

Constitution of Universal Marina Yacht Club

1. **Name:** The Club will be called Universal Marina Yacht Club (hereafter called 'UMYC').
2. **Aims and Objectives:** The aims and objectives of the UMYC will be to support the boat owners within Universal Marina, foster a good fellowship and to provide social and other activities as may be from time to time determined.
3. **Membership:** Membership will consist of officers and member of the UMYC. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the UMYC will be deemed to accept these regulations and code of conduct that the UMYC has adopted. Members are defined as private berthholders who have joined the UMYC or members of UMYC who have had a berth at Universal Marina for a minimum of two consecutive years and wish to continue their membership after leaving Universal Marina.
4. **Annual General Meetings (AGM):** A minimum of 21 days' notice will be given by the Hon. Secretary of the AGM. The quorum for the AGM will be ten.
5. **Annual accounts:** A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.
6. **Membership fees:** Membership fees will be set annually and ratified at the AGM. Membership fees are paid either annually or by a two year membership payable at twice the current rate. Membership fees are due by the 30th April.
A Member who elects to have a two year membership, but does not remain a Berth Holder at Universal Marina, continues to be a member of UMYC for the duration of the two year membership.
7. **Officers of the UMYC:** Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Officers will be elected annually at the AGM. The Hon. Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the UMYC.
8. **Committee:** The UMYC will be managed by a committee that will consist of: Commodore, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, Universal Marina representative and two elected members.
The Committee will:
 - Be convened by the Hon. Secretary of the UMYC and held no less than twice per year. The quorum required for business to be agreed at management committee meetings will be four.
 - Be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the UMYC.
 - Have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to fulfil its business.
 - Be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members.
 - Be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline.
9. **Disclaimer of liability for non-business activity:** Members hereby agree and acknowledge that they take part in any event organised and managed by UMYC of their own free will and at their own risk and that the organiser shall not be nor be deemed to be responsible or liable whether in contract or in tort or under any statute for any personal injury (including illness) which may be suffered by the member or any damage sustained to their personal property during the event or any other loss or damage suffered by the member as a result of their participation in the event.

This paragraph also applies to any non-members who attend any event or rally at the invitation of a member. It is the members' responsibility to advise non-members of this paragraph.

10. **UMYC monies:** All UMYC monies will be banked in an account held by the UMYC. The financial year of UMYC will end on 31st March. Any cheques drawn on the UMYC must hold the signatures of the Treasurer or the Event Coordinator.
11. **General Data Protection Regulation:** UMYC will always comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when dealing with members' personal data. Further details on the GDPR can be found on the UMYC website and at the website for the Information Commissioner (www.ico.gov.uk). For the purposes of the GDPR, UMYC will be the "controller" of all personal data held about members.
12. **Dissolution:** A resolution to dissolve the UMYC can only be passed at an AGM through a majority vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution, any assets of the UMYC that remain will, after payment of outstanding creditors, be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
13. **Amendments to the constitution:** The constitution will only be changed through a majority vote at the AGM.

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