keys associated with the Fuel facilities. The lending out of the keys by a FO or DFO is strictly forbidden.
- 10** Marked diesel for use in Private Pleasure Craft is strictly forbidden for road use. RCC will not sell or distribute marked diesel to anyone for road use and will not accept responsibility for anyone found to have marked diesel in their road vehicle fuel tank.
- 11** The percentage of fuel supplied to private pleasure craft for use on that vessel other than propulsion will not exceed the figure suggested in the HMRC analysis referred to in Excise notice 554 paragraph 5.3 or any subsequent amendments of that notice from time to time.
- 12** The maximum amount of fuel to be delivered to a private pleasure craft at any one time is 2000 litres and the minimum is 20 litres.
- 13** Supply of Marked Diesel Fuel must only be used in members own vessel for marine use only.
- 14** Marked diesel may only be supplied from RCC fuel pontoon to members of RCC or bona-fide visitors (overnight mooring visitors). Members may be asked to provide details of their current membership status prior to the purchase of Marked Diesel Fuel.
- 15** All fuel distribution dockets must be fully completed and signed by the FO or DFO and the vessel owner must also sign the docket as a true and accurate record of the transaction. If the vessel owner refuses to sign the docket for whatever reason the FO or DFO must record this on the docket and report this to the Committee for further consideration.
- 16** Payment for fuel may be made by, bank card, BACS or cheque at the time of distribution into the vessel. Giving credit is strictly forbidden.
- 17** The price of Marked Diesel Fuel for members and bona-fide visitors will be posted in the control cabin on the fuel pontoon.

16. Defaced Blue Ensign:

- 1) A Permit for the wearing of the Defaced Blue Ensign is issued under a Warrant granted by the Secretary of State to Rochester Cruising Club (The Club) dated 11th May 2005.
- 2) An Application form is to be submitted to the Honorary Secretary together with the Ship's Registration Certificate. This may be either Part I or Part III. A copy is to be attached to the Permit after validation by The Club.
- 3) All persons named on the Ship's Registration Certificate must be members of The Club at the date of the application. Company or Commercial Registrations are not acceptable.
- 4) Upon completion of verification by the Honorary Secretary that the applicants and the conditions laid down, together with these rules, the General Committee may ratify the application by a majority vote.
- 5) All issued Permits will be numbered; a validation stamp and Company Seal will be affixed.
- 6) The expiry date of the Permit will be that of the submitted Ships Registration Certificate or upon the sale of the Yacht or cessation of membership of any owner, whichever is the earliest.
- 7) Members of The Club must have completed two full years membership before being eligible to apply for a permit. Where these differ the most senior date may apply.
- 8) A permit may be revoked by the General Committee of The Club for boating conduct likely to bring The Club into disrepute.
- 9) A member seeking to apply for a permit is deemed to accept and observe the conditions as set out on the reverse of the application and the issued Permit.
- 10) A Register of the issued Permits is to be kept by the Club and a yearly return made to the Authorising Body (currently the Royal Yachting Association).
- 11) The permit is to be kept on board the authorised Yacht whenever the defaced Blue Ensign is worn. The Club burgee must also be worn.

17. Smoking.

No smoking is permitted on the Club Premises.

Rochester Cruising Club Ltd.

Appendix A

Mooring By-laws

Guidance for Allocation

1. All mooring applications shall be made on Club approved forms and signed by the applicant to acknowledge recognition of mooring by-laws.
2. All applicants shall be added to the waiting list in order, based upon seniority by date of membership acceptance.
3. Waiting list for berths on Club moorings shall be posted on the Club notice board. No amendments will be permitted except by the duly elected Mooring Master of the day.
4. Members will be responsible for checking and confirming that personal and vessel details on the waiting list are correct.
5. The waiting list will show name of member applicant along with membership acceptance date, vessel name, vessel size and choices of class of mooring required.
6. Class of moorings will, in descending order be;
 - a) Full Tide pontoon (outside)
 - b) Full Tide pontoon (inside)
 - c) Half Tide pontoon
7. Any berth becoming vacant or made available by what so ever means, shall be offered by the Mooring Master to the first member on the waiting list for that class and size of mooring.
8. The dimensions of any vessel on the mooring waiting list shall be the overall length including any fixtures and fittings, whether temporary or permanent. The Mooring Master is to check and agree with the vessel owner the dimension prior to allocation.
9. If no vessel of a suitable size is available from the lists, the Mooring Master may allocate the berth in the best way he considers suitable to maximise the Club's income. In all cases the Mooring Master will take applicants in order of membership seniority.

10. Any member who has been allocated a berth, may apply to change to another mooring for the same vessel. The Mooring Master must be notified accordingly and application form duly completed. The Mooring Master will add that member to the waiting list in order of original membership seniority, provided that, continuity of membership has been maintained. If a multiple class application is initially made this will remain valid.
11. Any member who has been allocated and occupied that berth and subsequently seeks a different sized mooring must notify the Mooring Master accordingly and complete an application form. If the application is for a larger vessel, the Mooring Master will add that member's details to the waiting list in order of membership seniority. If the application is for a smaller vessel, the member may at the discretion of the Mooring Master and dependent upon membership seniority, retain that berth by paying the mooring charges of the larger vessel. The Mooring Master at the earliest opportunity, will re-allocate the smaller vessel to a berth of the correct size. Any member who has been allocated and occupied a berth for a particular vessel and subsequently seeks to change that vessel for another of the same size overall, must notify the Mooring Master and complete a new application form.
12. On notification of the death of a Berth Holder, the Committee will give every assistance to the next of kin or executors to facilitate the removal of the craft for a period up to three (3) months. RCC reserves the right to charge the relevant mooring fee after this period.
13. All Berth holders will be required to accept the allocation of an electricity meter, for which a twice-yearly standing charge, will be made, in addition to the charge for any units of electricity used.

Rochester Cruising Club Ltd.

Appendix B By-Laws

The Maintenance of Bank Accounts

The club will only maintain with its bankers a 'Main' current account, an interest bearing 'Treasury' account and the approved temporary accounts needed to support Rochester Cruising Club Ltd. credit and debit card transactions and card payment devices.

The Financial Instruments and Procurement policy

The following are the financial instruments of the Company and will be the only processes by which transactions on behalf of the Company may be conducted.

- 1. Standing orders;** Authorised by two accredited signatories of the Rochester Cruising Club Ltd. against accounts maintained by the club's bankers.
- 2. Direct debits;** Authorised by two accredited signatories of the Rochester Cruising Club Ltd. maintained by the bankers of the supplier.
- 3. Company Cheques;** Drawn in the name of Rochester Cruising Club Ltd. authorised by two accredited signatories of the club against accounts held with the club's bankers; All cheque books shall be secured in the club safe at all times when not in use and available for inspection by the Honorary Treasurer.
- 4. Constraints on Related Parties as Authorised Signatories**
No two or more Directors (Committee members) in a boat, business or legal partnership defined as 'related parties', under the International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 550, (detailed in section A4 to A7 as at 1st November 2014) will be permitted to simultaneously hold authorised signatures against Rochester Cruising Club Ltd bank accounts. Furthermore the Committee should, and have the right to, withdraw or withhold an authorised signature/s if two or more Directors (Committee members) holding them, or to hold them, have declared they are, or found to be, in a close personal or financial relationship.
Signatures will be relinquished or withheld in ascending 'authorisation priority' given that this progresses from Vice Commodore through Commodore to Honorary Secretary then Honorary Treasurer. The Committee will then, by majority vote, select a suitable replacement or replacements from the remaining Directors (Committee members).

- 5. Business credit/debit cards;** Issued from time to time by both the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer to 'functional directors' of and in the name of Rochester Cruising Club Ltd. drawing against accounts held with the club's bankers;
The Honorary Treasurer bears responsibility for setting and to maintain appropriate financial limits on 'Business credit/debit cards' whereas the 'functional director' issued with a card bears the responsibility for its security under the 'terms of issue' detailed by the club's bankers.
- 6. Card terminals;** Installed on the premises to accept payments made by members of the Rochester Cruising Club Ltd. (for goods and services rendered by the club) for the credit of club accounts held with the club's bankers.

The following constitutes the guidelines of procurement and financial commitment of the Committee (Directors)

- 7.** The Honorary Treasurer does not have a procurement directive or authority.
- 8.** The procurement of operational consumables is the continuing responsibility of the 'functional director'.
- 9.** The Honorary Treasurer is enabled to authorise payment for the repair or replacement of equipment up to the value of £1,500.
- 10.** The Honorary Treasurer is enabled to authorise payment for the procurement of all new equipment up to the value of £200.
- 11.** All and any other purchases and/or payments, up to the value of £25,000, must be authorised by a majority vote of a quorum of the Committee.

Additional notes for Friends and Family Members.

Club access to the car park is by electronically programmed keys to operate the barrier and the club house back door.

Access to the car park is only available when the club is open for bar facilities or special events.

Replacement key fobs can be obtained from the Assistant Honorary Secretary who can advise you of the price.

The bar is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday from midday; hot meals are available at each session.

Club regalia ie. Burgees, Blazers, Ties, Scarves and Pin Badges and available from the Committee Member on the reverse of the Yellow Book.

Please note the paragraph on page 5 'Conduct'

Please also familiarise yourself with all of the by-laws Pages 6,7 and 8

BAR OPENING TIMES

(At the discretion of the General Committee)

Wednesday	18.00 - 23.30 hours
Friday	18.00 - 23.30 hours
Saturday	12.00 - 16.00 & 18.00 - 23.30 hours
Sunday	12.00 - 16.00 hours

Permitted Times for the Supply of Alcohol

Sunday - Thursday 12.00 - 00.00 hours

Friday - Saturday 12.00 - 01.00 hours

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