

HYKEHAM SAILING CLUB RULES

General

It is Hykeham Sailing Club policy that all members abide by these rules. It is an individual responsibility to ensure that; boats are seaworthy, all equipment serviceable and that all sailors are properly equipped and have the experience to sail safely in the prevailing and forecast conditions.

1. These Rules should be read in conjunction with The Club Constitution.
2. It is the responsibility of all members to observe these rules and to report any failure to do so by others.
3. Alterations by the Committee will not come into force until exhibited in the Club premises for 14 days before implementation; members will be informed of the new rules by e-mail or post within 14 days; Any alteration to these rules will be in force until ratified, or deleted, by a Club General Meeting.

Fundamental rules; Section 422 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894 and The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) include the following;

A Every yacht shall render all possible assistance to any vessel or person in peril when in a position to do so.

B It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to sail, not to start a race or to continue to race.

Water

1. Swimming and paddling, other than directly related to sailing, windsurfing or canoeing is not allowed.
2. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times on the water. A wet suit is not sufficient buoyancy.
3. Suitable and sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) shall be worn at all times when on the water. The level of PPE should be determined by the individual with regard to conditions. At least from the end of October until the end of March, full wet suits or dry suits are recommended.
4. The decision to sail rests solely with the member, or responsible adult. It is recommended that sailing only takes place when another craft is also sailing to provide assistance if necessary.
5. Sailing between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise is not allowed.
6. Except in an emergency, landing is restricted to the Club waterfront.
7. Canoes and kayaks may be used by dingy owning members, their families and members guests. Members under the age of fifteen (15) using canoes & kayaks must confine their activities, unless accompanied on the water by a responsible adult, to the area defined by the West side of the spit, the North side of the island and the East side of the wood. Due regard will be paid to other users especially racing boats & anglers.
8. Members under the age of fifteen (15) may not go afloat unless supervised by a responsible adult. In addition, another boat capable of rendering assistance must be on the water.

9. Members under the age of fifteen (15) must also be accompanied while at the Club by a responsible adult who will be deemed to be in loco parentis.
10. Children under the age of fifteen (15) shall be supervised at all times by a responsible adult while on Club premises and shall wear approved personal buoyancy within three (3) meters of the water edge. Additionally, children under the age of six (6) will be directly supervised at all times while on Club premises and should not approach the water front, machinery, boats, vehicles or other dangers without physical control by a responsible adult.
11. Launching trolleys and trailers must be removed from slipways and launching areas and stored considerately on the bank immediately after boats are launched and/or recovered.

Water (Craft)

1. Powered craft other than those directly concerned with the day to day support of sailing activities are prohibited.
2. Hykeham Sailing Club has evolved for the use of small dinghies up to a length overall of 5.2 mtrs (17 feet) that are capable of being manually launched and recovered and, with launching trolley, has an axle weight of no greater than 250 Kg (550 lbs.) The Club will accept monohull dinghies with a PY of nine hundred or greater, and sailboards. However, for boats with PY of below 900, the following will apply :-
 - Details of the craft will initially be put before the sailing committee to decide its suitability for Hykeham Sailing Club.
 - The subcommittee, even if it permits the craft to sail, may impose restrictions or rescind its decision if it finds the craft unsuitable for Hykeham.
 - An appeal against a subcommittee decision may be made to the Club Committee.
3. Dinghy owning members may also use canoes and kayaks. The Club will also accept sailboards and model boats belonging to a Club sub-section. Keelboats will be considered by the Committee but are deemed generally unsuitable. Catamarans are not allowed but the Committee will consider multihulls and other boats for use by disabled sailors.
4. Abandoned craft and those of persons who have not paid their annual dues will be dealt with as per Constitution Item 69. (Essentially this means that The Club will dispose of the boat by sale and use the proceeds to defray against anything owing to the Club).
5. Boat parking space(s) will be allocated to members. It is the responsibility of the individual member to ensure that their boat(s) are securely stored and lashed down against wind damage. Boat parking spaces must be kept clean and tidy with grass cut. The line of boat berths nearest to the waterfront, berth numbers 171 to 181, is restricted to dinghies under 14 foot overall length, except for committee approved Sailability Craft.
6. All craft shall be seaworthy with adequate equipment & buoyancy maintained in a satisfactory working order.
7. It is compulsory for all boats to have £5 million third party insurance.

Racing & Power Boats

1. Organized Sailing

The overall responsibility for organized sailing lays with the Officer of the Day (OoD) or, for training activities the Senior Instructor (SI). Any safety-boat crews will report directly to the OoD or SI. If either decides that safety cover is inadequate for their respective activity in the prevailing conditions, they may postpone or abandon that activity. This is signified by Flying flag 'N'.

2. Non-Organized Sailing

Members using the water at times other than when organized sailing is taking place are warned that safety cover is NOT provided, and that they use the facilities entirely at their own risk. The Club recommends that, whenever possible, non-organized sailing takes place when another craft is present to give assistance if necessary.

3. Safety Boat Cover

The OoD or SI as appropriate will have overall responsibility for safety boat operations working within the following guidelines laid down by the Committee.

Safety boat cover will be provided at all times during organized sailing.

Ratio of safety boats to boats on the water left to discretion of the OoD or SI taking into account condition for the day.

All drivers of Club power-boats must have passed the Club Driving Standard (CDS). It is preferred that adult drivers also hold the RYA National Powerboat Certificate (PB2) and, for the safety boat on safety duties, the RYA Safety Boat Certificate (SBC).

All drivers must wear a kill cord when the engine is running.

The safety boat should have a two person crew unless the OoD/SI permits a single crew, or it is a second safety boat. Individuals aged 12 and above may take driver training but must be accompanied by an adult holding the PB2. No child under 6 years old may travel on a Club powerboat unless being rescued. The following age restrictions will also apply:-

A. Safety/Rescue Boat on Safety Duty

Age 16 and less than 18 – drivers must hold the SBC and be accompanied by an adult holding the CDS

Age 12 and less than 16 – may not drive nor be the second crew member

Age 6 and less than 12 – may only travel if accompanied by a responsible adult and the safety boat is also part of an organized sailing session

B. Safety Boat and other Powerboats not on Rescue Boat

Age 16 and less than 18 – may drive but, if unaccompanied, must hold the PB2

Age 12 and less than 16 – must be accompanied by a responsible adult and hold the PB2

Age 6 and less than 12 – may only travel if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Safety boat crew must be dressed to enter the water if required.

Crew must always be in radio contact with the OoD or SI and with the clubhouse. At least 1 radio must remain ashore.

In addition, members rowing to the island must have radio contact with the clubhouse.

Equipment required on Safety boat(s):-

First aid kit	Radio
2 paddles	Kill cord plus spare & reminder sticker
Various ropes	Towing point
Anchor	Serrated knife
Fuel can filled for duty	Toolkit
Fire extinguisher	Bailing out tool

Hykeham Sailing Club wish it to be clearly understood that any safety facility is provided for the convenience of members, but no liability whatsoever will be accepted by The Club, race officers or the safety crews for any loss, damage, injury or death or any other mishap to persons or equipment however it occurs

4. No safety boat or training officials shall consume alcohol until their duties are finished.

Premises

1. All members are responsible for the security of the Club premises.
2. The last person to leave shall ensure that the premises are secure.
3. Emergency exits and firefighting equipment shall be unobstructed at all times.
4. The kitchen is out of bounds to members during race days and social events, except for persons designated by the Committee or its representatives. The kitchen is out of bounds at all times to all persons under the age of eighteen (18) if either the bar is open or cooking is taking place.
5. The sale of alcohol to persons under the age of eighteen (18) is prohibited. Adult members must not attempt to purchase alcohol for consumption by persons under the age of eighteen.
6. A speed limit of fifteen miles per hour is in force on the Club road, reducing to ten miles per hour within fifty metres of the Club boundary.
7. Vehicles are parked at the owner's own risk. Vehicles should be parked considerately and should under no circumstances obstruct the road or gateway.
8. Vehicles are not permitted in the boat park or on to the lawns except in relation to the delivery of boats or other items essential to the day to day running of the Club.
9. Road trailers will be stored in the designated area - not the boat park unless they are part of a combi-trailer.
10. Personal property is left on Club premises entirety at the owner's risk.
11. Fishing is only permitted with the relevant permit from the License holder. No fishing by anyone is allowed within the Club's compound. Club members and guests must have due regard for anglers and where possible keep clear.
12. No dogs are permitted in the clubhouse (except assistance dogs) and all dogs must be on a lead whilst on Club premises.

Membership

Membership of the Club is for a twelve-month period commencing the first day of January of each year. Members are expected to renew their membership by the 30th of April of that year. Those who fail to do so lose all entitlement to the use of Club facilities and any property of theirs left on Club premises is liable to be impounded and disposed of to recover storage charges, any boats will be considered as abandoned and dealt with as per paragraph 69 of the Club constitution.

The membership renewal date for Affiliated groups is the first day of April and payment is expected by the 30 of April.

Any member breaching these rules may be called before the Management Committee to explain their actions. Guidelines governing the handling of such breaches and/or disciplinary procedures can be found in the Hykeham Sailing Club constitution.