

Caryn Street  
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Sir,  
A Yacht Club has lately been formed in the River Thames, which has done me the honour of electing me as their Commodore, and is called "The Wharfedale Yachting Club." The Qualification necessary for becoming a member of this club is, the Ownership or part Ownership, or the Command by loan or otherwise, of a vessel at least 20 Tons burthen, according to the old measurement of this Country.

The Members of this club are desirous of obtaining for their Vessels, the privileges of entry into the Ports of Belgium free of Tonnage or Harbour duties, &c, which have been granted to Vessels belonging to other Societies of the same nature, and I enclose, herewith, a list of the Vessels now belonging to the Club, with their Tonnage and the names of their owners.

I beg to add that the Board of Admiralty here, have granted a warrant for the Vessels of this club to hoist certain distinguishing Flags, viz, a white Buzze at the Mast head, and a White Ensign with the Union Jack in the corner of it, at the Peak.  
I have therefore taken the liberty of addressing this to you and of requesting that you will have the goodness to transmit this our request to the proper Authorities in Belgium. I have the honour to be, Sir

Monsieur Van de Keyse  
&c, &c, &c,

your very humble servant.

Wharfedale

