

Constitution of the Yachting Club of CERN

An association under the terms of articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code and under the aegis of the CERN Staff Association shall be set up under the title **Yachting Club of CERN (YCC)**.

- Article 1 Its purpose shall be to bring together amateurs of sailing among the CERN personnel and their circles, to run courses, to place equipment for the practice of its activities in sailing at the disposal of its members and to extend these activities in conjunction with other yachting Clubs.
- Article 2 The Club shall be non-profit-making. It shall refrain from any political and religious activities.
- Article 3 The Club headquarters shall be at CERN, Geneva.
- Article 4 The Club membership shall consist of active, temporary and junior active, honorary and friend members being CERN or external members.
- a) The CERN members shall be persons employed by CERN in any capacity whatsoever (staff, fellow, students, associate and retired) and their dependents.
 - b) The external members shall be persons who do not belong to the previous category (article 4-a). The proportion of external members shall be decided every year by the Committee but cannot exceed majority.
 - c) The "honorary" title shall be assigned by the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Committee to members who held for a long time a task beneficial to the Club.
 - d) Friend members shall be those subscribing to the Club or making gifts but not making use of the boats
 - e) Only short-term visitors (less than 6 months) may apply to become temporary members for a period not exceeding 2 months. They may be not temporary members for two consecutive seasons
- Article 5 Only active members may join Club's courses and make use of its boat. All the members of the Club are required to comply with its internal rules drawn up by the Committee and adopted by the Annual General Meeting.
- Article 6 Subscriptions
The amounts of subscription and the entrance fee shall be set every year by the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions can vary according to membership categories (active, friend, active temporary and junior) and according to the functions or specific tasks (Committee member, teacher, etc). Only persons who have paid their subscription shall be regarded as members of the Club. The number of Club members shall be set every year by the Committee in accordance with the Club's facilities.
- Article 7 All members of the Club taking part in activities not covered by the CERN Health Insurance scheme shall take out insurance. On enrolment, the external members shall produce an insurance certificate showing that they are covered against the hazards in the activities in which they take part.

- Article 8 The Club shall accept no responsibility or liability for any accident resulting in personal injury caused by a member of the Club to him/her-self, another Club member or a third party.
- Article 9 For the pursuance of its purpose, the Club shall have the following financial means
- a) Membership subscription and entrance fee
 - b) Gifts and allowances of any kind
- Article 10 The Club's main body shall be:
- a) The Annual General Meeting
 - b) The Committee
 - c) The Auditors
- Article 11 Annual General Meeting
- The Annual General meeting consists of all the members of the Club. It shall be called during the last two months of the Calendar year. A General Meeting may be called in emergency at any time by the Committee or at the request of one-fifth of the total membership. Notice of the meeting shall be given two weeks in advance.
- Article 12 The General Meeting shall have the following power and duties:
- a) It shall elect – for one year renewable term – the Chairman of the Club that must be a CERN member (as defined in article 4-a)
 - b) It shall appoint the committee members and the auditors
 - c) It shall approve the Chairman's and Treasurer's management reports and the reports of the Auditors
 - d) It shall set the annual subscriptions
 - e) It shall be the final authority in any matter not covered by this Constitution
- Decisions are taken with simple majority.
- Article 13 The Committee
- The elected members shall divide their duties among them as they deem fit. The new Committee shall meet and make its arrangements within thirty days following its election.
- Article 14 The Committee shall consist of at least six members. It shall comprise:
- ✓ 1 Chairman
 - ✓ 1 Vice-chairman
 - ✓ 1 Secretary
 - ✓ 1 Treasurer
 - ✓ Members who shall perform various duties or have other responsibilities, including the offices of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.
- All the members of the Committee shall hold office for one year. On the expiry of their term of office, they shall be eligible for re-election. Between the date of the General Meeting and that of the constitution of the constitution of the Committee, the outgoing chairman shall settle the day-to-day business. Committee decisions are taken with simple majority.
- Article 15 The Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Club. Committee decisions shall be valid only if at least four of its members, including the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman are present at the meeting. Committee members who have not attended at least half of the meetings during the year shall be deemed to have resigned.
- Article 16 The Committee may set up temporary or permanent technical sub-committees. The members of these sub-committees may be present during the discussion of the Committee but may not vote.

- Article 17 Up to 20.000 CHF can be stored on a bank account accessible with the signature of the Chairman or of the Treasurer. Commitments on the remaining part of the Club assets shall validly be made on the joint signature of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the Secretary together with that of the Treasurer or his/her Assistant.
- Article 18 Any commitment undertaken on Club's behalf shall be guaranteed only by its own fund. The individual members shall bear no personal responsibility of liability.
- Article 19 The Club accounts shall be kept up to date and shall be available for checking to a representative of the Staff Association.
- Article 20 Amendments to the Constitution may concern a part of the whole thereof. Any request for amendments to the Constitution shall be sent to the Committee in writing at least fifteen days before the General Meeting.
- Article 21 Any amendment to the Constitution shall be approved by the General Meeting in accordance with the Staff Association's rules of quorum.
- Article 22 The Club may be disbanded by a vote in the General Meeting in the same conditions as those set out in the previous Article.
- Article 23 In the event of the disbanding of the Club, its funds, after the equipment has been sold, to the highest bidder, shall be paid into the Funds of the CERN Staff Association.

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