



**Founded in 1928**

**RULES  
2000**

These Rules were approved at the Annual General Meeting held on 20 January 2000 and replace the previous Rules dating from 26 September 1984.

They include new rules, 22A and 27, which were adopted by EGM on 4 May 2006.

Also an amendment to Rule 12 which was passed at the AGM on 17 Jan 2008.

25 Any member of Clubs with whom reciprocal arrangements have been made and approved by the General Committee may be authorized by the Boatsteerer to use the Club Rooms without payment for a period or periods not exceeding fourteen days in the aggregate in any one year.

26 In the event of it becoming impossible or impracticable or inadvisable to carry on the Club, the General Committee shall have the power to decide upon its dissolution, in which event it shall be competent for the General Committee to alienate any of the Club's property left after discharging the liabilities of the Club. In the event of such dissolution the residue of funds remaining after all debts of the Club have been discharged shall be allocated to such charities as in the opinion of the General Committee may have the best claim upon the generous feelings of the Members of the Southampton Master Mariners' Club.

27 The property of the Club shall be vested in not more than four Trustees ("the Trustees") who shall be appointed by the General Committee and the property of the Club shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the General Committee may from time to time direct by resolution. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the assets of the Club. Each Trustee shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the General Committee. Where by reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the General Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination, the Captain is now nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 Trustee Act 1925, and he shall by deed appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

Any member so ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all rights to any claim upon the Club or its property or funds or its Officers.

22 These rules may be subject to revision or alteration at the Annual General Meeting of the Club on at least one month's notice in writing being given to the Boatsteerer, or at an Extraordinary General meeting to be convened for that purpose. A majority of at least two-thirds will be required to carry any motion for such revision or alteration.

22A \*The following rules shall apply to each Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of the Club:-

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be requisitioned either by:

(i) Written notice served by not less than twelve (12) subscription paying Members (Cachalots), or

(ii) Resolution of the General Committee.

(a) Each EGM shall be called on not less than one month's notice (or on such lesser period of notice, being not less than 7 days, as is determined by the General Committee) served on all those entitled to attend and vote thereat;

(b) The rules for attendance and voting at each EGM shall be the same as govern Annual General Meetings of the Club as set out in Rule 11;

(c) The quorum for each EGM shall be at least ten persons entitled to attend and vote thereat;

(d) All decisions shall be decided by majority vote of those present and entitled to vote, save a revision or alteration to the Rules of the Club, for which a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote shall be required under Rule 22;

(e) Any person entitled to attend and vote at any EGM may appoint a proxy (who must also be entitled to attend and vote at that EGM) to vote in his place. The form of proxy must be in writing and approved by the committee.

23 Members shall have the privilege of introducing visitors to the Club Rooms, provided such visitors shall not have been rejected for membership of the Club, or expelled or resigned at the request of the General Committee. Members shall be responsible for the behaviour of visitors introduced by them. No person who is eligible to become a member of the Club shall be allowed to attend as a visitor more than five times in any one year.

24 The Club rooms shall be open to members at such times and upon such days as the General Committee shall from time to time prescribe, and the General Committee may make such by-laws as may be necessary for the management and good order of the Club Rooms, and such by-laws shall be of equal force to rules of the Club.

## CLUB RULES - 2000

1 The name of the Club shall be "THE SOUTHAMPTON MASTER MARINERS' CLUB", with the sub title "THE CACHALOTS".

2 The object of the Club shall be to maintain and foster social and professional comradeship amongst Master Mariners and other persons having an interest in ships and the sea, and to provide in so far as may be possible, a convenient meeting place for members. The Club shall be non-political.

3 The management of the Club shall be vested in and exercised by the General Committee, which shall consist of :-

(a) The five Officers of the Club, namely

- (1) The Captain
- (2) The Shore Staff-Captain
- (3) The Sea Staff-Captain
- (4) The Boatsteerer (Hon. Secretary)
- (5) The Storekeeper (Hon. Treasurer)

(b) All Past Captains of the Club, including the immediate Past Captain (who shall be known as "the Post-Captain").

(c) Committee Members (whose title shall be "Harpooners").

4 The General Committee shall have the following powers, namely:

(a) To co-opt additional members at its discretion.

(b) To nominate eight (8) Harpooners, to act with the Officers of the Club and the Post-Captain, as a committee, on behalf of the General Committee in all executive and financial matters. (This committee shall be known as the Executive and Finance Committee.)

(c) To convene other sub-committees as may from time to time be required.

5 No decisions, of any committee, shall be binding unless a quorum is present. The quorum for each committee shall be at least four, one of whom must be an Officer of the Club. The Chairman may exercise a casting vote.

6 The Captain and Staff-Captains shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. The incoming Captain and Staff-Captains shall be chosen before the end of the year, at a meeting of all available Past Captains, the current Captain, Staff-Captains,

Boatsteerer and Storekeeper (such assembly being referred to as "the Past Captains"). A quorum of five being required.

7 The Boatsteerer and Storekeeper shall retire every two years, at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Boatsteerer and Storekeeper shall be chosen in a similar manner to the Captain and Staff- Captains.

8 One third of the Harpooners shall retire annually in rotation and shall be eligible for re-election. The vacancies arising shall be filled by general election by the General Committee.

9 Liability of members shall be limited to their full rate of subscription.

10 The General Committee may elect such Honorary Office Bearers as it may think fit.

11 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January or February in each year and all Cachalot members of the Club shall be entitled to attend and to vote at this Annual General Meeting, but no member shall be entitled to vote in any matter or take part in any discussion at such meeting, or at any meeting of the General Committee or any of its sub-committees, unless their club subscription for the current year has been paid. The date of the Annual General Meeting will appear at least once in the programme of events given to each Member and on the Club Notice Board. Any change to the given date shall be promulgated by whatever means appropriate.

12 The General Committee shall meet at least twice a year to transact necessary business, and can be called together by the Boatsteerer at such times as may be necessary.

13 The Chair of the Executive and Finance Committee shall be the Captain of the Club. In his absence, the Chair shall be taken by the Shore Staff-Captain or the Post-Captain or an Officer of the Club.

14 Sub-committees, other than the Executive and Finance Committee, shall elect their own Chair and Deputy Chair.

15 Membership of the Club shall be confined to persons falling within one of the following classifications, namely:-

(a) Members who pay a subscription and who shall be designated "Cachalots".

(b) Stowaway members - Persons whose national status or service to the Country is, in the opinion of the General Committee, such as to render it desirable that they should be made honorary members.

(c) Honorary members - The General Committee shall have the power to elect as "Honorary Members" or "Honorary Life Members"

such persons because of their service to the Club or to the Merchant Navy merit such tribute.

(d) Special membership - May be available on application to the Treasurer or Boatsteerer.

16 Application for membership shall be dealt with in the following manner:-

(a) A candidate will be considered for membership only if his or her name has been displayed on the Club Notice Board for a period of at least 12 "Club" days.

(b) Application for membership as a Cachalot shall be considered and dealt with by the General Committee or any of its sub committees.

17 The standard annual subscriptions relating to the various subscription categories and the entrance fee shall be the amounts decided at the end of the year meeting of the General Committee.

Subscription categories are:-

Port  
Country (those who neither work nor reside within 15 miles of the port)  
Seafaring  
Retired members (those who are no longer in gainful employment)

18 Subscriptions are payable on election and are renewable on 1st January each year. Any member elected after 1st June shall pay one half of the appropriate subscription.

19 Any member whose subscription shall remain unpaid for 6 months after the due date may be deemed to have ceased to be a member of the Club.

20 All newly elected members shall be required to pay an entrance fee as determined in rule 17.

21 The General Committee shall, in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason, be entitled to:

(a) Refuse membership of the Club to any applicant.

(b) Terminate, without notice, the membership of any member whose conduct is or has been detrimental or injurious to the welfare, character, interest or good name of the Club or its members, or for any other reason.

The General Committee, whose decision shall be final, may if it deems fit, call upon such a member for an explanation of their conduct or behaviour.