



# **CONSTITUTION AND RULES GOVERNING THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF ELIGWA CLUB**

## **1. NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name and address of the Club shall be “Eligwa Club” and its registered office and venue shall be the Eligwa Clubhouse on the Vaal River, P.O. Box 743 Meyerton 1960.

## **2. CORPORATE STATUS**

A. The Club is a private, non-profitable, members only club and accordingly:

I. The Club is not formed for the purpose of carrying on any business or enterprise that has for its objects the acquisition of gain by the members of the Club, and no member has or shall have the right directly or indirectly or in respect of any of the assets or property of the Club.

II. All the property of the Club, movable and immovable, shall vest in the Executive Committee of the Club and its successors in office from time to time, who shall stand possessed thereof as Trustees for the Club and who shall have the sole power of controlling and dealing therewith.

### **PROVIDED THAT:**

a. Such Trustees shall not be obliged to file security under any law whatsoever; and

b. The immovable property of the Club shall be registered in the name of the Executive Committee for the time being of the

Eligwa Club in its capacity as Trustees for the Club; and

c. The Trustee for the time being shall not alienate, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or in any way burden or change any of the assets without the approval of the Club in a General Meeting.

III. No member is or shall be liable for the debts contracted by or on behalf of or in the name of the Club for any other liability of the Club howsoever arising and whether contractual, delictual or otherwise. The Club is liable only for its own debts and any assistance granted to any person or body, whether corporate or unincorporated, shall not render it liable for the debts of such person or body save as provided for in this Constitution and then only under written deed of cession, assignment, delegation, guarantee, indemnity or surety ship undertaking, signed and executed by (or) on behalf of or in the name of the Club.

IV. The income and property of the Club whensoever derived, shall be devoted solely to the promotion of the objects of the Club as set forth in the Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise by way of profit to members of the Club nor shall any member be entitled to any share therein.

V. The Club shall be entitled to sue and be sued in its own name in any Court or competent jurisdiction and has and will continue to have perpetual succession. There shall be vested in the Commodore for the time being of the Club, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, power to institute, prosecute, defend or compromise any legal proceedings of any nature whatsoever on behalf of the Club or any other persons, and to employ Attorneys and Council on behalf of the

Club. All Powers of Attorney in this respect shall be signed by the Commodore and the Commodore shall not be personally liable for the loss suffered.

VI. The Club may be dissolved if at least two-thirds of the total numbers of members, as per the register of members, voting at a General Meeting of members convened for the purpose of considering such matters, are in favor of dissolution. Not less than twenty-one (21) days notice shall be given of such meeting and the notice

convening the meeting shall clearly state that the question of dissolution of the Club and disposal of its assets will be considered.

VII. If, upon winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remain any assets whatsoever after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, such assets shall not be paid to or distributed among its members, but shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions, sporting, educational, charitable, social welfare or otherwise, preferably having similar objects, as may be decided either by the majority of members at the General Meeting at which it was decided by the Vanderbijlpark Municipality.

B. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of good faith or remuneration to any officer or servant of the Club or to any member thereof or private individual or firm in return for any services actually rendered to the Club.

### **3. PRIMARY OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of the Club are:

I. To provide for members and visitors the usual facilities and amenities for boating, water sport and social activities in the area of the Magisterial District of Vanderbijlpark.

II. To provide and maintain and alter Club grounds and premises and make alterations to pavilions, kitchens, refreshment room, ablution blocks and other accommodation, launching ramps, sheds and parking areas and other conveniences and to acquire movable and immovable property for the benefit of the Club.

III. To buy and sell or otherwise provide facilities for the sale of petrol and oil and such items as the Executive Committee may deem fit.

IV. To promote and hold either alone or jointly with any other Club, Association or Persons, Regattas, Race meetings, Competitions, Functions, Shows and to offer, give or contribute prizes, medals and awards and to promote or give any kind of entertainment.

V. To co-operate with other similar purposed bodies and in particular to subscribe to or become a member of any other Association, Club, or body having objectives of the Club, the establishment or promotion of which may be beneficial to the Club.

### **4. ANCILLARY OBJECTIVES**

For the purpose of bringing the main objectives into effect and incidental thereto, the following are ancillary objectives and the powers of the Club:

a) To admit to membership, on such terms and conditions as are hereinafter set forth, persons or bodies as may be prescribed by the Club and to fix and collect entrance and membership fees.

b) To raise funds by any legal means whatsoever.

c) To ask, apply and appeal for and to accept and receive donations, gifts, bequests, legacies, endowments, subscriptions and benefits of any kind from any source whatsoever.

d) To ask and apply for, to acquire, accept and receive, any rights, privileges, loans or money or any financial other assistance.

e) To design, register and issue badges or uniforms, as defined in Section 11 of Act No.23 of 1935 or any amendment thereof.

f) To invest and deal with any moneys of the Club not immediately required for carrying on the business of the Club upon such securities and in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee.

g) To ensure the Club on any terms which may from time to time be deemed fit by the Executive Committee.

h) To subscribe, donate, grant or lend money for sporting, charitable, educational or cultural purpose or for any other public, general or useful objectives.

i) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above main and ancillary objectives or any of them.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP**

A. The Club shall consist of the following members all of whom require to be interviewed by at least two members of the Executive Committee prior to admission. Approval for membership shall rest solely with the Executive Committee.

I. **Ordinary Members:** who shall be persons over the age of 21 who shall each be entitled to participate in all sports activities and to enjoy all social and other amenities of the Club, with their spouse and/or minor children, and shall be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting.

II. **Country Members:** who shall be persons without a locker and who shall be entitled to all the privileges of an ordinary member and shall be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting.

III. **Honorary Life Members:** who shall be persons who have rendered distinguished service to the Club or to

boating in general, and who are elected at a General Meeting of the Club recommendation by the Club or Committee, or on recommendation of the Executive Committee and shall thereupon become entitled to all the privileges of Ordinary Members without payment of subscriptions and entrance fess and shall be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting.

IV. **Family Members:** who shall be children over 21 years of age of members and shall be obliged to join the Club in their own capacity and who shall be entitled to enjoy all sporting and social amenities of the Club. Such member shall not be obliged to pay joining fees but will be liable for normal subscriptions and shall be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting.

V. **Senior Citizen Members:** who shall be 60 years of age or older and who have been members in good standing for 10 consecutive years or more. Such members shall be entitled to reduced membership fees only, at the Committee's discretion and be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting.

B. The secretary of the Club shall keep a Register of Members in which the following particulars shall be entered:

- i. The name of member
- ii. The type of membership
- iii. The member's business, residential and postal addresses
- iv. The date of admission to membership
- v. The date upon which membership is terminated
- vi. Any change of address
- vii. Any other pertinent information regarding the member

II. It shall be the duty of members to notify the Secretary of all the particulars required to be entered in the Register of Members and subsequent changes thereof.

III. The entry in the Register of Members concerning any person shall constitute prima facie proof that such a person is or was at a particular time a member of the Club, as the case may be, and the posting of a written notice addressed to any member to his or her postal address as shown in the said Register within the prescribed time, shall be deemed good service of notice.

C. All persons who, prior to the adoption of this amended Constitution have been members of the Club shall be deemed to continue to be members, provided that the Executive Committee may at any time request a member by registered letter, addressed to the member's last known postal address to confirm in writing within a reasonable time that he or she wishes to remain a member of the Club and failing the receipt of any such confirmation then the Executive Committee may instruct the Secretary to remove such members name from the register.

D. Membership fees shall be due as from the date of acceptance of a member. If the member joins in the first half of the year, subscriptions shall be the full Annual Subscription. If the member joins in the second half of the year the Subscription shall be the full Annual Subscription. Thereafter all Annual Subscription and fees shall be payable on the first day of the Club year.

E. Any member may resign from the Club at any time, provided that such member submits his resignation in writing to the Secretary. Such member shall, however, remain liable for all arrear membership fees and other debts, if any, due by him including arrears for the year in which he has resigned.

F. If the conduct of a member is, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, injurious to the interests and character of the Club, the Committee shall have the power to expel such a member and shall thereupon be debarred from all privileges of membership. Any member who is expelled shall, in the same manner as a member who resigns, remain liable for all arrear membership fess and other debts, if any, due by him, including arrears for the year in which he is expelled. He may appeal by calling a Special Meeting as provided in para. 1 O.B.

G. Any member who has not paid his subscriptions and/or any other fees or amount properly due by him to the Club on the expiry of one calendar month after such have become due, shall ipso facto, cease to be a member and shall thereupon be debarred from all privileges of membership, provided 14 days have elapsed since the sending of a registered letter to the last known address or special arrangements have been made for repayment i.e. Post Dated Cheque or a fee of 3% above prime interest to be paid until all dues are paid in full.

## **6. THE EXECUTIVE AND ORDINARY COMMITTEE**

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Commodore, who shall serve for a minimum period of 3 years, and the Harbor Master. The ordinary committee shall be not less than four other members who shall all be elected by secret ballot if necessary, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and who shall continue in office until their successors are elected at the next Annual General Meeting, provided that:

I. Members wishing to avail themselves for election to office, must be proposed and seconded by other members in good standing, 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

II. The Commodore shall have served on the committee for a minimum of one year immediately prior to his election.

III. The Executive and Ordinary Committee shall consist of members who have been members in good standing

of the Club for a minimum period of one year.

IV. Retiring members of the Executive Committee and Ordinary Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

V. The Executive Committee and Ordinary Committee shall be voted into office, at a General Meeting of the Club. Specific portfolios, except for that of Commodore, shall be decided by the Committee itself, in caucus and by the immediate past or incumbent Commodore who shall have a casting vote.

B. The office of a member of the Executive Committee and Ordinary Committee shall be vacated:

I. If such a member dies or becomes insolvent, or

II. If the estate of such a member is for any reason placed under curator ship by any competent Court, or

III. If by notice in writing to the Secretary such a member resigns office or

IV. If such a member is absent from three (3) meetings of the Committee without having obtained leave from the Commodore.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy which may occur in the Committee itself by voting, if necessary, provided that in the event of more than half of the Committee resigning or ceasing to hold office, then a Special General Meeting shall be called to elect a new Committee. The number of members elected to fill the vacancy or vacancies, shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the period of office of his or their predecessor or predecessors.

C. Unless a suitably qualified paid employee of the Club (who shall have one vote in the Committee Meetings), have been appointed to perform the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, then the Executive Committee shall appoint an Honorary Secretary and/or Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer, from amongst its members who shall each, if serving in an Honorary capacity, have a vote at Executive Committee Meetings. Should there be no suitable person able or willing to undertake the duties of Honorary Secretary and/or Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, within the Executive Committee, then the Executive Committee shall appoint persons to these posts who are not members of the Executive Committee and who shall be entitled to vote at Executive Committee Meetings.

D. The Committee shall have power at any time and from time to time to co-opt any person to serve on the Committee in an advisory capacity, and to terminate such co-option at its discretion and such co-opted member shall have a vote.

E. Appointment of Honorary President

The Executive Committee shall have the power, in its sole discretion, to appoint an Honorary President. Such a person shall have no executive powers whatsoever. The appointment will last for ONE (1) year only where after The Honorary President shall stand down but may be eligible for re-appointment for a second term. At the end of the second term, the Honorary President may not be re-appointed. An Honorary President may be chosen for reasons of exceptional services to the Club, for specific spheres of influence or for any other favorable reason, in the Committee's opinion.

## **7. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB AND THE POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A. All the business and affairs of the Club shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Committee. Such Committee shall have full power and authority to carry out all the objectives of the Club, except where such powers are expressly reserved to a General or Special General Meeting.

B. In addition, but without prejudice to their general authority the Committee shall have authority:

I. To promote the primary and ancillary objectives as laid out in the Constitution and the rules of the Club, from time to time.

II. To fix, increase or decrease boat, boathouse, jetty, entrance and subscription fess, launching fees and picnic fees and amounts due to the Club.

III. To pay without the prior sanction of the General Meeting, all debts and accounts of the Club and generally to discharge by payment or otherwise all the debts and liabilities of the Club including in particular but without limitation, the payment of the running and administration expenses of the Club in the ordinary course of its business or affairs.

IV. To decide what amounts of the funds shall be invested and what amount should be retained for administration and other expenses.

V. To deposit all funds with a bank selected by them in the name of Eligwa Club or any name suitable to such a bank, to nominate the person or persons to draw and sign all cheques and to operate on such account; all moneys received shall be banked without abatement.

VI. To register the name and if necessary, the Constitution and Rules of the Club under any law.

VII. To appoint an auditor to examine and report upon the accounts of the Club and remunerate him accordingly, if so required.

VIII. To make regulations, and Club Rules not inconsistent with the provisions for this Constitution and these rules, and to prescribe forms for the management, control and administration of the Club's business and affairs.

IX. To delegate to the Commodore, or any other Committee Member, or to the Secretary or any other person, any of the powers of the Club or of the Committee with the Committee, at its discretion, may deem expedient for the due conduct, management or regulation of any of the business or affairs of the Club and to authorize and

empower any such person with power of substitution, to negotiate and enter into agreements and contracts and to settle the terms thereof on behalf of the Club, and on behalf of the Club to draw, sign and execute all such deeds. Documents, instruments (including Powers of Attorney) as may be necessary.

X. To draw up a formal contract to be renewed annually at the Committee's discretion, by members who rent the boat garages, boat parks and ski- lockers, to indemnify the Club against any possible damage, claims and to ensure reasonable upkeep of the above facilities.

## **8. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ORDINARY COMMITTEE**

A. The Executive Committee and Ordinary Committee shall meet at least once every month at a place and time notified to members by the Secretary.

B. The Commodore of the Club and, in his absence, the Vice Commodore, shall be the Chairman of all meetings but in the event of both being absent, then the Committee shall have the power to elect its own Chairman to preside at such meetings.

C. The majority of Committee Members shall form a quorum.

D. All questions shall be decided by the vote of the majority of members present and at all meetings the Chairman shall have a casting as well as deliberative vote.

E.

I. The Executive Committee and Ordinary Committee shall cause proper minutes of all meetings to be kept.

II. Any such minutes, if signed by the Chairman of such meeting or by the Chairman of the Succeeding meeting, shall be prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such minutes, that the proceedings were regular and took place at a meeting duly convened and held.

III. In the event of a resolution of the meeting being required as evidence for any purpose whatsoever, then a copy thereof purporting to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Club shall likewise be prima facie proof of such resolution.

## **9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held as soon as possible after the 31st day of July, but no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November in each year, on a day and at a venue of the Club or such place as the Executive Committee may deem fit and at a time appointed by the Executive Committee.

B. The Secretary of the Club shall give each member of the Club at least 21 (twenty-one) days written notice of the meeting reckoned from the date of posting of the notice and such notice shall specify generally the business to be brought before the meeting.

C. Until 5pm of the weekday 10 days prior to the date of the A.G.M., the Secretary shall receive written notice of motion from members addressed or handed to him/her. The Secretary shall post copies of all notices of motion received by him/her to each member at a time so as to allow at least seven clear days between the date of posting of the notices and the date on which the meeting is to be held.

D. In the event of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman being absent, then the meeting shall elect its own Chairman; The Chairman of the meeting shall remain in the Chair until the conclusion of such meeting.

E. Twenty (20) members of the Club entitled to one vote, 20% of the members of the Club entitled to vote, whichever is the lesser, shall form the quorum. If such quorum is not present within half an hour of the appointed time for such meeting, then such meeting shall be adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same place and time. (Unless it be a public holiday, when it shall be held the weekday following) when those members present at such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum and may transact the business for which such meeting was held.

F. Every member of the Club entitled to vote shall be entitled to ONE vote, but the Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote, and a majority of votes of members present shall decide any question subject to the following provisions:

I. Only members who are in good standing shall be entitled to vote;

II. No decision of a General Meeting shall be reversed at a subsequent General Meeting except by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at such subsequent meeting.

III. The decision of any General Meeting upon a question affecting the expulsion or suspension of any member shall be final and cannot be reversed at any subsequent meeting.

G. The following business shall be transacted at the General Meeting:

I. The Executive Committee's Report for the previous year together with the statement of accounts of the Club shall be submitted to the meeting and considered.

II. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for the current year in terms of para 6 (A) (III).

III. Such further business or matters of which due notice has been given shall be transacted subject to the following proviso's:

a) The Chairman at his discretion may allow any amendment to be moved to any proposed resolution, due notice of which has been given.

b) Whilst no resolution may be taken on any matter of which due notice has not been given, the Chairman at his sole discretion may either rule or attempt to discuss such matter out of order or allow an informal discussion with a view to obtaining suggestions for the Executive Committee's consideration.

IV.

a) The Executive Committee shall cause proper minutes of all Annual General Meetings to be kept.

b) Any such Minutes, if signed by the Chairman of such meeting, or by the Chairman of the succeeding meeting, shall be prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such Minutes, that the proceedings were regular and took place at a meeting duly convened and held.

C) In the event of a resolution of the meeting being required as evidence for any purpose whatsoever, then a copy thereof purporting to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Club shall likewise be prima facie proof of such resolution.

## **10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A. The Executive Committee may at any time, if they deem it necessary or expedient, call a Special General Meeting of the Club.

B. The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting upon receiving a written requisition signed by not less than twenty (20) members of the Club, or 20% of the members of the Club entitled to vote, whichever is the lesser, specifying the business to be brought before the Club.

C. A Special General Meeting shall be conducted in the same manner as that provided for the Annual General Meeting.

## **11. ACCOUNTS**

A. The Financial year of the Club shall be **1st August to 31st July**.

B. True accounts shall be kept of the sum of money received and expended by the Club and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place, and of the properties, credits and liabilities of the Club.

C. The accounts shall be open for inspection to members, provided that the Executive Committee may impose such restrictions as it may deem reasonably necessary as to the time and manner of inspection.

D. The statement of accounts of the Club for the financial year shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for scrutiny at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## **12. INDEMNITY**

The Office Bearers of the Club and/or members of the Executive Committee, the Secretary, Treasurer and Servants of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club against all costs, losses and expenses which any of them may incur or become liable for in any member in the execution of his office or trust, unless the same shall be incurred or occasioned by his or her own willful act or default of any of them or for any loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of his or her offices, or in relation thereto, except when the same shall have happened by his or her willful act or default.

## **13. INTERPRETATION**

A. In the interpretation of this Constitution, the words, abbreviations and contractions used shall have the several meaning hereby assigned to them unless otherwise indicated in the context:

I. "Member" shall mean any person who has been accepted as a member in the manner prescribed by this Constitution, and who is in good standing and not under suspension in terms of the Constitution.

II. "He" and "His" shall mean and include any sex.

III. "Per annum", "Annum", "Yearly" shall mean the Club's financial year, viz, 1st August to 31st July.

IV. "A member in good standing" shall mean a member who is fully paid-up and has not contravened any Constitution or Club rule during the "year".

B. In the case of doubt as to the meaning or interpretation of the Constitution for the time being in force, or of any Rule, Regulation or By-Law framed thereunder, then the Executive Committee shall be the final arbitrator and its decision on the point shall be binding upon all members.

## **14. CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

A. This Constitution and these Rules may be repealed, substituted, amended or added to at any Annual or Special General Meeting by quorum of members personally present and voting at such a meeting, and or any manner approved by such meeting i.e., display etc. provided due notice has been given of such contemplated

alteration as hereinbefore provided.

B. A copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club purporting to be certified by the Chairman or Secretary may be accepted as evidence for any purpose whatsoever.

C. This Constitution and these Rules of the Club were adopted at a Special General Meeting on the Ninth day of March 1968, and Clause 6A was amended at the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th day of June 1975.

Clause 5 (vii) was added at the Annual General Meeting held on the 19 September 1982. The following clauses were amended at the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th of September 1992.

Clause 1

Clause 5 (A) (iv), (vi), (vii), (viii)

Clause 5 (G)

Clause 6 (A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v)

Clause 6 (C)

Clause 6 (D)

Clause 7 (B) (x)

Clause 9 (G) (ii)

Clause 11(A)

Clause 13 (A) (iii), (iv)

**This Constitution was signed by the Commodore, G. I. Cartwright and the Secretary H. Webster on the 20th September 1992.**

**This amended constitution was signed and adopted by the Commodore, D. Waters and the Secretary B. Mclachlan on the 24 November 2008**

Clause 5 (A) membership was amended by removing membership type Temporary member, Honorary member and Life member.

**This amended constitution was signed and adopted by the Commodore, C.H. Marais and the Harbour Master J. Rossouw on 30 September 2015**

## **FOREWORD**

This booklet is a comprehensive catalogue of the rules and regulations for Eligwa Club, as amended from time to time. These rules are set by the incumbent Executive Committee, as voted into office by members in terms of the Constitution and, as such, are binding on all members.

This booklet contains:

### **RULES OF THE CLUB**

These are certain necessary rules. Please add your own common sense and courtesy to these so that the club will be pleasant, relaxed venue which we presently enjoy.

### **RULES OF THE RIVER**

These rules are for your safety and must be strictly adhered to. Please help promote safety on the river.

### **BOATING HINTS**

Some suggestions to assist in providing a pleasant day's boating.

**ANY PERSON FOUND CONTRAVENING THE RULES SHALL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE CLUB DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.**

This is a consolidation of the rules and hints published in the Eligwa newsletters over the past few years. The committee wants to thank all those who contributed.

## **RULES OF THE CLUB**

1. Original discs supplied are for the use of members only, and if this rule is abused that person's membership will be terminated.
2. Members are allowed visitors, who will be charged an entry fee accordingly.
3. Ensure that your windscreen disc is displayed on the bottom corner on the driver's side of your windscreen. It is your passport through the Gates.
4. To enter the Eligwa Gates you will require Eligwa Gate Remote Control.
5. The speed Limit in the Club grounds is to be strictly adhered to. The 15kph limit is for everybody's safety.
6. When taking your boat out of the water, position your boat on your trailer yourself, the staff are there to operate the winch and tractors. Once your boat is out of the water, please proceed immediately to the parking area to dress your boat to ensure the minimum of delay at the ramp.
7. In order to reserve a jetty, an "Occupied" sign must be used. This sign should have the word "Occupied" and the E number of the boat printed on it. Chevron boards and makeshift signs are not acceptable. Once the jetty has been reserved the sign may not be removed (except by its owner) even though it may appear the jetty has been empty for some time.
8. Read the rules at the launching ramp.
9. No visitors or friends' boats will be launched. Only those of members.
10. Boats without E numbers, inland R numbers displayed on both sides, will not be launched.
11. Do not travel in the club waters with a dragging ski line unless you are turning to pick up a fallen skier. Otherwise stop and pull your line in.
12. Petrol credit will NOT be allowed. All petrol sales must be cash, cheque or Petrocard.
13. Please control your children in the club grounds. Do not allow them to swing on the flagpole ropes or climb up the flagpoles or the poles in the clubhouse. Children under the age of 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult at the pool and at the clubhouse.
14. Definitely no swimming permitted in Club waters.
15. Dogs are to be kept on a leash.
16. Small children must be supervised at the club swimming pool.



17. Please do not sit on the tables.
18. No fishing is allowed in club grounds, unless specific permission is granted.
19. Visitors are welcome provided that:
- The member meets them at the gate to sign them in. (Arrange a time when you will meet your guest at the gate).
  - Either the member provides the guest with a visitor's ticket or an entrance fee (as determined from time to time) is payable. All visitors must be signed in by the relevant member at the main gate.
  - The member is prepared to be held responsible for the behavior of his guests.
  - That the guest will be obliged to depart with the member even if the member should leave early.
20. Parents of club members are allowed in without a visitor's ticket or payment.
21. No personal watercraft, wet bikes, jet skis, or windsurfers are allowed on the club premises.
22. a. No skier shall take off or land at any jetties in club grounds (unless specific permission has been obtained).  
b. it is preferable for a skier to take off in the water away from the Club and after completion of skiing, to board the boat away from the Club. The boat shall then proceed slowly with caution, to its jetty.
23.  
a. If you are in doubt of club or river rules, speak to the daily duty officer.  
b. A duty officer is available every Saturday, Sunday & Public holiday during our boating season.
24. Only caravans belonging to and utilized by club members will be allowed in the Caravan Park at Cruiser Bay.
25. No individual freestanding tents will be allowed in the caravan park, save for those which form part of the caravan i.e., original equipment. Individual tents may only be erected for special occasions, and with the express written permission of the Executive Committee. Each tent erected will attract the same fees as that of a caravan.
26. No open fires are allowed within the boundaries of the club, except in designated braai areas, and on facilities provided.
27. The use of foul language derogatory statements and or unacceptable behaviour (which would cause the club disrepute) will in no way be tolerated, and any member found guilty of these, will be asked to leave the club immediately. The Executive committee reserves the right to suspend membership of any member, should it feel the need to base on the above and or as detailed in the constitution.
28. The commodore and his duly elected committee reserve the right to alter and/or change the rules of the club, from time to time, as may be deemed necessary, including and not limited to requesting any member to leave the club premises, and/or terminating any membership with immediate effect, should this be deemed necessary.
29. No motorcycles are to be operated within the confines of the club grounds, except with the express permission of the Executive Committee.
30. Four wheelers (Quad motorcycles) may only be operated by members who are older than 16 years of age, and are in possession of a valid license, to operate such a vehicle, or as authorized by the Executive Committee.

## **RULES OF THE RIVER**

NOTE: When facing the Free State, East is on the left, (Riviera Club side) west is on the right (Holiday Inn side).

1. All boats proceeding past the club have "right of way" over those leaving the riverbank or jetties. They shall pass the Club towards the middle of the river when traveling at speed.
2. All boats approaching jetties have "right of way" over those boats leaving jetties. It is the responsibility of the boat driver LEAVING the mooring jetty to observe and adhere to this rule.

3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES shall a boat follow in the wake of a boat towing a skier.
4. All occupants of a boat shall be seated IN the boat whilst traveling, NOT on the gunwales (sides), or on the bow (front) or on the backrests of seats.
5. Skiers must wear a life jacket at all times whilst skiing.
6. It shall be preferable for an observer to be present in the boat (alternatively an adequate wide-angle mirror) at all times to assist the boat driver when towing skiers. The driver or observer shall indicate any intention to change direction.
7. The direction of travel on the river is anti-clockwise: When leaving a jetty always turn right
  - > When traveling on the river always turn to your left and only after checking that it is safe to do so.
  - > Always overtake slower or stationery craft on the right.
8. A red flag shall be displayed at all times whilst a skier or a ski rope is in the water. After dropping a skier, the boat shall immediately move to the middle of the river and recover the ski rope.
9. Anyone found using his boat whilst under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or drugs, shall have the boat impounded by the Club officials.
10. Swimming in the river, or around and between jetties is not permitted.
11. Turn off the boat engine before pulling the skier into the boat.
12. No persons under the age of 16 are permitted by law to operate a powered craft.
13. Each boat shall carry:
  - A fire extinguisher
  - A paddle for rowing
  - A life jacket for each of the registered number of occupants
  - A red flag
  - A bailing bucket
14. Boats must display their R and E stickers. (Including valid Skippers licenses as required)
15. No boats are allowed on the river after sundown or before sunrise without special permission from the Rand Water Board.
16. Boats which are allowed on the water after dark must display a white light at the back, a red light on the port side (left) and a green light on the starboard side (right).
17. Powerboats must give way to all other craft. (Sail, canoes and rafts)

## **BOATING HINTS FOR YOUR SAFETY**

Our Motto is: "SAFETY FIRST"

### **INSURANCE**

The boat owner is legally responsible for any accidents, damage or injuries he/she causes. Ensure that you are suitably covered.

### **TRAILERING**

For many boating enthusiasts, the voyage begins at the driveway not at the jetty. The boat trailer is equally important to maintain as the boat itself. Check the trailer regularly - particularly the electrical system and the wheel bearings.

### **FUELLING**

BEFORE FUELLING, stop engines or any other devices likely to cause sparks. DO NOT SMOKE WHEN FUELLING OR WORKING NEAR THE PETROL TANK OR CONTAINERS.

DURING FUELLING, keep nozzle of petrol pump in contact with petrol tank to avoid static spark. Avoid fuel spillage. Portable fuel tanks should be removed from the boat before filling. The portable fuel tank cap and vent should be tightly closed until it is returned to its proper place in the boat. Only then should the fuel line be re-connected and the tank vent opened. Wipe all spillage off the tank before placing it in the boat. Always operate the blower (if fitted) to rid the boat of fuel odors, before starting the engine.

### **RULES OF THE WATER**

Sailing boats, canoes and rafts always have “right of way” over powered craft.

Overtake on the right

Always turn anti-clockwise (left) and only after checking that it is safe to do so.

### **WATERSKIING, TUBING AND WAKEBOARDING**

No skier shall start from any jetty or land point on the club’s grounds.

You are responsible for the safety and conduct of a water-skier behind your boat.

Do not perform any maneuver that will cause a problem for the skier and likewise do not allow the skier to perform dangerous antics whilst in tow.

Always consider what will happen if the skier falls off.

Do not ski in crowded boating areas where there is a danger of a fallen skier being run over by other boats.

### **REMEMBER: IT TAKES THREE PEOPLE TO SKI**

The boat driver

The observer

The skier

The observer’s function is to relay to the driver all signals from the skier and to inform the driver

IMMEDIATELY if the skier falls.

Always wear a life jacket when skiing. Switch off the engine before taking skiers aboard from the water. Do not leave the engine running in neutral, if the gear lever is accidentally engaged, the propeller could injure the skier.

**NEVER SKI TOO CLOSE TO THE RIVERBANK, THIS ENSURES THAT YOU WILL NOT BE CAUGHT UP IN FISHERMEN’S LINE. ALWAYS PULL THE SKI ROPE BACK IN, WHEN THE SKIER HAS LANDED.**

Never let it drag behind the boat, it becomes a hazard to other boats if left in the water.

Avoid prolonged high-speed boating in rough or choppy water. It’s like driving a speeding car over rough, corrugated roads - uncomfortable and damaging to the craft. The pounding and vibration could cause loosening or even breakage of components and can lead to stress and major damage to the hull.

### **RETURNING HOME**

When you return the boat to its trailer - make sure that the boat is secured properly before pulling it up the ramp.

After it is out of the water and away from the ramp, remove the drainage plugs so as to allow the water to run from the bilges. Keep your boat clean - USE FRESH WATER to remove any grime, algae and dirt from the hull and deck.

Boating becomes more fun as you learn more about it. These tips will help towards your safety and pleasure on the water.

# **HAPPY BOATING!!!**