

Sheffield Viking Sailing Club

Bye Laws and Regulations *(Modified for new membership structure)*

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1. Safety

- (i) No sailing may take place unless the rescue boat is properly equipped and afloat with competent rescue personnel standing by.
- (ii) All boats shall have effective buoyancy equipment built in or properly fitted while on the Club water.
- (iii) All persons when afloat, including rescue personnel, shall wear adequate personal buoyancy of an approved type (wet suits alone are not considered adequate).
- (iv) During the months of November to March inclusive, wet suits shall be worn when sailing. The Committee may make the wearing of wet suits compulsory at other times.
- (v) When on the water all members and their guests shall comply forthwith with the instructions of the Officer of the Day and/or rescue officer. These officers have power to instruct crews to retire from a race or to come ashore or to enter the rescue boat if, in the officer's opinion, there exists a serious hazard to personal safety due to either the weather or the temperature of the water or the physical condition of a crew member or a yacht.

Safety on the water is the responsibility of the individual taking part in the sport. The Officer of the Day and the Committee accept no liability for accidents or injury.

2. Bankside Regulations

- (i) Dogs are now allowed on Club premises and must be on a lead on the bankside.
- (ii) Vehicles, other than those used by the Bosun and Purser for duty purposes, are not permitted anywhere on the bankside except when transporting boats and equipment to or from the Club premises.
- (iii) Parking of caravans or camping out in tents is not permitted.
- (iv) Road trailers may not be left on the bankside unattended or overnight. (A claim for loss or damaged to a boat trailer may not be admitted under the Club's Block Insurance Policy if such a loss occurs due to non-compliance with this regulation).
- (v) Yachts shall be berthed only in the appropriate positions as indicated on the Berthing Plan or as allocated by the respective Fleet Captains. (The Berthing Plan is prepared at the start of each season and requests for amendments, or allocation

of a berth for a new member, should be made to the Vice-Commodore).

- (vi) All boats on their berths shall be left securely tied down fore and aft to holdfasts set in the ground.

No interference shall take place with the machinery, valves, drains, fences or other apparatus of the Yorkshire Water Authority and every effort shall be made to preserve the trees on the Reservoir sides from damage.

3. Security

- (i) Members are responsible for the safety of their personal effects, sailing gear, etc., if left unattended on Club premises. Valuables should not be left in the changing rooms.
- (ii) The Clubhouse and the O.O.D's hut must be checked to ensure that all windows and outer doors are closed and locked by the last member to leave the premises each day.

The entrance gate must be closed and secured by the padlock and chain by the last member to leave.

4. Sailing

- (i) Sailing may not take place within 15 metres of the water's edge except within the area of the Club's bankside berths.
- (ii) Landing from boats is not permitted anywhere other than within the area of the Club berths except in emergency.

Members using the Club's facilities both on and off the water shall respect the rights of the water users (fishermen, sea cadets, oarsmen, etc) and conduct themselves with common courtesy towards others enjoying their legitimate recreation on or around the Reservoir.

5. Duties of Members

- (i) All members are obliged to serve as Officer of the Day or as a member of his/her team for one or two weeks during the season to manage the racing programme, operate the rescue boat and staff the refreshment bar. Duty weeks are allocated at the start of each session and any member unable to do his duty shall arrange a substitute and inform his nominated O.O.D.. O.O.Ds unable to do their allocated duty shall arrange a substitute and inform the Vice-Commodore.
- (ii) Please indicate any substitution on the master sheet in the Clubhouse. (The responsibility for carrying out his duty or arranging a substitute lies entirely with the member concerned and failure to do so may involve cancellation of the race programme affected and lead to disciplinary action by the Management Committee).
- (iii) All members are expected to attend working parties to carry out work on the Club's buildings or bankside facilities when called upon to do so by their Fleet

Captains. (Such events take place at infrequent intervals, usually outside the sailing season, and enable the Club's fees and subscriptions to be kept as low as possible).

- (iv) Members owning boats sailed at Dam Flask are required to maintain valid membership with valid Class Measurement Certificates for such boats. (A boat without a valid Certificate of Measurement may be disqualified from inclusion in the racing results and/or render the boat and crew ineligible for Club prizes).

6. Additional Notes

If a member wishes to:

- (i) change from a non-boat owning member, or
- (ii) changes his/her boat, or
- (iii) bring an additional boat into the Club:-
- (iv) The procedure is that the Member writes to the Management Committee seeking permission for the change and does not berth the boat at the Dam until the Committee has met and given that permission.
- (v) It is recommended that children playing on the bankside should wear a life jacket.
- (vi) Swimming or paddling in the Reservoir is now allowed.
- (vii) Please do not rig your boat on the slipways - it impedes other boats trying to launch.
- (viii) Trolleys should be pulled out of the water after launching. This is awkward for single handers but trolleys left in the water can be a danger to boats and crews coming to shore.
- (ix) Instructions for tea bar duties are posted in the kitchen.