

# STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB

## BYELAWS

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## 1. GENERAL BYELAWS

1. Dogs are permitted in the Clubhouse provided that they are kept under control and are well behaved.
2. No vehicles shall be parked in the compound except the cars of the Club Cleaner and other persons authorised by the Management Committee.
3. Vehicles shall not be brought into the compound except for the purposes of delivery and collection, but under no circumstances shall vehicles drive onto the grass or on to the concrete ways beyond the concrete apron adjoining the premises.

## 2. BERTHING BYELAWS

1. All craft brought into the Club Compound whether owned by Club Members or otherwise shall be subject to the Club Rules and these Byelaws. All craft, trailers, trolleys and equipment on the Club premises are brought in and left at the owner's risk.
2. No member may bring a craft into the compound or leave it there until he/she has applied for and been granted a berth. Applications must be made in writing and must be accompanied by the member's subscription and berthing fee.
3. Except where the Management Committee has granted an exemption, the following types of craft are not acceptable and will not be granted berthing facilities:
  - a. Any craft having a mechanical means of propulsion
  - b. Any craft having a fixed keel or keels or a ballasted centre board
  - c. Any craft whose weight and or physical dimensions render it necessary to use mechanical power in its launch, recovery or movement in or out of the compound.
  - d. Craft having an overall length exceeding 6.1 metres or a beam of 3.1 metres.
  - e. Classes and types of craft other than those listed above specified by the Management Committee from time to time as unacceptable but if an owner of such a craft holds a berth for it, an application for berthing will be renewed as long as the member continues to own the craft, or one of the same class.

4. Berthing Applications will be considered in the order that they are received at the Clubhouse except that a member who has held a berth in the previous year may reserve equivalent berthing space by applying for it and paying the berthing fees before 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Should the demand for berths exceed the supply, a waiting list will be established in order of receipt of application. Members who change craft during the season must apply to bring their new craft into the compound and pay any difference in berthing fees. They may not transfer their old craft's berth to another member without the consent of the Management Committee which will only be granted where the former owner does not require the use of a berth, or spare berths are available. The Management Committee may refuse to renew a member's berth if their boat has not been used during the previous Membership Year, without good reason.

5. Members' wishes as to allocation will be followed as far as possible and members may be asked to change berths if considered necessary by the Management Committee for the better management of the compound.
6. Upon acceptance of an application for a berth, a berthing tag will be issued and must be displayed either on the craft's trolley or trailer if kept within the berth, the mast, the outside of the cover or on the transom. Tags for sailboard, kayaks and other craft may be affixed to the board or designated berthing rack.
7. Craft must be placed in the berth allotted and secured when unattended. Members should check their boats periodically, especially before and after storms to reduce the risk of damaging boats.
8. Members wishing to store more than one craft in a berth must obtain consent from Management Committee. No structure may be erected within a berth unless it has been approved by the Management Committee.
9. Craft, trailers or trolleys not bearing a current berthing tag may be removed from the compound, but a craft identified as belonging to a member will only be removed after 1<sup>st</sup> March in a Membership year and then placed in the area designated by the Management Committee; after 31<sup>st</sup> April it may be removed from the compound. Any craft or equipment liable to be removed from the compound may be sold by the Club and the proceeds of the sale used to defray any money owing to the Club or otherwise disposed of under Club Rule 16.
10. Trailers and trolleys must be kept in the member's berth, otherwise the Management Committee may move them to the berth, remove them from the compound and or sell or otherwise dispose of them under Club Rule 16.
11. Non-members who are competing in an open event organised by the Club must berth their craft in an area designated for visitors. Other non-members may leave their craft only with the permission of and in a space designated by a member of the Management Committee who must record the particulars as the Management Committee prescribes.
12. Members are advised to mark their ownership of their craft, trailers, trolleys and all equipment.
13. Members shall keep their berths tidy and the grass cut. In relation to a berth that is identified as being untidy or overgrown the Management Committee may give notice to the member requiring remediation. If the member fails to comply within 21 days, the Club may arrange for it to be remedied and the member shall pay such cost as the Management Committee prescribes from time to time.
14. Weedkiller may not be used on any berth.
15. No craft may be placed inside Club buildings without the prior permission of the Management Committee.
16. Berthing Fees are prescribed by the Management Committee and published in the Club house and on the Club website.

17. All craft left in the compound must be insured against third party risks and liabilities of not less than £3,000,000 and are recommended to be insured comprehensively.
18. The Management Committee, without liability for any breach of duty or the negligence of itself, the Club, members, Club Employees or Agents may authorise the movement of craft, trolleys and trailers and ancillary gear in and around and into and out of the compound, or take any such action to enforce the Club Rules and these Byelaws, where in their absolute discretion they consider it necessary in the interests of the management of the Club or safety to persons or property.

### **3. CADET SAILING RULES**

#### **1. FLOATATION**

All craft sailed by Cadets must have inherent or adequate buoyancy whether specified by Class Rules or not. Adequate buoyancy means sufficient buoyancy to support the craft when swamped and its crew.

#### **2. PERSONAL BUOYANCY**

Any Cadet sailing from Stokes Bay shall wear a suitable life jacket or buoyancy aid at all times when afloat.

#### **3. CRUISES**

Unless organised by the Sailing Committee and accompanied by a Club Patrol Boat, a cruise beyond the normal racing marks in Stokes Bay carried out by one or more boats sailed by Cadets shall conform with the following conditions:

- a. Before embarking on a cruise, each cadet taking part shall obtain permission from his parents.
- b. Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst afloat by each cadet member. Adequate clothing shall be worn or carried in case weather conditions change.
- c. The destination of the cruise shall be decided having regard to the prevailing and forecast conditions of tide, wind and weather. The cruise shall be planned to ensure that each boat returns to the clubhouse before dusk. A change of destination after departure should be avoided.
- d. Boats must remain in company throughout the cruise for mutual assistance.
- e. Before departure, the identity of each boat taking part, and the names of every member of each crew must be recorded on the Club notice board together with the destination, time of departure and estimated time of return. On return the notice should be removed.
- f. If a boat is unable to return to Stokes Bay before dusk, every endeavour must be made to contact by telephone an Officer of the Club or a parent of one of the Cadets taking part to avoid unnecessary anxiety and the initiation of search and rescue action.

#### **4. SCOPE**

These rules are solely intended for the safety of Cadet members. All Cadets are put on their honour to observe them strictly, and any breach can only result in curtailment of the wide facilities enjoyed by Cadet members which the Management Committee is anxious not to restrict.

## 4. CLUB RACING BYELAW

By competing in club racing a member acknowledges that they have read, and will comply with, the Club's combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

## 5. BYELAWS FOR WATERSPORTS AND CASUAL SAILING

The Club makes available its changing rooms and other shore-based facilities to Watersports Members, however it does not organise or run events for them on or in the water. Members are advised to have individual membership of the National Governing Body (NGB) appropriate to their sport, and adherence to that NGB's guidelines and regulations (whether or not you have membership of it) is a condition of membership of the Club.

**For dinghy sailing, windsurfing, kite surfing, kite foiling, wing surfing and wing foiling,** the NGB is the RYA. For their guidance please see the following link:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge/safety>

**For paddle boarding (SUPs) and kayaking,** the NGB is Paddle UK (previously known as British Canoeing). They have a comprehensive safety guide which can be found here:

<https://paddleuk.org.uk/safety-documents/>

They offer a variety of courses including a free eLearning course as an introduction to paddle boarding:

<https://britishcanoeingawarding.org.uk/product/introduction-to-paddlesport-elearning/>

Additionally, here is a useful poster from the British Stand Up Paddle Association (BSUPA):

<https://www.bsupa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/BSUPA-SUP-safe-poster.jpg>

**For swimming** the NGB is Swim England. Their website can be found here:

<https://www.britishswimming.org/about-us/asa/>

Watersports and dinghy sailing, by their nature, are unpredictable sports, and therefore inherently involve an element of risk. By taking to the water each member agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept full responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their craft and any crew to such inherent risk whilst on or in the water.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their craft and any crew, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their craft is in good order, properly equipped and they are fit to undertake the activity;
- e) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or to their planned activity on the day.

All members should:

- Consider the safety of swimmers and other beach users at all times and respect their right to enjoy the bay.
- Have a plan.
- Check the weather, wind direction and tides.
- Know your limits – make sure that you and any crew are fit to leave the shore.

- Look after yourself and others - you are responsible for the safety of yourself, any crew and your craft.
- Wear appropriate clothing for the conditions and activity.
- Check all equipment before going afloat – that it is suitable for the forecast.
- Wear the correct personal flotation devices for the craft.
- Take a mobile phone or radio with you.
- Tell a friend your plans and expected return time – use the RYA’s free app <https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge/safety/keep-in-touch/safetrx>

As well as the above, your attention is drawn to the following:

#### **SHORELINE PROHIBITED AREA**

No craft shall go:

- within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline or
- to the landward side of the line parallel to the shoreline which joins any yellow Prohibited Area buoys or its extensions (whether more or less than 50 metres from the shoreline) except:
  - if a craft disabled or requires attention ashore or is helping those in danger
  - if a craft is moving to or from the slipway area off the Club

#### **SHIPPING MOVEMENTS**

All vessels (small or large) are to be accorded their rights under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, IRPCAS 9(b) states:

“A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway”.

Therefore if you cross or go near a channel, commercial shipping is to be treated as being in a narrow channel or fairway.

#### **CLUB RACING**

Members not competing in races organised by the Club should stay clear of those who are.

## 6. BYELAWS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BAR

1. The bar is operated under and is subject to conditions set out in the Club's Premises Certificate under the direction of the Management Committee. The responsibility for the day to day running of the bar is delegated to the Hon. Bar Secretary.
2. The Hon. Bar Secretary shall be responsible for:
  - a. The maintenance and improvement of the bar and its equipment
  - b. Overseeing the duties of the Bar Steward
  - c. The appointment of additional bar staff in the absence of or to assist the Bar Steward, subject to the approval of the Management Committee.
  - d. The maintenance of such accounts and records as may be required by the Management Committee
3. Subject to directions given by or on behalf of the Management Committee, the responsibilities of the Bar Steward include: -
  - a. the orderly running and security of the bar
  - b. the purchase of stock
  - c. the cleanliness of the bar and its equipment
  - d. the collection and accounting of all monies received and paid
  - e. the maintenance of records
  - f. such other duties as may be specified from time to time
4. The Bar Steward and any employed stewards shall only be appointed or dismissed by the Management Committee.
5. Stocks shall only be purchased from sources approved by the Management Committee and the fixing of prices shall be subject to the approval of the Management Committee.
6. Stewards shall not give any credit. Cash back can be given, up to the value of £50, when a purchase is made using a UK debit card.
7. Stewards may refuse to serve any person without giving a reason.
8. Stewards may close the Bar at any time and in particular if only one member is present in the bar towards the end of a shift.
9. The times during the bar is to be open shall be determined by the Management Committee from time to time within the Operating Schedule of the Club's Premises Licence.

## **7. HIRE OF THE CLUBROOM**

Members of at least six months standing may apply to hire the clubroom with or without the bar. All hires are at the discretion of the Management Committee and are dependent on availability.