



WRAYSBURY LAKE SAILING CLUB

CLUB RULES

NAME AND OBJECT

- 1) The name of the Club is “The Wraysbury Lake Sailing Club”, and the burgee of the Club is a stylised Pike in pale blue on a darker blue background.
- 2) The object for which the Club is formed is to promote and facilitate the sport of sailing.

DEFINITIONS

- 3) References to the following words appearing in these Rules shall have the meanings set out in this paragraph:

“Association” shall mean Wraysbury Lake Sailing Club Ltd.

“Club” shall mean the sailing club operated by the Association

“General Committee” shall mean the Council of the Association

“Committee” shall mean either the General Committee or a Special Committee as the context requires

“General Meeting” shall mean a General Meeting of the Association such meeting being either an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting as the context shall so require

“Member” shall mean a member of the Club.

“Season” shall mean the period from 1st April in any year to the following 31st March

MEMBERSHIP

- 4) Any person of good character and repute interested in sailing is eligible as a candidate for membership of the Club.
- 5) The Club may on the recommendation of the General Committee in General Meeting elect Honorary Members. The name and address of any person proposed for election to Honorary Membership shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board for not less than fourteen days before the election.
- 6) Members other than Honorary Members shall be elected at Meetings of the General Committee. The election of any candidate shall, if requested by any one member of the General Committee, be by secret ballot and in the event of two or more votes against election the candidate shall be excluded from membership. The names and addresses of any persons proposed for election to membership shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board for not less than fourteen days before their election.

- 7) Any member on joining the Club impliedly undertakes to comply with these Rules and any Byelaws made hereunder and any refusal or neglect, to do so or any conduct which in the opinion of the General Committee is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club shall render the member liable to expulsion by the General Committee provided that before expelling a member the General Committee shall give the member the opportunity to explain and defend his or her conduct or to resign. The vote on such a resolution shall only be carried if not less than three-quarters of the members of the Committee present vote in favour of the resolution. Action may be taken under this Rule if in the opinion of the General Committee a member does not use the Club sufficiently frequently.
- 8) There shall be a full years Subscription payable on election together with Dinghy Fees as appropriate, to cover the entirety of the current Season (see 8c). Thereafter the Annual Subscription and Annual Dinghy Fee shall become due and payable on 1st April each year. Dinghy Fees are charged for the right to sail a dinghy on the club water and/or to berth it on the club premises. The amounts of the various fees shall be determined at the General Meetings. The General Committee may, should it deem necessary, raise the Fees by an amount not exceeding 10% of the existing rates, in any one year, without having to call a General Meeting of Club members.
 - a) Members who have not paid their subscriptions, appropriate fees and all arrears, if any, by 1st July in any year may not be entitled to exercise any rights or privilege of membership until such time as they do pay their subscriptions, appropriate fees and all arrears, if any and may be removed from the list of members. In that event, the non-payment of such sums as are due shall be deemed to have been notice by such members of their intention to withdraw from membership of the Association. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the General Committee.
 - b) If at any time any dinghy fees payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears: -
 - i) The Committee shall be entitled to move the boat to any other part of the premises without being liable for any damage to the boat however caused.
 - ii) The Committee shall be entitled, upon giving one months notice in writing to the member or former member, at his or her last known address shown in the register of members, to sell the boat and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscriptions or dinghy fees or otherwise), from the net proceeds of the sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
 - iii) Alternatively, any boat which in the opinion of the Committee cannot be sold may, upon notice as aforesaid be disposed of in any manner the Committee may think fit and the expense recovered from the member or former member. Any arrears as aforesaid shall be deemed a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member. Further the Club shall have a lien over members or former members boats parked on the Club premises in respect to all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of dinghy fees or subscriptions or otherwise.
 - c) Where a first application for membership is received after 1st October in any year, the Subscription payable on election together with Dinghy Fees as appropriate for the remainder of that Season to 31st March may be reduced by 50%, on approval by the General Committee.
- 9) A list of the names and addresses of all members shall be kept on the premises at all times. The following types of membership unit shall be recognised:
 - a) Individual – open to any person of the age of 21 years or over.
 - b) Family – open to the parents (one or both) and guardians and any children they may have under the age of 18 years or up to 22 years if still in full-time education. Each person included in a family membership shall be regarded as a member of the Club. Any family whose breadwinner would qualify for Junior or Senior membership may, at the discretion of the General Committee pay a reduced family subscription.
 - c) Junior – open to any person, over the age of 15 but under the age of 21. A member aged 21 or over who is a full time student may at the discretion of the General Committee be treated as a Junior member. Individuals who are under the age of 16 years may only be a member as part of a Family membership.
 - d) Senior – open to Senior citizens

- e) Short-term – open to membership units as defined in a), b) or c) above but for a period of time less than or equal to six months in any twelve month period.
- f) Associate – may be offered by the General Committee to any person over the age of twenty-one who has participated fully in the activities of the Club for at least one year and is no longer able to continue on a regular basis, either permanently or temporarily. Associate members may only berth a boat at the Club upon the express permission of the General Committee. They may helm only with the prior approval of a member of the Sailing Committee or an Executive Officer of the Club and shall score no points nor be the winner of any Club Trophy. Associate members may if they so indicate participate in any of the scheduled duties within the Club.
- g) Honorary – may be conferred on any person by election in accordance with rule 4. Honorary members shall be entitled to participate in all activities.
- h) Social – open to a non-sailing partner of an Individual member. They may helm only with the prior approval of a member of the Sailing Committee or an Executive Officer of the Club and shall score no points nor be the winner of any Club Trophy. Social members will participate in the scheduled duties within the Club.

An application for new or renewed Individual, Family, Junior, or Senior membership of the Club shall also be an application for membership of the Association by all persons included within that application who are 18 years or over and are not already members of the Association.

10) Officers and General Committee

- a) The Club may have one President and one Vice President who may be elected at any General Meeting. Such titleholders shall hold that title until death or resignation, unless removed from office by resolution of the Association in General Meeting. Such Officers shall have no executive function but shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings.
- b) The General Committee shall consist of such of the Executive Officers who shall agree to be members of the Committee and not more than five members of the Association elected at an Annual General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. Those members of the General Committee not seeking re-election shall be advertised in the Clubhouse not less than 8 weeks before.
- c) The Executive Officers of the Club shall be; Commodore, Vice Commodore, one or two Rear Commodores, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Sailing Secretary who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election.
- d) Candidates for election to the General Committee shall be those members of the General Committee who shall offer themselves for re-election and such other members of the Association whose nominations duly proposed and seconded in writing shall have been received by the General Secretary at least six weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled the election shall be by vote in accordance with the Articles of the Association. Where insufficient nominations have been received, the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting may accept nominations from the floor.
- e) The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt members, appoint Executive Officers and Auditor(s) to fill vacancies occurring between Annual General Meetings.
- f) Three shall form a quorum in General Committee
- g) In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

11)

- a) The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and Byelaws and shall apply the funds of the Club in such manner as complies with Rule 11. In particular it may appoint special Committees with appropriate terms of reference and delegated powers to deal with specific affairs of the Club. Such Committees shall report regularly to the General Committee.
- b) The General Committee shall make such Byelaws and regulations as they think fit as to the management of the Club and any club property; any new or changed Byelaw or regulation shall only become effective 4 weeks after it has been displayed on the Club Notice Board.
- c) The members of the Club may in General Meeting reserve the management of specific affairs of the Club to General Meeting and/or to a special Committee.

- d) It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate record of the club's finances.
- 12) No money or property of the Club or gain arising from the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose to be nominated by the members in General Meeting.

Nothing contained in the above shall prohibit the General Committee from giving permission for sailing courses to be run at the Club where money is taken, so long as the organiser(s) shall: -

- a) be (a) Club members(s),
- b) be in attendance at all time that the courses are taking place,
- c) ensure that the course shall meet all standards laid down by the Royal Yachting Association for the running of such courses,
- d) submit themselves and their pupils to the Rules and By-laws of the Club,
- e) actively promote the Club and no other,
- f) undertake to hold the Club harmless against any liability that might be incurred in the running of such courses,
- g) not impede the activities of Club members,
- h) not run the course on any Saturday, Sunday or any Bank Holiday or at any other time that the Club is running an organised event,
- i) be subject to an annual review by the Members in General Meeting,
- j) contribute to Club funds, at a 'commercial rate' to be determined by the General Committee, in return for use of the Club's facilities,

At any time the General Committee may review such permission to run a course.

13) General Meetings

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held at some named place within twenty miles of the Club on some day in the month of November, December, January, or February, to be fixed by the Commodore.
- b) No business, except the passing of the Accounts and the Election of Officers, General Committee and Auditor and any business that the Committee may order to be inserted in the Notice convening the Meeting, shall be discussed at such Meeting unless notice thereof be given to the General Secretary three weeks prior to such Meeting.

14) Club Premises

The club premises shall be open for use of the members on such days and between such times as the General Committee shall from time to time determine.

15) Members of the Club, their guests and Visitors may use the club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that:

- a) The Club will not accept liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their Guests or visitors to the Club.
- b) The Club will not accept liability for personal injury arising out of the use of club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, or out of the participation in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their Guests or Visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the Officers, Committee or servants of the Club.
- c) Before inviting any Guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, members will draw their attention to this Rule.

16)

- a) Intoxicating Liquor shall be purchased only during the permitted hours as follows:

Monday to Saturday:	11.00 to 23.00
Sunday, Christmas Day & Good Friday	12.00 to 21.00
- b) The purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be exclusively controlled by a General Meeting or by the General Committee.

- c) No Member under the age of 18 years of age may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor within the club premises.
 - d) No intoxicating liquor may be supplied otherwise than to a member who has been a member of the Club for at least two days or whose application for membership was made at least two days before his admission to the privileges of membership.
 - e) No member is entitled to introduce more than three bona fide Guests into the Club at any one time. The names and addresses of all Guests and the name of the member signing them in shall be entered into the book kept on the premises for that purpose.
 - f) Intoxicating Liquor may be sold to persons attending the club premises for social or other functions organised or authorised by the Club. The number of such functions shall not exceed twelve in any one year and admission to such a function shall not be obtained by payment of money at the door whether for a ticket or otherwise.
- 17) Any Member of any Club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association (a list of which is contained in the Year Book of the said Association) may be authorised to use the premises of the Club by any member of the General Committee of this Club. Such authorisation shall specify between which dates not being more than fourteen days apart the said person may use the premises.
- 18) Any person who is a competitor in any event sponsored or organised by or on behalf of the Club and any person who is a member of any of the crew of such competitor for the purpose of the event shall be entitled to use the Club premises within a period of twenty-four hours before and after the event in which they are competing.
- 19) Intoxicating liquor may be sold to or for consumption on the premises by those persons over the age of 18 years who are entitled to the use of the premises of the Club in pursuance of rules 17 and 18.
- 20) The general secretary, or any person who has received the authority of two members of the General Committee, may expel temporarily or permanently any person who has the right to use club premises only under Rules 17 and 18.
- 21) **Membership of Class Association**
Any Member who owns a boat berthed or sailed at the Club shall be a member of the relevant Class Association for such boat or a member of the Royal Yachting Association.

Rules revision incorporating amendments at 4th February 2007

Byelaws

1. The total number of membership units shall be controlled by the General Committee and will be reviewed at each General Committee Meeting.
2. All new Members shall be elected to the Club for a period not exceeding 12 months. All Members shall enjoy the rights and privileges of and shall be subject to Club Rules and Byelaws.
3. Keys: Every Member shall be entitled to a key to the club premises on payment of a sum determined from time to time by the General Committee. Keys shall be returned on cessation of membership when the initial sum is returnable.
4. No member shall bring to the Club any one visitor on more than eight occasions in the year unless prior permission is obtained from the General Committee. The Members must enter the name of each and every visitor and the date on which such a visit is made and sign in the book provided. It is essential that members observe this Byelaw as it is a condition of our licence.
5. Except in the case of emergency, Members may only use the areas of land leased to the Club including rights of way.
6. Cars and trailers are to be parked in the areas provided.
7. There is not permitted except on occasions agreed by the General Committee any of the following:-
 - (a) Camping or caravanning,
 - (b) the cutting down of trees,
 - (c) use of the Club premises between the hours of midnight and six am.
8. Members are responsible for children, visitors and any animals that they bring to the Club. Children's wheeled toys, bicycles or tricycles are not to be used in the dinghy park, Clubhouse surround or slipways.

9. The throwing of stones is forbidden.
10. Any damage occasioned to Club property shall be made good by or at the expense of the person causing such damage.
11. Members are required to carry third party liability insurance on their boats for a minimum of £2,000,000.
12. All boats must be marked on the transom or aft end of the cover with the boat number and the name of the Club Member responsible for the craft.
13. No membership unit may berth and or sail more than one dinghy without the prior permission of the General Committee. When an additional dinghy is sailed and or berthed over a two month period a pro rata additional dinghy fee shall be payable subject to the discretion of the General Committee.
14. Dinghies may be left only in berths allotted by the Harbour Master. The Club shall not be liable for any damage or loss. Dinghies shall be left tied securely to stakes in the ground.
15. Trailers and trolleys should be returned either to berths or other areas provided after the launching of their dinghies. Trailers or trolleys not used for berthing or launching of dinghies must be placed in the area designated as a trailer park and are not to be left next to boat berths.
16. The club Class boats shall be the National 'Enterprise', the National 'Solo', International 'Laser', including standard rig, radial rig and 4.7 rig. All other boats with a yardstick of 1432 or less will sail in the general Handicap fleet. Additionally, the International 'Optimist' shall be the club Class boat for Family members under the age of 16.
17. Races shall be sailed under the International Yacht Racing Union Racing Rules of Sailing and Class Rules and Club Sailing Instructions.
18. When on the water the wearing of personal buoyancy is compulsory at all times. The personal buoyancy must be sufficient to support an inert person in the water without requiring any action by the wearer. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy. Members are reminded that safety boat cover is unlikely to be provided other than at Club racing times and that members going afloat at all times do so at their own risk.
19. Individuals under the age of 16 may only be on the club premises, use the lake or go afloat with the permission of a person who is 18 years of age or over, is on the club premises or afloat, and is at the time aware of such individual's presence on the club premises, using the lake or going afloat.
20. Except in the case of an emergency safety boats may only be used with the permission of the Race Officer or an Officer of the Club.
21. Members must observe the rights of anglers at all times.
22. Except in the case of emergency, swimming is not permitted.
23. All members, excluding Associate and Honorary members, of the age of 14 years or over are required to perform duty roles at the club from time to time, in line with their ability and qualifications, and compliance with this Byelaw is a condition of membership.
 - a) Members may apply in writing to the General Committee for exemption, under special circumstances, from this Byelaw;
 - b) Members who fail to perform an allocated duty, or who fail to swap a duty with another member on a more convenient date, advising the duty rota organiser of such swap, may be fined a set fee for non-compliance with this Byelaw.
 - c) The level of fine for non-performance of duty roles shall be determined from time to time by the General Committee.
 - d) Members who fail to pay any such fines for non-performance of duty within four months of the fine being imposed may not be entitled to exercise any rights or privilege of membership until such time as they do pay such fine and all arrears, and may be removed from the list of members. In that event, the non-payment of such sums as are due shall be deemed to have been notice by such members of their intention to withdraw from membership of the Association.
24. Dogs are not allowed in the Clubhouse at any time and are only allowed in the club grounds provided they cause no nuisance to members.