

Burnham-on-Sea Motor Boat & Sailing Club Rules

Made under the powers and subject to the constitution - as amended May 2000 & 2018. If there shall be any conflict between these rules and provisions of the constitution, the constitution shall prevail.

1 GENERAL

- (a) Current rates of subscription, mooring fee and compound fees are promulgated annually and displayed on the clubs website.
Members joining between 1 April and 1st September must pay full subscription. Members joining between 1 September and 31 March to pay half subscription. All renewals are due in April each year.
- (b) Conditional upon joining category "Ordinary Sailing", "Family Sailing", "Senior", or "Crew" is the requirement to participate in Club Maintenance work parties.
- (c) Members of such categories will be required to participate in any one of eight work groups at least four times per year. If unable to attend on an advertised occasion they may by arrangement with a Team Leader, attend at another time/date. Members willing to freely offer any professional service to the club may be credited with attendance by the Management Committee.
- (d) Any member as described in (b) who is unable to attend such work parties will be required to pay a maintenance surcharge at the time of his /her next membership renewal.
- (e) Boats, gear and other property shall be left on premises administered by the Club entirely at the owner's risk.
- (f) The Management Committee shall act reasonably to ensure the safety, comfort and convenience of members but the Club shall not be held responsible for any accident, loss or injury to members, who remain responsible for their own safety at all times.
- (g) No boat shall occupy space in the compound, use the Club slipways or pontoons, be moored in waters over which the Club has jurisdiction, or take part in any race organised by the Club unless it is adequately insured against third party risks.
- (h) If at any time any subscriptions or other fees or monies properly payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be two months or more in arrears then:
 - i) The Committee shall be entitled to move his/her boat to any other part of the Club premises or river without being liable for any loss of or damage to the boat howsoever caused.
 - ii) The Committee shall be entitled upon giving one month's notice in writing to the member or former member, at his last known address shown in the register of members, to sell the boat and to deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears or subscriptions or mooring fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of 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 such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner the Committee may think fit and the expenses recovered from the member or former member. Any monies owing as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a continuing debt owed to the Club by the member or former member.

- iv) Cruiser storage in the compound is charged per season. A season is either **winter** (crane out to crane in) or **summer** (crane in to crane out). The standard storage fee will be the winter storage rate for the appropriate period. For a second, third, or fourth **consecutive** season the fee will increase episodically (i.e. x2; x3; or x4 the standard rate). No boat may be stored in the compound for more than four consecutive seasons without prior written authorisation from the committee before entering the compound. The Committee reserves the right to waive the increased storage rate or the maximum permitted stay in the compound where exceptional circumstances apply.

Further, the Club shall, at all times, have a lien over members' or former members' boats parked or moored on the Club's premises or Club moorings in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears or mooring fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

- v) Dogs are permitted on the club premises; however they should be kept on a lead always and the owners must clear up any mess left behind.

2 RACING

- (a) All races shall be sailed under the yacht racing rules of the RYA and class association rules.
- (b) Adequate personal buoyancy or suitable harness and lifelines must be worn by all persons taking part in sailing events organised by the Club. (Dinghies compulsory - Cruisers optional).
- (c) All dinghies shall have securely fastened positive buoyancy complying with class standards and/or sufficient to support both craft and crew. An anchor and paddle must be carried, flares are recommended.
- (d) No cruiser shall race without safety equipment as specified by the Management Committee.
- (e) A race for cruisers requires a minimum of three boats.
A race for dinghies requires a minimum of three boats plus a safety boat to be in attendance.
- (f) For each day on which racing takes place an experienced member of the Club shall be nominated as Officer of the Day, and as such shall be in charge of all racing activities and responsible to the Management Committee for ensuring that all rules, regulations and instructions are strictly complied with.
- (g) Members intending to race shall notify the Officer of the Day and sign in before the start of the race and shall be deemed to be familiar with all the rules, regulations and instructions pertaining thereto.
- (h) Details of courses, starting times and starting signals shall be displayed by the Officer of the Day.
- (i) The Club shall use the RYA scoring system. ie:-
1st place 1 point 2nd
place 2 points
3rd place 3 points etc.

All other conditions shall be as laid down in the RYA rules.

Points Trophy - An annual trophy will be given for;

- (a) normal crewed boats based on the best eight races,
- (b) single handed results - best three to count.

All Club races, handicap races, trophy races, open meetings and regattas shall count for points.

- (j) Craft for which no Portsmouth number is available will be allocated a handicap number by the Sailing Master based on known or judged performance and any subsequent alteration to the boat (including sails, ballast and equipment) shall be reported by the owner to the Racing Committee. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- (k) Any protests arising from a race shall be made within two hours of the finish of the race. Protest forms are available from the Officer of the Day and a £5 charge may be made. This charge will be refundable should the outcome fall in the protestor's favour.

3 COMPOUND

- (a) Applications for compound space and keys shall be made to the Compound Officer accompanied by the appropriate fee and appropriate key deposit.
- (b) All highly inflammable material, especially petrol & gas to be removed from boats whilst stored in the Club compound.
- (c) No boat shall be left in the compound until space has been allocated by the Compound Officer.
- (d) Major boat repair or maintenance work, shot blasting, welding and all 'hot works' must not be undertaken without the Compound Officers permission.
- (e) Members shall use only the space allocated to them. Only one space per member will be allocated unless the Management Committee shall decide otherwise.
- (f) Members shall be responsible for their boat space and keep it tidy whether or not the space is occupied.
- (g) Dinghies over 8ft in length shall be fastened down safely.
- (h) Road and launching trailers/trolleys shall be left in the designated areas only or beneath boats provided they do not project into the walkways.
- (i) The Management Committee may require any member contravening the compound rules to remove their boat.
- (j) Members are responsible for ensuring that the gates are locked at all times.
- (k) All boats & equipment occupying compound space must be clearly marked to identify ownership.
- (l) Cars may be left in the compound at the discretion of the Compound Officer.
- (m) Cruisers that need to remain in the compound during the summer season must seek the permission of the Compound Officer. They will be subject to additional fees as set by the Management Committee. (see sec 1 (iv) above).

4 MOORING

- (a) Applications for mooring spaces shall be made in writing to the Mooring Officer. Fees shall be paid annually.
- (b) All moorings in waters over which the Club has jurisdiction shall be laid to Club specifications and per the instructions of the Mooring Officer.

- (c) Members shall act on instructions given by the Mooring Officer and shall move their moorings if in his opinion they have moved their position and are obstructing the fairway or endangering other boats. Members shall however have the right to appeal to the Management Committee against any such instruction and the decision of the Management Committee shall be final.
- (d) One mooring is allowed per membership. Members requiring a second mooring for any reason may apply, in writing, to the general committee for consideration and/or approval.

5 CLUBHOUSE

- (a) Members are expected to dress appropriately to avoid soiling the Clubhouse furnishings.
- (b) Smoking is not permitted in the clubroom.
- (c) The member signing for bar keys is authorised to close the bar before "Time" at his or her discretion. Alternatively, if a committee member or bar duty person is present and willing to take over the duty, he can hand over his responsibility to that person.
- (d) Dogs are permitted in the Clubhouse but must be kept on a lead and under control at all times.

6 JETTY AND PONTOON

- (a) From seaward end of pontoons the pontoon is designated for visitors.
- (b) Members who find it necessary to stay alongside for periods must be agreed with the Pontoon Officer beforehand.

RULES FOR APPLICATION AND CONTROL OF PONTOON BERTHS

1. Control and Allocation of Berths

- (1.1) All annual applications for Pontoon Berths must be in writing to the Pontoon Officer or Club Secretary.
- (1.2) From time to time the Club may require a Berth Holder to move their vessel in order to maximise the space available for berthing or maintenance work.

2. Title and Ownership

- (2.1) Any agreement between a Berth Holder and the Club will be for a named vessel, for which the Berth Holder must have Title of Ownership. Any subsequent change in vessel will require a written application to the Club.

At no time during the duration of the agreement will a Berth Holder be permitted to sub-let the Berth.

- (2.2) A formal Register of Authorised Vessels will be maintained by the Pontoon Officer

3. Pontoon Berth Holders

- (3.1) The existing pontoon loan agreement drawn up prior to 30th March 2009 will remain in force for those members who are signatories to this agreement. The consequential berthing fee is promulgated annually.

- (3.2) Members applying for pontoon berth after 30th March 2009, on allocation of the berth will be offered a twelve month contract renewable annually at the appropriate fee for that year, paid in advance of taking up the allocated berth. (see website for current pontoon berth fees)

(3.3) Members with a disability may be offered a pontoon berth, the number and disposition of such berth being decided by the Management Committee. The fee for such a berth is promulgated annually and displayed on the clubs website.

4. Winter/Seasonal/Temporary Berthing Rules

(4.1) Seasonal Berthing Fees:

Winter berthing : at a rate of £ per foot per month for 6 months promulgated annually.

(4.2) Temporary Berthing Rules/Fees - The berth-holder vacating their berth for periods in excess of 1 week must inform the Pontoon Officer.

The subsequent vacant berth will be made available to members at a fee of £12 per week (or part thereof). Please be aware, any damage to Berthholder's fendering / warps must be accounted for.

(4.3) Club / Visitors Pontoon Rules / Fees. – Club and Visiting yachts are welcome to berth on sea-ward side of outer pontoon only. Should ensure sufficient space for dinghy and tender launching.

Club members are entitled to 24 hours free berthing (in any 7 day period) There-after a charge of £3.50 per day or £12 per week for a maximum 1 week at the Pontoon Officers discretion.

A charge of £5 per day will be levied if this period is exceeded, or done so without the Pontoon Officers approval.

Visitors may be expected to pay £3 (non refundable) for use of a Compound Key for access to club facilities.

5. Pontoon Security

(5.1) All Berth Holders will be expected to participate in the Club Security Patrols Rota organised by the Club Security Officer.

Rule 1(a) amended at the AGM February 2009

Management Meeting change Revised November 2009

Management Meeting Change Rule 1(b)(c) and (d) added December 2009

Management Meeting Change Rules for Application and Control of Berths Rules 3 and 4, February 2010

Management Meeting Change Rule 1 (d), 3 and 4 amended February 2011

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