



Strangford Lough Yacht Club

BYELAWS

1. TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- 1.1 In accordance with rule 2.1(vii) people may be admitted as temporary members of the Club in the following categories:

TEMPORARY INDIVIDUAL - People may be admitted for a maximum of 6 weeks for a fee of 35% of adult member subscription within a calendar year, or as may be agreed by the Commodore's Committee. Temporary individuals are not entitled to sign guests into the Club.

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 for a maximum of 6 weeks for a fee of 35% of Family Membership subscription within a calendar year, or as may be agreed by the Commodore's Committee. Temporary family members are not entitled to sign guests into the Club.

BOAT OWNER'S CREW - Any existing Family, Ordinary, Honorary or Cadet member that owns a boat that participates in Club racing may purchase this membership. This membership enables an individual, who is currently not a member of the Club, to crew on the boat owned by the Member who purchased the Membership. When covered under this membership, that individual will be considered a member of the Club and therefore will not need to be signed in as a guest, nor will their time at the Club whilst under this membership count towards their number of visits under Rule 3.3. The purpose of this membership is to facilitate increased participation in Club organised racing only, and therefore this membership can only be used for these purposes, between the period 1 April to 31 October each year. Any time the non-member individual visits the Club outside of these purposes, they will not be covered under this Membership, and the normal Club rules for visiting individuals will apply. This Membership can be used to cover different individuals throughout the season, but only one individual is entitled to use the Membership at any one time. Multiple crew memberships may be purchased to cover multiple individuals at the same time. A boat participating in Club racing cannot solely be crewed by individuals covered under this Membership. There must always be at least one non-temporary member onboard. The fee for this Membership shall be agreed by the Commodore's Committee each year. Individuals within this membership category are not entitled to sign guests into the Club. These members will not be required to pay an administration fee per Rule 2.4.

VISITING SAILORS – The owners and 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. Visiting sailors are not entitled to sign guests into the Club. These members will not be required to pay an administration fee per Rule 2.4.

COURSE PARTICIPANTS - Participants in courses at the Club may be admitted to membership for the duration of their course and subject to charge. Course participants are not entitled to sign guests into the Club. These members will not be required to pay an administration fee per Rule 2.4.

EVENT PARTICIPANTS – Participants in events at the Club may be admitted to membership for the duration of their event without charge. Event participants are not entitled to sign guests into the Club. These members will not be required to pay an administration fee per Rule 2.4.

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. Volunteer members are not entitled to sign guests into the Club. These members will not be required to pay an administration fee per Rule 2.4.

ACCREDITED CONTRACTORS – An accredited contractor who does work on boats at the Club may apply for an access card to gain admittance on a regular basis and without the need for an

owner to be present. All contractors must forward a copy of valid insurance to Club office. Fee for access card is £30 pa with an initial £20 fee for card security and year runs from October 1st to September 30th. A full list of accredited contractors is available at Club office. Accredited contractors are not entitled to sign guests into the Club. These members will not be required to pay an administration fee per Rule 2.4.

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 Commodores Committee, having consideration for the expected extent of use of the facilities. These members will not be required to pay an administration fee per Rule 2.4.

HOUSE WITH SWIMMING – A house member entitled to participate in shore-based activities and swimming. Members within this group are entitled to sign in guests for shore-based activities only.

- 1.2 Applications for Temporary Individual, Temporary Family and Boat Owner's Crew 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 and Boat Owner's Crew 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 Event 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.
- 1.9 No further applications for House with Swimming membership will be considered.

2. PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 All members must carry valid membership cards or wrist bands while on Club premises and shall be required to show these 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 As the Clubhouse is always accessible to adult members, please ensure that the building is secured on leaving.
- 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 only permitted in the bar areas in accordance with current licensing legislation.
- 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) to keep their boat overnight at the main pontoon.
- 5.3 There are two reserved spaces for club boats (Club Launch and Strangford 16 Ferry) one on either side at bridge end of 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 and is 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)

Members are reminded that although the Club has measures in place to deter theft or loss, boats and other equipment which are the property of individual members are stored at the Club at the owner's risk and the Club cannot be held liable for any claims arising from damage, loss, or misuse. Members are recommended to have their own appropriate insurance in place.

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

7.2 Fees for winter & summer storage are decided by the Commodore's Committee and are posted on the website and 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 30th 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 30th 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 and from 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.

7.4 g) If masts are to remain upright during winter storage it is the responsibility of owners to ensure all rigging is secured to prevent unnecessary noise. Failure to comply may require the mast to be removed.

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 logbook on each occasion.
- 8.3 Only those members who have paid for the annual ticket and whose names are displayed on the members notice board, may use the Strangford 16 "SLYC Ferry". Any unauthorised users will be charged the full annual ferry ticket fee.
- 8.4 The annual ferry ticket fee is noted in the fees schedule on Club website and available from Club Office.
- 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 Whaley.
- 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 Slipway 1 for a period of time exceeding 2 hours, the Palfinger crane, or the Club tractor, to launch or haul out a boat must book a time slot in advance through the website. A schedule of fees for use of the above is posted on the website and is 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 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 and available from the Club Office.

10. USE OF TRACTOR & PALFINGER CRANE

- 10.1 The Club tractor 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.

17. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 17.1 A sub-committee, hereby referred to as the 'Selection Committee' will be responsible for identifying Members to be proposed for election to the Committee as an Officer of the Club. The Selection Committee can consist of both existing Committee members and non-Committee members but must consist of at least 4 individuals, who will be decided by the Commodore's Committee. The candidates selected by the Selection Committee will be proposed to the Commodore's Committee. If agreed by the Commodore's Committee, by simple majority vote, these candidates will be the Committee's recommendation for the election of Officers at the Annual General Meeting. Members, however, may propose other candidates via the Nomination Consent Form, provided this is submitted to the Club Office within the specified time limit. The proposed Officers will be decided, and formally elected, by Members at the Annual General Meeting each year, by simple majority vote.
- 17.2 Where Members are being co-opted to the Commodore's Committee during the year, under Rule 6.4, the Selection Committee will be responsible for identifying potential candidates. Candidates to be co-opted onto the Commodore's Committee will be proposed by the Selection Committee, to the Commodore's Committee, and will only be co-opted if agreed by simple majority vote.

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