

# Strangford Lough Yacht Club

## BYELAWS

### 1. TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- 1.1 In accordance with rule 5(h) people may be admitted as temporary members of the Club in the following categories:

**TEMPORARY INDIVIDUAL** - People may be admitted from any date for a minimum of 5 weeks and a maximum of 51 weeks in that calendar year for a fee of 2% of the full annual fee, or as agreed by the Commodore's Committee, for an adult member, per week or part week.

**TEMPORARY FAMILY** - A family unit, consisting of 1 or 2 adult members and, if any, their children under 18 years of age on the previous 1 January, may be admitted from any date for a minimum of 5 weeks and a maximum of 51 weeks in that calendar year for a fee of 3% of the full annual fee, or as agreed by the Commodore's Committee, for an adult member, per week or part week.

**BOAT OWNER'S CREW** - An Adult Club member may apply for membership for a crew place on his boat from 1 April to 31 October and such a place may be filled by different people during the sailing season, but not by more than one person at a time. The fee shall be 75% of the full annual fee for an adult member.

**HOUSE MEMBER** - People who are at least 25 years of age may be admitted to membership which is limited to use of the Club's shore based facilities from any date for a maximum of 51 weeks in that calendar year for a fee of one third of the full annual fee for an adult member.

**VISITING SAILORS** - The crews of visiting cruising yachts attached to other clubs may be admitted to membership for the duration of their stay, up to a maximum of 2 weeks, without charge.

**EVENT PARTICIPANTS** - Participants in courses or events at the Club may be admitted to membership for the duration of their course or event without charge.

**VOLUNTEER MEMBERS** – People who volunteer to carry out work for the Club at the request of a Club Officer may be admitted to membership without charge for those days on which they are engaged on these duties.

- 1.2 Applications for Temporary Individual, Temporary Family, Boat Owner's Crew and House membership shall be made by completing forms provided by the Club and submitting them, with the relevant fee, to the Captain (Membership).
- 1.3 Other than in exceptional circumstances, applications for Temporary Individual and Temporary Family membership shall not be accepted from applicants who held such membership in the previous year and such applicants shall normally be invited to apply for full membership of the Club.
- 1.4 Applications for Temporary Individual, Temporary Family, Boat Owner's Crew and House Membership may be accepted by the Captain (Membership) or, in his absence, the Commodore. Applications which are not so accepted shall be placed

before the Commodore's Committee for decision. The Committee shall reject applications only for good and sufficient cause.

- 1.5 People whose applications have been rejected shall have their fees returned to them.
- 1.6 Visiting Sailors membership may be bestowed by an invitation from a member of the Commodore's Committee or an employee of the Club.
- 1.7 Events Participants may be admitted to membership by a resolution of the Commodore's Committee.
- 1.8 Volunteers may be admitted to membership by an invitation from a member of the Commodore's Committee. Members of the Commodore's Committee should inform the Club Office of the names and addresses of any volunteer members they invite to join the Club and of the days on which they will be volunteering

**CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP** - A company or voluntary or public sector organisation, of which several unspecified members shall have access to the water based and boating facilities, for purposes connected with their organisations and its activities. The individuals do not have rights to private use of Club facilities for other purposes. Boat storage, meeting room use shall be at additional cost in line with the Club's Rules and rates. The membership fee shall be determined by the Officers, having consideration for the expected extent of use of the facilities.

## **2. PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 All members must carry valid membership cards while on Club premises and shall be required to show their cards if asked to do so by a police officer, a member of the Commodore's Committee or an employee of the Club.

## **3. CLUBHOUSE**

- 3.1 The Clubhouse shall be accessible to adult members from 9am everyday to 8pm from April to October and to 5pm from November to March.
- 3.2 Wet sailing clothing or equipment is not permitted in the main entrance hall or in any carpeted area of the clubhouse.
- 3.3 When the bar is open, persons under the age of 18 are not permitted in the bar area after 9.00pm.
- 3.4 Persons under the age of 12 are not permitted to operate the lift.
- 3.5 Animals (except Guide Dogs for the Blind) shall not be brought into the Clubhouse.
- 3.6 The door from the clubroom to the south balcony shall remain closed during organised entertainment in the clubroom.

## **4. INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

- 4.1 Intoxicating liquor shall not be consumed outside the licensed premises of the Club, being defined as the clubroom, its balconies and the chart room, except on such

occasions and in such additional areas as may be licensed from time to time for the supply and consumption of intoxicating liquor.

4.2 Bar staff, whether Club members or Club employees, shall refuse to supply intoxicating liquor to any person who they consider to be drunk or whose standard of behaviour they judge to be prejudicial to the interest of the Club or other members. Any such refusal shall be reported to the Commodore's Committee.

4.3 Only intoxicating liquor purchased over the Club Bar may be consumed on the Club premises.

## **5. PONTOONS**

5.1 Subject to 5.2, members should use the main pontoon only as an embarkation and loading facility. Stops alongside should be kept to a minimum and boats should not be left unattended.

5.2 Members must have the prior permission of the Captain (Facilities) in order to keep their boat overnight at the main pontoon.

5.3 The SLYC Ferry is berthed at the area signed "SLYC FERRY BERTHING ONLY", which is located at the bridge end of the main pontoon. No other vessels are permitted to moor alongside this area without the prior permission of the Captain (Facilities).

5.4 Only dinghies whose owners have paid for spaces may be berthed at the dinghy pontoon. Other boats may use the dinghy pontoon only for the purpose of re-fuelling.

5.5 Fees for keeping a dinghy at a pontoon berth are in the fees schedule which is posted on the website, the Notice Board and are available from the Club Office

5.6 The owners of boats which are left alongside either of the pontoons in contravention of this byelaw will be charged £10 per day.

## **6. CAR PARKING**

6.1 Cars should be parked in designated spaces when available and must never be parked where they cause an obstruction to other cars, boats or dinghies or to the approaches to the Clubhouse and the slipways. Car parking is not permitted on any area marked with double yellow lines or marked with yellow stripes, or any area marked "NO PARKING".

## **7. BOAT STORAGE & PARKING (WINTER & SUMMER)**

7.1 The winter storage period starts from 1<sup>st</sup> October and ends on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The summer boat parking season runs from after the last organised club craning in day to 30<sup>th</sup> September. Dates for craning in and out, and for the start date for summer storage are published in Mainsail, posted on the website, on the Notice Board and are available from the Club Office.

7.2 Fees for winter & summer storage are decided annually at the Club AGM and posted on the website, on the Notice Board and are available from the Club Office.

7.3 Summer Storage

7.3 a) Only boats and dinghies bearing the current year SLYC numbered identification label may be parked in the Club grounds and must be parked in their allocated numbered space or allocated area when available. Labels are issued and spaces or areas allocated by the Club Office

7.3 b) Boats and dinghies which cannot be parked in their allocated spaces or areas must be parked in such a way that they do not obstruct other boats or cars or block the approaches to the Clubhouse or the slipways.

7.3 c) The owner of any boat, dinghy or trailer parked on Club premises in such a manner that it is impossible to move without a key, must leave a key, with a clearly identifiable attached tag, in the Club Office

#### 7.4 Winter Storage

7.4 a) Any member who wishes to store their boat at the Club over the winter shall apply to the Club Office for the necessary space. In the case of those boats not eligible for summer parking, space will be allocated only on condition that the member undertakes to launch or remove their boat and its cradle or trailer before 30<sup>th</sup> April of the following year. The Captain (Facilities) shall report to The Commodore's Committee the names of any members who fail to launch or remove such boats, cradles or trailers before 30<sup>th</sup> April and the Commodore's Committee may refuse to permit these members to store their boats at the Club in future years.

7.4 b) Cradles or trailers used for boat storage at the Club must be clearly marked so that the owner can be identified

7.4 c) Members using the winter storage facility shall be responsible for keeping the area around their boats clean and tidy.

7.4 d) Members using winter storage facility will be required to demonstrate that they have a valid certificate of third party insurance.

7.4 e) Guidelines for Craning of all boats are available on the website, the Notice Board and the Club Office. Anyone booking winter or summer storage will be assumed to have read the relevant guidelines.

7.4 f) For sailing dinghies that are in commission during the winter, the fee for winter storage shall be abated by £10 for each day that the dinghy is sailed, as recorded on the sailing notice board, provided that the fee is not abated below the summer parking charge for that dinghy.

### 8. CLUB BOATS

8.1 All people using Club boats must wear personal floatation devices.

8.2 Only members who hold a Powerboat Level 2 qualification and who have been authorised by the Captain (Facilities) may drive the Club Ribs. Any member who uses a Club Rib must record their use in the boat's log book on each occasion.

8.3 Only those members who have paid for the annual ferry ticket and whose names are displayed on the members notice board, may use the Strangford 16 "SLYC Ferry". Any unauthorized users will be charged the full annual ferry ticket fee.

- 8.4 The annual ferry ticket fee is £40.
- 8.5 Only members of the Commodore's Committee, the Captain (Sailing)'s Deputy, Race Officers on the day of their duty and other members authorised by the Captain (Facilities) may use the Strangford 16 workboat.
- 8.6 Any damage to or problems with any Club boat must be reported as soon as is practical to the Captain (Facilities) or the Club Office.
- 8.7 No Club boat may be used for any mooring related work.

## **9. LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY OF BOATS**

- 9.1 Members who wish to use the slipway, the Mast derrick, the Palfinger crane, the Club tractor or the tractor winch to launch or haul out a boat must book a time slot in advance with the Club Office or through the website. A schedule of fees for use of the above are posted on the website, the Notice Board and are available from the Club Office.
- 9.2 Members who require professional help to launch or haul out their boats at the Club may employ only contractors approved by the Commodore's Committee for such work.
- 9.3 Emergency lift outs should be notified to the Club Office as soon as possible and are charged as per the fees schedule posted on the website, the Notice Board and available from the Club Office.
- 9.4 Planned lift outs for maintenance and repair should be booked through the Club Office and are charged as per the fees schedule posted on the website, the Notice Board and which are available from the Club Office.

## **10. USE OF TRACTOR, TRACTOR WINCH, MAST DERRICK & PALFINGER CRANE**

- 10.1 The Club tractor, the tractor winch, the Mast Derrick and the Palfinger Crane may be used only by those people authorised by the Captain (Facilities) to drive it. Anyone booking the above machinery will be assumed to have read the relevant guidelines for their safe use.

## **11. DISPENSING FUEL**

- 11.1 The dispensing of fuel from the Club's fuel storage facility may be undertaken only by members and employees of the Club.

## **12. DOGS IN THE CLUB GROUNDS**

- 12.1 Dogs must be kept on leads when in the Club grounds and owners must clean up any excrement left by their dogs.

## **13. MEMBER'S PROPERTY**

- 13.1 The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of any property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- 13.2 The Club reserves the right to move any property on the Club premises to another part of the Club premises.

- 13.3 The Club shall at all times have a lien over members or former members property left on the Club premises in respect of all Monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of subscriptions or other dues or otherwise.
- 13.4 Members are required to display a current year SLYC label on all their property kept at the Club. Labels will be issued on request to the Club Office for items of equipment which members wish to store at the Club.
- 13.5 An area of the Club grounds has been designated as the Red Zone. Boats, dinghies and equipment which are not displaying a current year SLYC label may be removed to the Red Zone. During the summer storage season, boats and equipment which are displaying a current year SLYC label may also be removed to the Red Zone if they are not parked in their allocated space or area, when such space or area is available. Boats, dinghies and equipment removed to the Red Zone may be secured there.
- 13.6 Members whose property has been removed to the Red Zone may have it returned by applying to the Club Office
- 13.7 When the ownership of property removed to the Red Zone cannot be determined, photographs and details of the items will be placed on the notice board for at least 6 weeks. If at the end of this period the item has not been claimed, it shall be disposed of to the best advantage of the Club and without any liability.

#### **14. CLUB PROPERTY**

- 14.1 A member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property belonging to the Club and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Commodore's Committee.

#### **15. CLUB OFFICE**

- 15.1 Office opening hours are posted on the website

#### **16. COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

- 16.1 Complaints and suggestions may be made to any member of the Commodore's Committee.

Details of specific changes or additions to Byelaws agreed at any Commodore's Committee will be published in Mainsail, posted on the website and on the Club Notice Board within a few days after the meeting.