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CHAPTER 202.**MARINERS' CLUB (GEORGETOWN).**

10 of 1943. **An Ordinance to provide for the management and control of a Club for Seamen at the port of Georgetown; for the appointment and incorporation of the Trustees thereof; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.**

[5TH JUNE, 1943.]

Short title. **1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Mariners' Club (Georgetown) Ordinance.**

Interpretation. **2. In this Ordinance—**
 "excisable liquors" means all spirituous and alcoholic liquors for the sale of which a licence is required by law;
 "seaman" means every person employed or engaged in any capacity on board any ship and includes the master and any apprentice duly indentured and registered, but does not include any waterfront worker;

“ ship ” means any description of vessel used in navigation except those engaged solely in the coastal or river trade in the Colony.

3. The club in the port of Georgetown known as the Mariners' Club (hereinafter referred to as “ the club ”) shall be controlled, conducted and maintained in the manner hereinafter provided.

Control and maintenance of the Mariners' Club, Georgetown.

4. (1) The club shall be under the control of trustees (hereinafter referred to as “ the trustees ”) who shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, secretary and two other trustees.

Appointment of trustees.

(2) The trustees shall be appointed by the Governor.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this section, a trustee shall hold office for three years from the date of his appointment.

(4) The Governor may grant leave of absence to any trustee and may appoint some person to act as a trustee during the leave of any such trustee.

(5) The Governor may at any time revoke the appointment of any trustee.

(6) A trustee shall vacate his office—

(a) if he resigns in writing addressed to the Chief Secretary; or

(b) if he departs from the Colony and is absent therefrom for a longer period than one month without the leave of the Governor.

(7) No trustee shall receive any remuneration in respect of his services as such trustee.

5. (1) The trustees shall be a body corporate and have the name of the Trustees of the Mariners' Club and by that name shall have perpetual succession and, subject to the provisions of this section, full powers to purchase, take, hold, enjoy, sell, transport and mortgage, invest and otherwise deal with all the property (movable and immovable) of whatsoever nature or kind soever and may sue and be sued in all courts of justice and before all judges and magistrates in the Colony.

Incorporation of the trustees.

(2) The trustees shall have no power to sell, transport, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the immovable property described in the schedule hereto.

Schedule.

Certain
property to
vest in
trustees.

6. From and after the commencement of this Ordinance—

(a) the property described in the schedule hereto, together with the buildings erected thereon; and

(b) the moneys deposited with the Financial Secretary and known as the Mariners' Club Fund, are hereby vested in, and shall be deemed to be the property of, the trustees.

Tenure of
trustees.

7. All property vested in the trustees by this Ordinance, or which may hereafter be acquired by the trustees, shall be held by them for the use and benefit of the Club.

Meetings of
the trustees.

8. (1) The chairman, or if he be absent, the vice-chairman, shall preside at meetings of the trustees and, in the absence from any meeting of the chairman and the vice-chairman, the trustees present shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(2) The trustee presiding at any meeting of the trustees shall have an original vote and a casting vote.

(3) Three trustees present at any meeting of the trustees shall form a quorum.

(4) The trustees shall not be disqualified from transacting any business by reason only of any vacancy in the number of trustees.

Maintenance
of club.

9. The club shall be maintained out of the moneys which may be provided for that purpose by the Legislative Council together with such other moneys as the trustees may obtain by public subscriptions and donations and as revenue derived from the operation of the club.

Right of
seamen to
free
admission
into club
premises.
Powers of
trustees.

10. Subject to any rules which may be made by the trustees as hereinafter provided, every seaman shall be entitled to be admitted into the club premises free of charge.

11. (1) The trustees shall have power—

(a) to equip and maintain the club premises for use as a club;

(b) to employ and pay such staff as they may deem necessary for the proper and convenient conduct of the club; and

(c) to provide, furnish and equip sleeping accommodation for seamen.

12. (1) Anything to the contrary in any statute notwithstanding the trustees may provide refreshments (including excisable liquors) for seamen and may fix and collect charges for any refreshments so provided.

Power to provide refreshments.

(2) All excisable liquors supplied to seamen under the preceding subsection shall be consumed on the premises described in the schedule hereto.

(3) Any person who, without the consent in writing of the Comptroller of Customs, wilfully takes, or knowingly causes or permits to be taken, any excisable liquor from the premises described in the schedule hereto to any place outside the said premises shall be guilty of an offence against this section.

(4) Any person guilty of an offence against this section shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

13. The trustees may let the hall on the upper floor of the club premises to any person for any purpose the trustees may approve and may impose such terms, including the charge of rent, as they may deem proper.

Power of trustees to lease hall in club premises.

14. (1) The trustees shall cause full and proper accounts of the club to be kept.

Duty of trustees to keep proper accounts.

(2) As soon as conveniently possible after the 1st January in each year the trustees shall transmit to the Financial Secretary a report and statements of accounts, duly audited by an auditor approved in that behalf by the Governor, in respect of the previous year.

15. (1) The trustees may, with the approval of the Governor, make rules to give effect to the purposes of this Ordinance.

Power of trustees to make rules.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing subsection the trustees may, with the approval of the Governor, make rules for any of the following purposes—

(a) prescribing the fees to be charged for any service rendered;

(b) prohibiting the entry into the club premises of any seaman or any class of seamen;

(c) prescribing the powers and duties of any person employed by the trustees;

(d) prescribing conditions governing the use or occupation of any portion of the club premises; and

(e) prescribing the rules of conduct to be observed by seamen while on the club premises.

Cap. 321 not
to apply
to the club.

16. The provisions of the Registration of Clubs Ordinance shall not apply to the club.

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SCHEDULE.

That piece or parcel of colony land at Eve Leary situate between the northern extremities of High Street, and Fort Street, Georgetown, containing approximately 1.2075 acres as shown on a plan dated 15th May, 1943, by R. S. Kaufmann, Government Surveyor, and recorded as No. 4574 in the Department of Lands and Mines, Georgetown.
