

SIDMOUTH SAILING CLUB RULES

1. Title

The Club shall be called the Sidmouth Sailing Club.

2. Burgee

The Club Burgee shall be a yellow cross on a white ground on a blue field.

3. Objects

The Objects of the club shall be:

- To promote sailing and to provide facilities for participation in the sport at all levels and
- To foster sportsmanship through sailing

4. Membership

- 4.1 A new member who has completed a valid Application Form for membership and has paid the appropriate Entrance Fee and Subscription shall be admitted as a Probationary Member of the Club until his or her election is confirmed or otherwise by the General Committee. If the General Committee votes not to confirm the election of the Probationary Member as a Member of the Club the Entrance fee and Subscription paid by the Probationary Member shall be returned forthwith.
- 4.2 The General Committee shall have power to suspend any member for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club; but any Member so suspended shall have the right of appeal at the next General Committee Meeting provided that the Member is not in arrears with their subscription.

Classes of Membership shall be as follows:

- 4.2.1 Honorary Life Members** who may be appointed for outstanding services to the Club. Such appointments shall only be made at an Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2.2 Annual Membership** which shall be open to any person and shall include Officers of the Club, Committee members and Sailing Members. Such Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club including full voting rights.
- 4.2.3 Family Membership** which shall be open to any persons and may comprise Family Membership with one Sailing Member or Family Membership with two Sailing Members and in either case their children falling within the Junior or Cadet categories at 4.2.4 and 4.2.5. Such Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club but in the case of a Family Membership with one Sailing Member only one Member, not being a Member falling within categories 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 shall have full voting rights.
- 4.2.4 Junior Membership** which shall be open to those up to the age of 16 years. Such Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club but not voting rights.
- 4.2.5 Cadet Membership** which shall be open to those aged 16 years up to the age of 18 years, or to the age of 21 years provided they are in full time education. Such Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club but not voting rights.
- 4.2.6 Associate Membership** which shall be open to a person who wishes to be associated with the Club but not as a Sailing Member. Such Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club including full voting rights. This category can include the spouse who shall not have voting rights. Associate Members are not eligible to serve as Officers of the Club or as Members of the General or Sailing Committees.
- 4.2.7 Temporary Membership** which shall be open to Members of other Sailing Clubs. Such Members may use the facilities of the Club but shall not have voting rights. Such Membership shall not exceed 28 days in any calendar year:

An Officer of the Club or Member of the General Committee may accept a temporary Member, but must notify the Honorary Membership Secretary, as soon as possible.

- 4.3** For the purposes of these Rules "Sailing Member" shall mean a Member not falling within categories 4.2.4 to 4.2.7 inclusive

5. Subscriptions, Fees and Charges

New Members shall pay an Entrance Fee. Entrance Fees and Subscriptions shall be such sums per annum as shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions shall be payable immediately on joining the Club. They shall be renewable on or before 1st March each year and if not paid by 1st May in the same year the General Committee shall decide whether membership shall continue, pending this decision, the Member will not be allowed to sail, to use the boat park or use the Club premises (including the Bar).

If membership lapses for a period of twelve months, the lapsed Member shall, unless otherwise decided by the General Committee, pay a Rejoining Fee.

Any new Member joining after 1st October in any year shall not be required to pay a subscription in the following year. The General Committee shall fix fees and charges in respect of boat parking and their matters under such conditions as it considers necessary. The Honorary Secretary shall forward to each new Member a copy of the rules.

6. Officers

The Officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Sailing Secretary, Honorary Membership Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the cessation of the next Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore shall be ex officio members of all Committees and Sub-Committees.

Any vacancy occurring otherwise than at the Annual General Meeting may be filled by the appointment of another officer by the General Committee, who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

[Note: it is hoped that all the Offices of the Club will normally be held for a period of three years.]

7. General Committee

The General Management of the Club shall be administered by a General Committee consisting of the Officers named in Rule 6 and not less than three and not more than six Members elected at the Annual General Meeting who shall hold office until the cessation of the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

Any Vacancy occurring among the elected Members of the Committee other than at the Annual General Meeting may be filled by the appointment of another Member of the club by the General Committee. Four Members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

The General Committee shall be authorised to set up Sub-Committees for specific purposes. Such Sub-Committees shall be responsible to the General Committee.

The General Committee shall be authorised to appoint Members to positions to include Principal Club Race Officer, RYA Training Centre Principal, Funding Officer, Club Development Officer and Welfare Officer and such other positions as the General Committee shall consider necessary and appropriate to be responsible for particular functions connected with the administration and running of the Club and which said positions shall not be Officers of the Club and shall be responsible to the General Committee and in the case of the Principal Club Race Officer shall also be responsible to the Sailing Committee and it shall not be necessary for the holders of the positions to be members of

either the General or Sailing Committees . The duties of the positions shall be specified by the General Committee.

Authority to incur expenditure on behalf of the Club remains with the General Committee but the Commodore in consultation with at least two of either the President, Vice-Commodore or Treasurer shall have authority to incur expenditure on behalf of the Club up to a maximum of £500 for any one occurrence.

The General Committee shall appoint Sub- Committees to be responsible for the organisation of World, European or National Championships including qualifiers for such Championships. The Sub-Committee shall be chaired by a Member appointed by the General Committee and be made up of such Members as the General Committee shall appoint..

8. Sailing Committee

The Sailing Committee shall consist of the Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Honorary Sailing Secretary, elected Fleet Captains, and not less than three and not more than six Members elected at the Annual General Meeting who shall hold office until the cessation of the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. Any vacancy occurring among the elected Members of the Sailing Committee otherwise than at the Annual General Meeting may be filled by the appointment of another Member of the Club by the Sailing Committee. Three Members of the Sailing Committee shall form a quorum.

The Sailing Committee shall be responsible for the general management of Club sailing including Club racing, for hearing and deciding protests, fixing handicaps and keeping results and records, and may appoint official measurers to act on its behalf.

The Sailing Committee shall be responsible for the organisation of Open Championships and shall have power to appoint Sub- Committees to deal with the arrangements with power to co-opt from the Club's membership and the General Committee members if necessary and appropriate.

The Sailing Committee shall be responsible for the arrangements for the provision of all training undertaken by the Club.

All Races and all Boats sailing shall be under the direction of the Sailing Committee but in accordance with the Club's safe sailing policy and the rules contained or referred to in Clause 13 of these Rules.

The decisions made by the Sailing Committee and its Sub-Committees shall be reported to for approval by the General Committee.

9. General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held upon a date fixed by the General Committee at some time between 1st November and 1st March of the following year.

A Special General Meeting may be held at any time if the General Committee consider it necessary, or if it is required to do so by a requisition signed by not less than six members, which requisition shall set out the object of such Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after receipt of the requisition by the Honorary Secretary. Notice of the date, place, time and purpose for a General Meeting shall be sent to each member of the Club at least three days before the date fixed.

10. Chairman of Meetings

The President shall take the chair at every Annual General or Special General Meeting. The Commodore shall take the chair at every General Committee Meeting. If the President or the Commodore is absent the Senior Officer present shall take the meeting and if all the Senior Officers are absent, a Chairman shall be elected by the Members present.

The Vice-Commodore shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Sailing Committee, or if absent, the Sailing Secretary. If both are absent, a Chairman shall be elected by the Members present.

Sub-Committees shall be chaired by the Sub-Committees appointed Chairman or if absent by the Senior Officer present or if all are absent a Chairman shall be elected by the Members present.

11. Class Boats

A Racing Dinghy Class shall only be adopted after it has been confirmed at an Annual General Meeting. A Dinghy in an adopted class shall conform to its own rules when racing with the club. The owners of adopted class boats may meet as a Committee and may appoint a Fleet Captain to represent their interests.

12. Accounts

Proper account books and financial records shall be maintained by the Honorary Treasurer. The Annual Accounts made up to 31st October in each year shall be produced at every Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall have been examined by some person or persons who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Such person or persons shall be someone who, in the opinion of the General Committee, is suitable to act in that capacity. The General Committee shall have power to appoint someone to examine the Annual Accounts should a vacancy occur other than at the Annual General Meeting.

13. Racing Rules

All races shall be sailed under current the Racing Rules of Sailing as Published by ISAF including the Royal Yachting Association prescriptions, except as they may be varied by the Club's local sailing instructions (if any).

The Principal Club Race Officer shall be responsible for the making of any local sailing instructions and at least annually reviewing any local sailing instructions and making any necessary or appropriate amendment. The local sailing instructions shall be approved and published by the Sailing Committee.

14. Boat Parking

Boat Parking shall be managed by the General Committee.

Application for a boat parking space must be made to the Honorary Membership Secretary at the beginning of each Sailing season or when joining the Club. Boat parking fees shall be paid immediately on the allocation of a space, and shall be valid until 31 October in each year.

In allocating parking spaces, preference shall be given to those whose Dinghies are likely to be sailing regularly. If a Dinghy is occupying a parking space and is not being sailed regularly the General Committee shall have power to remove the boat and re-allocate the space after having given fourteen days notice of the intention.

15. Alteration of Rules

No alteration shall be made in the Club Rules except at a General Meeting, the notice convening which must contain or be accompanied by a statement of the exact nature of the proposed alteration. Alteration in the rules so passed shall be notified to all Members.

Adopted 7 October 1996 J.E.P Eaton – Hon. Secretary

Amended 8 January 2008 A.S.W. Pyle – Hon. Secretary

Amended 11th January 2010 K. Brodie – Commodore