



## **CLUB BYLAWS**

### **1 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS**

A FULL MEMBER shall have full use of all the Club facilities.

A FAMILY MEMBER, his or her spouse/partner and all their children subject to rule 8 shall have full use of all the Club facilities subject only to Rule 43.

A JUNIOR MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities subject to Rule 43.

A YOUTH MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.

A HONORARY MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.

A COUNTRY MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.

A NON SAILING MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club-house facilities.

AN OVER EIGHTY NON SAILING MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club-house facilities.

A CANOE / STANDUP PADDLE BOARD MEMBER shall have use of the Club facilities on such terms and at such times as the Committee shall determine.

A FAMILY CANOE / STANDUP PADDLE BOARD MEMBER, his or her spouse/partner and all their children subject to rule 8 shall have use of the Club facilities on such terms and at such times as the Committee shall determine.

A RADIO-CONTROLLED YACHT MEMBER shall have use of the Club facilities on such terms and at such times as the Committee shall determine.

GROUP MEMBERS shall have use of the Club facilities on such terms and at such times as the Committee shall from time to time determine for each

individual group.

A TEMPORARY MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.

AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER shall have use of all the Club-house facilities.

NB. Club Rule 43 restricts the sale of intoxicating liquor to persons aged 18 or over.

## **2 DOGS**

No dogs may be brought into the club-house, except guide dogs.

## **3 CAR PARKING**

Cars may only be parked in areas designated for such parking so as not to cause an obstruction to other cars or to the approaches to the club premises. Cars must not be driven on the runways. Only those cars authorised by the Management Committee will be permitted to park in the immediate surrounds of the clubhouse.

## **4 PERSONAL BUOYANCY**

All members their guests and visitors shall wear a lifejacket or a buoyancy aid of the correct weight size for the individual whilst sailing or afloat on Pennington Flash. Wetsuits do not meet the requirements of this bylaw. However the use of personal buoyancy for competent, experienced windsurfers shall be a matter of personal choice. Junior members and children under the age of eighteen shall, when windsurfing, wear a buoyancy aid or an appropriate harness providing buoyancy at all times when afloat.

## **5 BUOYANCY**

Every boat shall have adequate buoyancy to enable it to support itself and crew when submerged. Buoyancy shall conform and be tested in accordance with Class Rules where appropriate.

## **6 INSURANCE**

Any boat sailed by members, their guests or visitors must be insured against claims by third parties for a minimum of £3,000,000.

## **7 CLASSES**

The classes of boat sailed in the Handicap and Development fleet shall be restricted to dinghies under 6.4 meters / 21 feet L.O.A. and multihulls designed for sailing by disabled people at the discretion of the Management Committee.

## **8 DUTIES**

It is a condition of membership that members carry out their duties as O.O.D., assistant O.O.D. or rescue assistant on the appointed day(s) as set out in the appropriate duty rota. Any member who is unable to fulfill his or her duty shall be responsible for arranging for a suitable replacement and recording such a change on the appropriate duty rota.

## **9 BOAT BERTHS**

Members must register all boats with the Honorary Membership Secretary and request a berth from the Berthing Officer before using them on the water. The payment of a membership fee shall entitle those covered by the membership to one boat berth, two for family memberships, at the Club and to launch and sail any number of other boats. Each boat on a berth must be securely tied down. The Management Committee reserves the right to move boats on the dinghy park when it is deemed necessary. They undertake to notify the owner as soon as is practicable.

## **10 PERMITTED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

The permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor are as follows:- Monday to Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day – as per District Licensing Hours, and the bar will be open at these hours or at such other hours as may be decided by the Committee subject to any restrictions imposed from time to time by the Licensing Justices.

## **11 ABANDONED BOATS**

In addition to the powers given to the Committee under Rule 17 and Rule 36 hereof, if at any time any fees payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears and a vessel, the property of a member or former member, remains upon the Club premises the Committee may:-

(a) Move the vessel to any other part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel however caused.

(b) Give one month's notice in writing to the member or former member at his last known address and thereafter sell the vessel and deduct any moneys due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, mooring, dinghy park fees or otherwise) from the proceeds of the sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.

(c) Alternatively, if the vessel is un-saleable after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of so doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member.

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:- Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member and that when and if the vessel is sold the proceeds of sale (less any indebtedness by the member or former member to the Club) shall be placed into Club funds, but a reserve should be retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (where he be the said member or former member otherwise) for a period of two years.

## **12 RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of the last member leaving the premises to ensure that the Clubhouse, all training facilities, spar /gear locker and the main gates are securely locked.

## **13 SAILING TUITION**

It is not permitted for any Club members or guests to personally charge any member or guest for sailing or sailing tuition on the water except when requested to do so by the Management Committee.

## **14 AVOIDING COLLISIONS**

Outside Club organised racing times the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions shall govern all boats on the water.

## **15 REGISTRATION NUMBER**

When sailing on the water all boats/boards must display the boat/board registration number on their sails. Boats/boards not having a registered number will be allocated a Club number which must be displayed.

## **16 DECIDING TO SAIL**

It shall be the sole responsibility of the members and their guests to decide at all times whether or not to sail on Club water, whether the Club provides a safety boat or not. The Club reserves the right to cancel Club sailing without notice. The Club limits its liability as described in Rule 25.

## **17 NON-PROFIT**

The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club's facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed.

## **18 SENIOR MEMBERS**

The Senior Members' discount shall be the difference between Full and Youth membership subscriptions and will be applied only to Full and Family memberships.

## **19 LAUNCHING TROLLEYS**

Launching trolleys or trailers shall be removed from the water as soon as launching is completed.

## **20 USE OF THE JETTY**

Life jackets or buoyancy aids shall be worn at all times by children under the age of 14 when using or on the jetties.

## **21 WINTER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

From 1st November to 31st March a full wetsuit or drysuit in good condition should be worn by all sailors and rescue assistants whilst on the water. Parents / Guardians are responsible for the safety of young persons under eighteen and must make arrangements for their supervision, including clothing, at all times.

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