

Sheffield Viking Sailing Club

General Rules

(Modified for new membership structure)

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1. Name

The name of the Club is Sheffield Viking Sailing Club.

2. Objects

The objects of the Club are the encouragement of the sport of sailing and racing and the maintenance of a Club House or Houses with a view to the promotion of this sport, and social intercourse between persons interested in such sport.

3. Membership

Members of the Club shall be such persons as may be elected by the Management Committee to one of the following categories of membership:-

Full Membership

Any person over the age of 18 years shall be eligible to apply for full membership of the Club subject to such persons:-

- a) agreeing to be bound by the Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Club and the Sailing Instructions for the time being in force;
- b) agreeing to observe any regulations laid down by the Yorkshire Water Authority relating to the use of Dam Flask Reservoir and its confines;
- c) not being an active sailing member of any other sailing or yacht club carrying on its sailing activities within a radius of 30 miles of Sheffield Town Hall unless otherwise approved by The Committee.

Cadet Membership

Any person in full time education shall be eligible to apply for Cadet Membership of the Club subject to (a), (b) and (c) above. Such cadet members shall not be eligible for election as an officer of the club or a committee member or to vote at a general meeting.

Any cadet member under the age of 16 must have a responsible adult in charge of their sailing activity.

Family Membership

A Full Member may take out Family Membership which entitles the member's spouse/partner and children under the age of 14 years to participate in the sailing and other activities of the Club.

Retained Membership

A member who is not an active member of the Club but who wishes to retain an interest in the Club, see addendum.

Crewing Membership

Boat owning members may bring day crews who don't fall into the family membership category for a nominal fee to be set by the management committee. Such crews must be signed in as temporary members.

Honorary Membership

The Committee has power to grant Honorary Membership.

Corporate Membership

Any group shall be eligible to apply for Corporate Membership on such terms as The Committee shall prescribe, subject to (a), (b) and (c) above. A representative of such groups shall be eligible to one vote at a General Meeting, and for election as an Officer of the Club or Committee Member.

Membership Application

Applications of membership shall be in writing on the form prescribed by the Management Committee and applicants shall be proposed and seconded by full members of the Club of not less than three years standing. The applications shall be sent to the Membership Secretary to whom the appropriate nomination fee and annual subscriptions shall be paid after notification of election to the Club. Application from existing members for a change in membership category or for a change in type of boat shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary for consideration by the Management Committee; such applications shall be dealt with by The Committee before consideration is given to applications from prospective members.

Sailing Dinghies used on Dam Flask

Sailing dinghies used by members on Dam Flask Reservoir shall be one of the following classes:-

1. International Enterprise
2. Lark
3. Mirror 10
4. International Laser
5. Other craft approved by The Committee which shall constitute a handicap fleet.

4. Expulsion or Suspension

The Management Committee in its absolute discretion, may expel from membership or suspend from membership, for a definite or indefinite period, any member of the Club whose conduct in relation to the Club's activities is considered by The Committee to be prejudicial to the interests of the Club. Before expulsion or suspension takes place, such member shall have the right to address The Committee and state his/her reasons (if any) for his/her conduct.

5. Resignation

A member may resign at any time from the Club by written notice to the Secretary but shall remain liable for any subscriptions and any other monies due and unpaid, and any subscriptions or other monies paid by the member prior to his resignation, shall not be refundable.

6. Votes

The right to vote is assigned to all classes of members recorded as duty officers in the club handbook for that year and scout representatives on the management committee whose duty takes the form of running sailing courses which are open to club members.

7. Nomination Fees

Nomination fees in respect of new membership or transfer from Cadet to Full membership are due on notification that an applicant has been accepted by the Management Committee. The amount of such fees shall be determined from time to time by the Management Committee.

8. Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due in advance on 1st February each year and shall be determined for each year by the Management Committee. Such determination shall be made and notified to the Club members before 31st January each year.

9a. Boat Insurance

All boats while within the precincts of Dam Flask Reservoir shall be covered by insurance.

The minimum insurance cover against claims by third parties shall be such sums as may be determined by the Management Committee and notified to members before the annual renewal date.

Renewal premiums must be paid when due, failing which, The Committee shall have power to immobilise the boat and the owner shall on request, forthwith remove the craft from the Club premises.

9b. Certificate of measurement

All boats must have a current certificate of measurement.

10. Officers

The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, a Vice-Commodore, a Rear Commodore (which three are the Flag Officers of the Club), a Boatswain, a Purser, Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary who shall be elected by the Club in General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election but the office of Commodore shall not be held by the same member for more than two years consecutively. Only Full members of the Club shall be eligible for election as Officers of the Club, and no candidate shall be proposed unless the

names of such candidates, who shall have consented, and of his/her proposer shall have been delivered to the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days before the next Annual General Meeting.

11. Auditor

At the Annual General Meeting in each year there shall be appointed an Auditor who shall audit the accounts of the Club for the then current year. In the event of the person appointed as Auditor being unwilling or unable to act, the Management Committee shall appoint a substitute. A copy of the audited accounts shall be available for inspection by any member prior to the Annual General Meeting.

12. Management Committee

The Management Committee (also referred to in these rules as The Committee) shall consist of the Officers and not more than 6 full members of the Club, elected by the Club in General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting or by nominating such candidates when the Commodore calls for such nominations at the Annual General Meeting. If the number of candidates duly proposed exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the election shall be made by secret ballot. If a casual vacancy occurs, The Committee may co-opt a full member to fill the vacancy.

The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the General Rules and shall apply the funds of the Club to the objects of the Club. It shall meet from time to time as the members think expedient or when required by any of its members after due notice of such meetings have been given to all Committee members. Any Flag Officer and five members of The Committee shall form a quorum. The Committee shall make such bye-laws and regulations (not inconsistent with the General Rules) as they think fit as to the management of the Club and shall appoint such sub-committees as they deem necessary for the proper discharge of their duties.

13. General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held during October each year at some time and place in Sheffield to be fixed by the Commodore. The Honorary Secretary, at least 21 days clear before the date of such meeting, shall post or deliver to each member, a notice of such Annual General Meeting and of the business to be brought forward thereat. No businesses except the passing of the accounts, reports from the retiring Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore and the election of the Officers and the Management Committee and any business that The Committee may order, to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting, shall be discussed at such meetings.

The Committee or any twelve Full members may, on giving 14 days clear notice, call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the notice convening the meeting, and the discussions shall be confined to that business only.

All Club members may attend any General Meeting but only full boat owning members have the right to vote at a General Meeting.

These General Rules may be altered or amended only by the Club in General Meeting and any such alteration or amendment shall be carried or rejected by a majority of 2/3rds of the Full members present at such meeting, voting by show of hands or by ballot at the discretion of the Chairman.

14. Quorum

At all General Meetings of the Club, any Flag Officer plus 25% of voting members shall form a quorum. If such quorum shall not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting, if convened upon a request of members as hereinbefore shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned for one week at the same time and place, and if at such an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, then the Full members who are then present, shall be a quorum.

Addendum

Membership

Retained members will be allowed three days sailing included in their membership fee.

Day membership is available, up to a maximum of three days, at a cost of £10 per day.