

Up River Yacht Club Rule Book

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THE CLUB - A BRIEF HISTORY

The Up River Yacht Club was founded in 1936 by a group of yachtsmen who wanted to encourage yacht racing and cruising. There was a varied selection of boats available at the time and handicap racing was organised from a small temporary building which was erected by these gentlemen at Brandy Hole. In 1949 property was acquired on the river-front at Hullbridge village and the small building was transferred to this site. After some years the membership had grown considerably and in 1972 the club purchased a field, part of which had been used for a number of years as a boat park, and the construction of a new, larger clubhouse was completed in August 1973.

LOCATION AND FACILITIES

The Club is situated at Hullbridge on the River Crouch about eight miles up river from Burnham. The nearest railway station is Rayleigh, four miles away, and there is a regular bus service which comes right to the river, less than fifty metres from the club.

The clubhouse consists of a clubroom, conservatory, bar, kitchen and changing rooms with showers and toilets. There is also a decked area overlooking the river. The boat park adjoins the clubhouse and there is also a car park, both of which are reached by a private roadway which continues past the clubhouse to the river, giving direct access to a private slipway. A race-box stands on the site of the old clubhouse and is the starting point for dinghy races.

A part time Bar Steward is appointed by the club and members are encouraged to take turns helping in the kitchen at weekends. Racing fleets provide race officers and safety boat crews.

Dinghy racing is organised for most weekends throughout the year. The dinghies compete in handicap points series and individual trophy races, while the cruisers, which race between April and September, compete in a number of longer races, often to the mouth of the river or to such places as Paglesham or Brightlingsea.

Cruiser mooring spaces are administered by the club on behalf of The Crouch Harbour Authority and may be rented on application. The cruiser owners are responsible for the equipment necessary for secure and safe mooring.

Advice on the approved type and standard of mooring equipment is available in the cruiser register and from the moorings officer.

CLUB DUTIES

Members are reminded that volunteers are required for the following duties.

Working parties: to maintain the clubhouse and other facilities. Dates are announced in the Newsletter and on club notice boards. Contact the Rear Commodore (House). (Attendance at some work parties is mandatory: See notes in later pages.)

Tea Duty: To provide refreshments at weekends for dinghy racing. Contact Rear Commodore (Sailing)

Duty Officer: To be responsible for opening the clubhouse lounge and locking up within the prescribed times on dinghy racing days. Contact Rear Commodore (Sailing)

Race Officer: To set courses, start and finish races etc.

Assistant Race Officer: To assist the race officer and learn his/her job.

Safety Boat Duty: To man or crew the safety boats. Contact Rear Commodore (Sailing).

Explanatory Note: All members are required to undertake the duties allocated by the Sailing Committee on a rota basis, subject to the following exceptions: Out of Port members and cadets under the age of 16 years will not be required to undertake any of these duties and no person under the age of eighteen years may be put in charge of a safety boat. Requests for exemption on grounds of infirmity etc may be granted by The Sailing Committee and members who sail only cruisers will not be required to undertake dinghy fleet duties and vice-versa.

Members who race most frequently may be required to undertake extra race duties.

Newsletter: A club newsletter is published approximately 4 times a year and is circulated both electronically and as hard copy for those requiring it. The newsletter is also available on the clubs web-site.

Sundries: The following are available to club members.

Keys to the club gates and changing room are available from the membership secretary on payment of a fee determined from time to time by the Executive Committee

Various regalia are provided in the form of clothing, badges, ties etc. (Available from the purser.)

Social Events: Social events, including barbeques, are organised during the year and advertised in the newsletter and on club notice boards. From time to time the various classes may organise social events in the clubhouse and these are arranged through the Rear Commodore (House) and his/her committee.

CLUB RULES

1. TITLE

The name of the club shall be "Up River Yacht Club"

2. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the club is Up River Yacht Club, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge, Essex, SS5 6PA. *URYC is owned and run by the members and is a non-profit making organisation.*

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the club are:

(a) To promote amateur boat sailing and racing.

Appendix to rule 3(a) was agreed at the AGM 2013 as follows: "Should an established member of at least five years membership wish to have and use a motorboat providing such a boat falls within the parameters set out by the Executive Committee then that member be allowed to do so."

(b) To provide and maintain a clubhouse for the use of members of the club.

(c) To provide and maintain boat parks and a car park sufficient for members' needs.

4. BURGEE

The burgee shall be pale blue with the Essex County arms superimposed.

5. MEMBERSHIP

(a) FEES: All fees shall be established by the Annual General Meeting.

(b) CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP: There are nine categories as follows: - Single, Family, Associate (single), Associate (family), Affiliated, Cadet, "Out of Port", Temporary and Honorary Life Membership.

Single Membership is available to individuals. They have full voting rights.

Family Membership is available for husband, wife or partner, and any of their children and grandchildren who are eligible for Cadet Membership (see below). The husband and wife or partner shall both have the status of Full Members and their children and grandchildren that of Cadet Members.

Single Associate and Family Associate Memberships shall be available only to non-sailing members at the discretion of the Executive Committee, to a maximum of 20% (as agreed at AGM 04.12.16) of total membership. Associate memberships shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.

Affiliated Membership is available to any outside body approved by The Executive Committee.

Cadet Membership is available to persons under the age of 18 years (21 if in full time education or an indentured apprenticeship.) An entrance fee will not be charged to members under the age of 15 years.

Out of Port Membership shall, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be available to persons living more than 50 miles from the club who require occasional use of club facilities.

Temporary Membership may be available at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to members at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

(c) Application for Membership

Application for any form of membership must be made to the Membership Secretary on the appropriate form.

Applications for membership will be displayed on the club notice board for at least two weeks.

Applications must be accompanied by the full entry fee and the first year's subscription.

Applications received after 1st October shall cover the balance of the year and the subsequent year.

The Membership Secretary will provide a "New members information pack" to all new members.

All new memberships are subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.

Following the AGM on 2nd December 2012 the rules covering the Renewal of Membership are now as follows:

(d) Payment of Subscriptions **As amended AGM 02.12.12**

The membership year shall run from the 1st of April to the 31st of March.

All members must complete renewal forms annually. All monies are to be paid by the 31st of March. Late payment shall incur a levy as set by the AGM.

A member who is in arrears shall not be entitled to use the facilities of the club.

A member whose payment is in arrears by one calendar month shall be so notified in writing and if they have not paid the arrears within a calendar month of this notification they shall, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, cease to be a member.

(e) Levies

The club may, from time to time, raise a levy to aid the finance of a special project. The sum of any such levy will be determined by either an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

Boat Registration Fee: Any craft owned by a member (excluding Out of Port members) which enters club premises, or participates in club organised events, must be registered with the club on

the annual subscription form. An annual registration fee for one boat per boat owner must be paid to the Membership Secretary with the annual subscription. Boat registration will entitle the owner to store craft in the boat park. (See also Rule 11).

Funds derived from boat registration fees will, in the main, be intended for use in the development and enhancement of facilities. The Executive Committee will review major spending plans with the Annual General Meeting.

(f) Maintenance Fee The club will organise four work parties each year. Any member who chooses not to attend at least one work party, or undertake similar duties, is required to pay a maintenance fee, as set out on the membership renewal form, together with his/her annual subscription.

6. OFFICERS The following Flag Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting:

The Commodore who shall act as chairman of any General Meeting of the club and at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Vice-Commodore who shall act as first deputy to the Commodore, and shall be automatically nominated for election to the post being vacated by a retiring Commodore.

The Rear Commodore (Sailing): who shall act as chairman of the Sailing Committee responsible for sailing activities.

The Rear Commodore (House): who shall act as chairman of the House Committee responsible for the clubhouse, club grounds and social activities.

All Flag Officers shall be ex-officio members of all committees. The following officers shall also be elected by the Annual General Meeting.

The Honorary Secretary who shall keep correct minutes of all General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings, and shall be responsible for communicating the decisions to members and others in such terms as those meetings prescribe.

The Honorary Treasurer who shall keep an accurate record of the club's financial affairs and prepare audited accounts for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

The Honorary Membership Secretary who shall be responsible for administering all matters pertaining to membership, including applications, collection of subscriptions and maintaining membership records.

The Bar Manager who shall act on behalf of the Executive Committee on all matters pertaining to the bar.

The Newsletter Editor who shall edit, collate and publish materials of interest to members.

The Moorings Officer who shall be responsible for the allocation of mooring spaces.

No member shall be eligible for election as a Flag Officer unless he/she has been a member for at least three years and has served on a club committee in the previous two years

7. MANAGEMENT.

The affairs of the club shall be managed by the following committees.

(a) The Executive Committee

It shall consist of the officers, the House Committee Treasurer and three other members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. It shall generally manage the affairs of the club, approve all major decisions of other committees and consider applications for membership.

It shall be entitled to spend the monies of the club and administer its assets as it thinks fit.

It shall have the power to co-opt additional members up to a maximum of four.

It shall appoint the House Committee Treasurer and Hon Secretary (if not elected by the Annual General Meeting, and any other officers that it may deem necessary. ~~Seven members shall constitute a quorum.~~ **Five members comprising of at least two Flag Officers shall constitute a quorum. Rule Change agreed at AGM 01.12.24**

(b) The Sailing Committee,

It shall consist of the Rear Commodore (Sailing), cruiser and dinghy sailing secretaries, and boat park stewards who shall be nominated by the Rear Commodore (Sailing) and submitted to The Executive Committee for approval. It may also appoint up to a maximum of six representatives from the dinghy and cruiser sub committees.

The sailing committee shall be responsible for the organisation and conduct of all sailing activities and shall formulate the rules therewith which shall be in accordance with the I.S.A.F Rules current edition, subject to any local variations it considers necessary. It shall also be responsible for all racing equipment, the club boats and organisation of the boat park.

There are two sub committees of the sailing committee as follows.

Cruiser Sub Committee

It shall consist of the cruiser class captain, the cruising sailing secretary and as many co-opted members as may be thought necessary. It shall deal with all matters pertaining solely to cruiser sailing. It shall nominate a launch/recovery committee responsible for the administration and use of the launch/recovery equipment.

Dinghy Sub-Committee

It shall consist of the dinghy class captains, dinghy sailing secretary and as many other co-opted members as may be thought necessary. It shall deal with all matters pertaining solely to dinghy sailing.

Rules for sub-committees Any resolution of these sub-committees shall be ratified by the sailing committee. The appointment of all co-opted members shall be subject to the approval of the

Executive Committee. Each class shall hold a meeting annually at which the class captain will be elected.

Dinghy Class Work Party

The dinghy class sub committee shall organise a dinghy class work party each year. (This was previously known as the dinghy park reorganisation). The subcommittee will produce a list of tasks each year and this will include maintenance of the race-box and the grounds surrounding it. However additional work on the race box and the area surrounding it will be included in club work party schedules when necessary. All dinghy owners must attend this work party, which is distinctly separate from club work parties, or undertake similar duties as prescribed by the dinghy sub committee. Any dinghy owner not complying as above shall be required to perform additional race duties in that calendar year.

(c) The House Committee

It shall consist of the Rear-Commodore (House), The House Committee Treasurer and four committee members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. It shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the clubhouse and its equipment, the club grounds (excluding the boat-parks), provision of refreshments, operation of the bar and the organisation of social activities.

The Rear Commodore (House) shall be responsible for nominating further members to serve on the house committee and these nominations shall be submitted to the executive committee for approval.

The House Committee Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping correct financial records of all transactions relating to the responsibilities of the House Committee.

(d) The Moorings Committee

It shall consist of a moorings officer nominated by the cruiser sailing sub-committee and elected by the Annual General Meeting and as many co-opted members as may be thought necessary. All co-opted members shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee.

The moorings committee shall be responsible for the management of mooring under the current agreement with the Crouch Harbour Authority and policies established by the executive committee.

(e) The Finance Committee

It shall consist of the Honorary Treasurer, House Committee Treasurer and Membership Secretary. It shall be responsible for maintaining an up to date record of the finances of the club and advising the executive committee on financial matters. *All URYC cheque payments require two signatures. There are currently three registered signatories: Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary, Trustee / Bar Manager. All expenditure, beyond the regular bills, is authorised by the Flag Officers or the full Executive Committee.*

(f) The Executive Sub-Committee

It shall consist of all elected members of the executive committee and shall, in its absolute discretion, be responsible for the purchase of and supply of intoxicating liquor by the club. In the event of any member ceasing to be a member of the executive committee he/she shall cease to be a member of this sub-committee.

Rules for all committees

If any member is absent from three consecutive meetings, without good reason being given, he/she shall vacate the position on that committee.

Correct minutes must be kept of all meetings.

Committees (except the executive sub-committee) shall have the power to co-opt members for specific duties, subject to the approval of the executive committee.

All outgoing officers and committees must honour commitments until 1st January following the Annual General Meeting.

8. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting shall be held on the first available Sunday of December each year.

It shall, inter-alia, elect the officers, the executive committee and auditors for the coming year and adopt the audited accounts for the year ending on the previous 30th September. It shall also decide all fees to be charged in the coming year.

In the event that the annual general meeting does not take place the Honorary Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held not more than two months after the date on which the annual general meeting should have taken place.

An Extraordinary General Meeting

An extraordinary general meeting shall be called by the Secretary within two calendar months of receipt of a resolution of the executive committee or a signed request by at least twenty full members. Such a request must state definitively in writing the purpose for which such a meeting is to be called.

The Honorary Secretary shall send to each full member, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the meeting, notice of any general meeting of the club. In the case of an extraordinary general meeting, such notice shall state the purpose for which the meeting has been called and, in the case of an annual general, meeting shall contain the agenda. Any proposed rule changes and resolutions intended to be binding on all members of the club must be notified to the hon. Secretary at least twenty eight days before the annual or extraordinary general meeting. These shall only be carried by a majority of two thirds of those present and eligible to vote, excluding abstentions.

15% of the full members shall form a quorum at an extraordinary general meeting.

At any meeting, whether general or committee the chairman shall have a casting vote.

Except as referred to in Rule12 (Motion to wind up the club), motions of annual general meetings or extraordinary general meetings shall be decided if carried by a majority of those present and voting.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

All officers and committee members shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting except that a commodore or vice-commodore who has held the same office for two consecutive years shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed.

Nominations for Flag Officers must be notified to the honorary secretary at least twenty eight days before the annual general meeting.

Nominations for officers, which must be presented to the Annual General Meeting, shall not be valid unless prior consent of the nominee has been obtained.

If more than one member is nominated for an office, the officer shall be elected by ballot. To be elected a candidate must secure an overall majority over all other candidates. If no candidate obtains an overall majority the candidate polling the lowest number of votes shall stand down and a further ballot taken between those remaining and so on until one candidate obtains an overall majority.

Executive committee members, other than officers, shall be elected by ballot the vacancies being filled by the candidates polling the highest number of votes.

10. CADET SECTION

The cadet section shall consist of the cadet membership of the club. Its views may be communicated to the executive committee by a cadet representative.

11. BOAT PARKS

On payment of the annual subscription a dinghy park space will be allocated, having regard to the usage of the craft.

If, at any time, any fees payable by any current or former member shall be three months or more in arrears the club shall be entitled to:

(a) Move the boat and/or associated equipment, to any other part of its premises without being liable for loss or damage howsoever caused and

(b) On giving one months notice in writing to the current or former member at his/her last known address shown in the records of the membership secretary, to sell the boat and/or associated equipment and to deduct any monies due to the club (whether by way of arrears of subscriptions or fees or otherwise) from the proceeds of the sale before accounting for the balance, if any, to the current or former member.

Alternatively, any boat which in the opinion of the club cannot be sold, may, upon notice as aforesaid, be broken up and the expenses recovered from the current or former member.

The club shall at all times have lien over the boat in respect of arrears of subscriptions or otherwise.

(c) If a restriction of the number of boats in the boat-park shall become necessary, the allocation of spaces shall be at the discretion of the executive committee.

Boats of unusual width or length will also be allowed space at the discretion of the executive committee.

(d) Any member who allows his/her membership to lapse and leaves a craft on club property will be treated as “owners not wishing to join”. See paragraph (e) below.

(e) Craft not belonging to club members but on club premises

Any member selling a craft must notify an officer of the proposed sale and provide details of the new owner. He/she must not make any undertaking committing the club to any course of action. An officer will meet with the purchaser to assist as required.

If the new owner is not a member of the club but wishes to join an application can be made, a joining fee, an annual subscription and a launch/recovery fee (if appropriate) paid.

If the application is unsuccessful, the matter will be treated as for a new owner not wishing to join.

Applicable to craft normally kept on moorings but laid up ashore: (agreed at AGM 04.12.16)

If the new owner does not wish to join or the application is refused, a storage fee of £200 will be deposited by the new owner with the club, refundable upon removal from the club premises. The craft must be removed from the club premises within one month of the purchase date. The club will assist with launching if required and in return will accept a donation of £50 for providing this service.

Any craft that remains on the club premises after one month will incur a charge of £50 per month (or part thereof) and if necessary legal steps will be taken to remove the craft.

Applicable to all other craft: If the new owner does not wish to join or the application is refused, the craft must be removed from the club premises within one month of the purchase date. Any craft that remains on the club premises after one month will incur a charge of £50 per month (or part thereof) and if necessary legal steps will be taken to remove the craft.

(f) All boats stored in the dinghy park must be securely tied down.

(g) Boat normally kept on moorings shall be allowed to lie up in the boat-park from 1st October to 30th April inclusive. This facility is available at the discretion of the sailing committee or its representative. The executive committee may, at its discretion, allow a cruiser to remain in the boat park during the period 1st May to 30th September at a fee set annually by the annual general meeting.

(h) Owners wishing to leave their craft in the boat-park beyond 30th April in any year MUST apply to the executive committee in advance and pay the requisite fee.

Members are reminded that they may apply in writing to the executive committee for waiver of this fee if they feel their circumstances justify a reduction.

(i) The rules governing launching and recovery of cruisers using the club's equipment are those currently accepted by the executive committee. The current rules are published towards the back of this booklet.

(j) During lay-up periods all flammable materials, except fuel in fixed tanks, must be removed from vessels.

(k) In the unfortunate event of the death of a member, who is not a family member, the membership may be transferred to the spouse, partner, or other close relative for a period of up to 6 months.

12. WINDING UP THE CLUB

A motion to wind up the club can only be debated at an extraordinary general meeting convened specifically for the purpose. Notices of such a meeting shall be sent to all fully paid-up members by recorded delivery at least fourteen days before the date fixed for such meeting.

Members unable to attend may submit a postal vote (to be opened only at the meeting).

Postal votes must be sent to the honorary secretary and must be received by him/her at least twenty four hours before the meeting.

For the motion to be carried it must obtain 75% of the votes cast.

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfying all of the debts and liabilities, any surplus property or funds whatsoever, these shall be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

13. CONDUCT UNBECOMING A MEMBER

If the conduct of any member within or without the clubhouse shall, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, be injurious to the character or interest of the Club, the Committee shall be empowered to take such action as it considers being in the best interests of the Club.

14. BUSINESS AND ADVERTISING

No person may use the club premises for business purposes.

Advertising within the club premises may not take place without the consent of the Executive Committee.

15. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members are requested to communicate to the Membership Secretary any change in their address. Any notice posted to them at the last given address shall be considered to have been duly delivered.

16. RULES TO BE SUPPLIED TO MEMBERS

A copy of the rules shall be supplied to every member and prospective member.

All members will be held to have assented to such rules by becoming a member.

17. LIABILITY OF THE CLUB

Members and/or visitors leaving articles on the club's premises do so entirely at their own risk, the club not accepting liability for any loss or damage whatsoever, whether occasioned by negligence or otherwise.

18. THIRD PARTY INSURANCE

It is a condition of membership that all members owning boats must have a minimum third party cover of an amount determined by the Annual General Meeting and published on the subscription form.

19. ELIGIBILITY OF NON-MEMBERS

It is a legal requirement that all guests must be signed in. Non-members must therefore be signed in by members at all times.

Non-members may visit the club no more than six times during one year.

If a non-member wishes to crew in more than six club races in a season, he/she must become a member of the club. Non-members are not eligible for crew's prizes at the club except for "open" races.

Visiting yachtsmen from Royal Yachting Association recognised clubs are allowed to race in up to four club races in any one year but only members of Up River Yacht Club are entitled to Up River Yacht Club trophies and replicas.

20. TRUSTEES

There shall not be more than four Trustees of the club. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and the property of the club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Executive Committee) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Executive Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence).

The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by resolution of the Executive Committee who may for any reason which shall seem sufficient to the majority of them present and voting at any meeting remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee.

Where by reason of such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to The Executive Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or if The Executive Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee the Executive Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees.

For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Commodore is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the club in the meaning of section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and he/she shall, by Deed duly appoint the new Trustee or Trustees of the club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to such appointment.

Any statement of fact in any such Deed of Appointment in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the club or the Executive Committee shall be conclusive evidence of the facts so stated.

21. **INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

(a) The permitted hours of the club (as authorised by the local authority) shall be:-

Monday to Saturday (inclusive) 11.00am – 12 midnight

Sundays and Christmas Day 12noon - 2.00pm

Good Friday 5.00pm – 8.30pm

(b) No person shall, at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the club (or any member thereof) any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit for the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the club to members or guests apart from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the club.

(c) Members may introduce two visitors to the club as guests subject to such restrictions as the Executive Committee may make.

(d) Liquor may be sold, supplied or consumed by members and their bona fide guests subject to the provision that no person under the age of 18 years shall be supplied or allowed to consume liquor.

(e) Members of clubs affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association (while not members of Up River Yacht Club) may be admitted to the premises and supplied with intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere.

(f) The clubhouse section may be open Monday to Friday evenings between 6pm and 12midnight and Saturday and Sunday between 7am and 12midnight. (This rule is subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee to make alterations and to their informing the Licensing Authority of such alterations in writing.)

CLUBHOUSE AND CLUB GROUNDS BYE-LAWS

- 1 The clubhouse will only be available for use by club members and bona fide guest, as set out in Rule 21(c).
- 2 The club lounge may only be open when a key-holder is present.
- 3 The changing rooms are available to members and crews at all times, providing the member has an appropriate key.
- 4 Members using the changing rooms outside clubroom hours must lock the doors when leaving.
- 5 Clubroom Hours:-

The clubroom may be open during all racing programmes and also during licensing hours as follows: - Friday 8.00pm – 11.00pm and Sundays 12noon – 2.00pm.

The clubroom and bar may from time to time be opened at other times (within licensing hours) at the discretion of the House Committee.
- 6 Consumption of intoxicating liquor in the clubhouse by any member or bona fide guest, other than that purchased from the bar during the stated licensing hours (see 5 above) shall not be permitted.
- 7 The wearing of wet sailing clothes is only permitted on the tiled area of the club lounge.
- 8 Young children are not allowed in the kitchen or behind the bar.
- 9 Children are permitted in the club lounge during all opening hours providing they are kept under strict control.
- 10 Music will be provided at the discretion of a flag officer or the bar manager.
- 11 All special promotions in the clubhouse must be authorised by the House Committee.
- 12 The clubhouse may be closed at times when club functions are being held at another venue, at the discretion of the house committee.
- 13 Any clothes or effects abandoned in the changing rooms will be disposed of.
- 14 Notice boards are provided for use of sections of the club. A “For Sale” board is available for members use. Postcard size advertisements are preferred. Advertising is at the discretion of the executive committee and any unsuitable advertisements may be removed.
- 15 A speed limit of 10mph must be observed in the car parks.
- 16 The path to the river must not be used for parking. It is not club property. It is a right of way.
- 17 Trailers are not to be kept in the car park.

- 18 Camping on club property is at the discretion of the commodore or house committee.
- 19 Members' or guests' dogs on club premises must be kept on leads AT ALL TIMES
- 20 No bonfire may be lit anywhere on club premises.

RULES AND SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR CRUISER

LAUNCH AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS

1. A minimum of four persons must be present for each launch or recovery operation.
2. Two people must be in charge for the weekend. Those in charge must supervise and not drive any vehicle or do manual work.
3. The person in charge must check all stern lines before the vessel is moved.
4. There shall be no other manned craft or vessel on or alongside the slipway during operations on the slipway.
5. Before the start of operations warning boards must be displayed at the entrance to the club and at the top of the slipway. Warning cones must be placed across the pedestrian right of way to promote awareness of low and moving cables and moving vehicles.
6. All cables shall be shackled to the launch/recovery equipment
7. No persons shall unnecessarily stand behind the vessel when it is under way.
8. Spectators must remain behind the warning cones and well clear of the cables.
9. The launch/recovery committee shall organise two work parties each year and all members of the launch recovery syndicate must attend one of the parties as decided and published by the committee each year.

Any active member of the syndicate who does not attend one of these work parties or undertake similar duties as prescribed by the launch/recovery committee, shall be required to make an additional payment as applicable at that time.

10. The summer lay-up fee shall be determined annually by the Annual General Meeting.
11. If necessary a budget may be set for use by the cruiser class committee to finance essential repairs to club equipment.
12. Member's boat trailers are to have their "Draw Bars" and any other forward or rearward extensions removed when not in use, unless this is otherwise agreed by the Executive Committee.

- NB: There were no Rule Changes at the 2017 AGM.
- NB: There were no Rule Changes at the 2018 AGM.
- NB: At the 2019 AGM it was agreed that Subscription Fees should be increased annually in line with inflation using the CPIH figure (Consumer Price Index inc. Housing) which is issued by the Office for National Statistics
- NB: There were no Rule Changes at the 2020 AGM.
- NB: There were no Rule Changes at the 2021 AGM.
- NB: There were no Rule Changes at the 2022 AGM.
- NB: There were no Rule Changes at the 2023 AGM.
- NB: At the 2024 AGM it was agreed that the required quorum for Executive Committee Meetings be changed from “seven” to “five comprising of at least two Flag Officers.