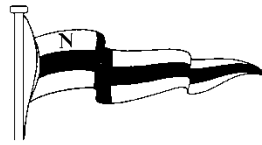


NEWPORT USKMOUTH SAILING CLUB

RULES UPDATED TO February 2017 v1.1



RULES OF THE NEWPORT USKMOUTH SAILING CLUB

1. Name and object

1.1 The name of the Club is the "Newport Uskmouth Sailing Club" and the burgee shall be royal blue with a red horizontal and vertical bar and a red letter N in the left upper canton.

1.2 The object of the Club is to promote Boating, seamanship and the sport of sailing.

2. Membership

2.1 The Club shall be a Fully Affiliated Member of the Royal Yachting Association.

2.2 Any person of either sex whether the owner of a yacht, dinghy, boat or not, who is keen and interested in sailing is eligible as a candidate for membership. Every member shall complete an enrolment form and sign the indemnity accepting that neither the Club nor its Trustees, shall be responsible in any circumstances whatsoever for any accident, loss of life, injury, loss of or damage to person or property whether or not caused directly or indirectly by negligence, mismanagement, lack of judgement, care or skill on the part of any member of the Club, its Trustees, or on the part of any Officer, Servant or Agent of the Club, its Trustees, latent or patent defect in any equipment belonging to or used by the Club, its Trustees or any of its Members, or otherwise caused or resulting from any other circumstances or reason whatsoever.

Members and their relatives, friends and guests at all times who use the Club premises, its boats, equipment and other facilities provided by the Club, and also participate in Club events do so entirely and absolutely at their own risk in all matters and in every respect.

The indemnity form must be signed and handed or posted to the Honorary Secretary within seven days of acceptance of the General Committee to become a Member. Failure to comply will mean the Member's immediate withdrawal from membership.

2.3

a) All members, including Partners of the club shall have one vote at any club or committee meeting.

b) All members will pay one basic membership fee with an added supplement, either yacht or dinghy supplement this will allow for compound and mooring space (subject to availability and vessels suitability), dinghy supplement will include space to store a compound stored sailing dinghy.

c) Enrolment fees will become equal for all members, at a rate set by the committee.

d) Seniority will be accumulated on a membership basis. 1 year seniority for each year as a member.

e) Members who have accumulated seniority shall retain that seniority for the duration of their uninterrupted membership. Upon leaving the club all membership seniority is lost.

f) The Club, on the recommendation of the General Committee may in a general meeting elect honorary Members who shall not be eligible for office or for membership of any committee but who shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting. Honorary Members shall in all other respects be subject to the rules and the regulations of the Club.

g) The General Committee shall have the right to nominate such life members as it shall see fit. The nomination of Life Member shall be in recognition of outstanding service to the N.U.S.C. The rights and privileges of a life member shall be identical of those of a boat owning Member, except that the Life Member is exempt from payment of annual membership or supplements.

h) membership supplements will be defined in the following manner; a Yacht is a boat that would require a mooring and/or space in the compound, a Dinghy is a boat smaller than a Yacht that does not require a mooring with the expectation to be on the water for short periods of time, but does not include tenders.

2.4 All classes of Members including their partners who have paid the membership and any required supplements shall be entitled to the full rights and privileges and amenities of the Club except as herein prescribed. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to the privileges of membership until two days have elapsed from their election as members. The Honorary Members in the club shall not in total exceed a number equivalent to more than 10% of the paid Members of the Club.

2.5 Every Candidate for membership shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member of the Club to both of whom the candidate shall be personally known. Every such application shall be made in writing, signed by the candidate and his or her proposer and seconder in a form to be prescribed from time to time by the General Committee. The Applicant together with proposer or seconder shall then be requested to attend a meeting with an introductory panel (to consist of not more than 5 Committee Members and not less than 3) when information can be exchanged and the Candidate's suitability assessed. The Candidate's form together with the introductory panel's recommendation shall then be submitted to the General Committee. The application form shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary who shall post the form on the Club notice board where it shall remain exhibited for seven days at least before the application shall be considered. The General Committee shall ballot for every candidate by a simple majority vote of those present. The General Committee shall not in any circumstances whatsoever be called upon or required to give any reason for rejection of a candidate. No Candidate shall be nominated more than once in any period of twelve months and a candidate who has, during any period of time twice been rejected shall not be again eligible for nomination. No candidate may use the Club until he is elected.

2.6 Every Member on joining the Club implicitly undertakes to comply with these rules and any refusal or neglect to do so or any conduct which in the opinion of the General Committee is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club shall render a member liable to expulsion by the General Committee. The Committee and the Member shall be given at least three days notice in writing of the meeting at which the question is to be considered together with particulars of the complaint, and such member shall have the opportunity of giving orally or in writing any explanation before any decision is reached.

A notice posted by first class post to a member's address as recorded in the books of the Club shall be deemed to have been received by the Member on the day following posting. If a majority of members of the General Committee by ballot

present at the meeting vote in favour of expulsion, such member shall be deemed to be expelled forthwith and the decision of such majority shall be final and binding in all respects and for all purposes. An expelled member shall not for a period of twelve months thereafter be eligible for membership. No expelled member shall at any time be introduced or use any Club facilities as a guest.

2.7 There may be an enrolment fee of such a sum as may from time to time be prescribed by the Annual General Meeting.

2.8 Any new rules or byelaws made by the General Committee in accordance with Rule 4.2b shall be posted on the Club notice board and shall be adhered to until ratified or otherwise by the next Annual General Meeting.

2.9 Every member shall communicate to the Honorary Secretary any change of address and all notices required by these rules to be sent or given, if sent to the address recorded in the Club books shall be deemed to have been duly sent or given. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate any resolution passed or proceeding taken at such meeting.

3. Officers

3.1a) The officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodore, who shall be deemed to be the Flag Officers, together with the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Membership Secretary, Cruiser Captain, Dinghy Secretary, Racing Secretary, Mooring Officer and Training Officer, all of whom shall be elected at the AGM in each year, to hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM.

b) At the Annual General Meeting the Commodore for the preceding year will automatically retire.

c) The Vice-Commodore if willing and available will automatically assume the office of Commodore for the succeeding year. If unable or unwilling to assume the office of Commodore, the Vice-Commodore will retire.

d) The Rear-Commodore will automatically retire but will be eligible for proposal and election to Vice-Commodore or Commodore if vacancies exist but not to the position of Rear-Commodore.

e) No candidate for election to any office shall be proposed unless the name of such candidate and of his proposers shall have been sent to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days prior to the AGM.

f) There shall be a President and Vice-Presidents nominated by the General Committee and elected at the Annual General Meeting.

g) The retiring Flag Officers shall be Ex-Officio members of the General Committee for one year.

3.2 When under Rule 3.1b the Commodore is due to retire and the present Vice-Commodore is unwilling or unable to fill the vacancy under Rule 3.1c the following procedure shall apply: -

i) The Vice-Commodore shall notify the Honorary Secretary at least 56 days before the Annual General Meeting; the Secretary shall then call for nominations for the position of Commodore for election at the AGM.

ii) If no nominations are received the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting shall call for nominations from the floor and a vote shall be taken.

iii) If no nominations are received or there is less than 51% of the vote for such nominee then the retiring Commodore shall be asked to continue in office for a further term.

The remaining Flag Officers shall be elected as follows: -

a) Nominations shall be received for the retiring vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodore in accordance with Rule 3.1e.

b) In the event of no nomination for either vacancy nominations shall be taken from the floor at the AGM and a vote taken.

c) If no such nomination is made, the Rear-Commodore shall be asked if he is prepared to become Vice-Commodore. If he is prepared to do so a vote shall be taken. If not he is to be asked to continue as Rear-Commodore and no vote shall be taken.

d) If the position of Vice-Commodore shall be vacant after the above procedure it shall be offered to the retiring Commodore and no vote shall be taken.

4. General Committee

4.1 a) The General Committee shall consist of the Officers, Retiring Flag Officers and not more than twelve members of the Club elected at the Annual General Meeting. The twelve members shall hold office for three years and at the end of the term of office shall retire and will not be eligible for re-election for one year.

b) Candidates for election to the General Committee shall be those members whose nominations duly proposed and seconded by members of the Club in writing shall have been sent to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

c) If a casual vacancy occurs by death or resignation the General Committee may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.

d) If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the election is by ballot.

e) At every meeting of the General Committee, a quorum shall consist of eight members who may be Officers, Ex-Officio members or elected Committee Members.

4.2 a) The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and shall apply funds of the Club to the object of the Club.

b) The General Committee shall have the power to make additional rules and such additions shall have full force and effect until confirmed or otherwise at the next Annual General Meeting.

c) The General Committee shall appoint Members to Sub-Committees and shall co-opt other members as from time to time deemed necessary. The Officers of the Club shall be Ex-Officio members of such Sub-Committees.

d) Each Sub-Committee shall elect a member of the General Committee as Chairman, whose responsibility it will be to report to the General Committee.

e) At every meeting of a Sub-Committee, a quorum shall consist of four members.

f) In the event that the general committee membership falls below the minimum number permissible under the rules above, either through mid term retirement sickness or because insufficient members were elected at the AGM, then the quorum will be temporarily reduced proportionally rounded up to the nearest whole number and with a minimum quorum of six

5. Honorary Auditors

5.1 At the Annual General Meeting in each year a professional firm of Accountants shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Club for the then current year. In the event that they are unwilling or unable to act, the Committee shall appoint substitutes.

6. Trustees

6.1 There shall be not more than four Trustees of the Club. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the Committee and the property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting may remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee. Where by reason of any such death resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee shall be appointed or if the Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or Trustees the Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees.

For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Commodore is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925, and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the Committee is conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

7. Meetings

7.1 a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at some place in Newport to be named and on some day in the month of February to be arranged by the General Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall, at least fourteen days clear before the day of such meeting, post or deliver to each Member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat. Not more than twelve months shall elapse between each Annual General Meeting.

b) No business other than election of Officers, election of members to the General Committee, passing of accounts and such other items as appear on the agenda shall be discussed unless notice thereof shall have been given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty eight days prior to the date of the meeting.

c) The General Committee may, giving fourteen days notice call a General Meeting of The Club for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting and the discussion at such a meeting shall be confined to that business only.

d) The General Committee shall also call a meeting on the written request of twelve members at one month's notice for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting and the discussion at such a meeting shall be confined to that business only.

e) All members shall be entitled to attend a general meeting of the Club, but in the event of a vote, Honorary Member and Junior Members shall be excluded from this privilege.

f) In the case of an equality of votes at any meeting of Committees and Sub-Committees the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

7.2 a) Notice of any alteration to the Rules intended to be proposed by a member of the Club shall be given to the Honorary secretary in writing at least twenty eight days before the same is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting or at least one month before any special General meeting at which the same is to be brought forward, and full particulars of any such proposed alterations or additions shall be set out in the notice convening the meeting.

b) Other than at an Annual General Meeting all such proposed alterations or additions or amendments to them which may be proposed and seconded shall be put to the vote of the meeting and provided that on a show of hands or if demanded on a poll, not less than 60% of the votes cast by those present and voting shall be cast in favour of any proposed alterations or additions or amendments then the same shall be deemed to be carried.

8. Dissolution of the Club

If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the club, duly proposed and seconded shall be passed by a majority of not less than 60% of the fully paid up voting members present the Committee shall proceed to realise the property of the Club and after discharge of all liabilities the balance shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club. Such institution or institutions to be determined by members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the dissolution, and if and so as effect cannot be given to such a provision, then to some charitable object.

9. Bar Committee

9.1a) The Bar Committee shall consist of six elected Full Members of the Club who are also elected members of the General Committee and who shall be appointed by the General Committee.

b) If a casual vacancy occurs by death or resignation the General Committee may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.

c) The general committee can assume the role of the bar committee and delegate the management of the bar to a selected club member

d) The premises and grounds of the club shall be open to members daily at such times as shall be determined by the General Committee, who shall have power to close any part of the premises and grounds for any purpose and for such periods as the General Committee think necessary. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club shall be such as may be from time to time determined by the General Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 as operating in the district and as notified to the Magistrates' Clerk and Chief Superintendent.

9.2 The Bar Committee shall manage and be responsible for the proper operation of the Licensed bar facilities on the Club premises and shall be answerable to the General Committee.

10. Guests

10.1a) Guests may be introduced by members in such numbers, on such days and at such times as the General Committee may decide, but must at all times be accompanied by their hosts.

b) Guests shall not be permitted to purchase any intoxicating liquor either directly or indirectly, except that officials and members of other clubs visiting the Club premises on the invitation of the Club may be sold intoxicating liquor for their consumption on the Club premises provided that their visit relates to a sporting or social engagement organised or arranged with the consent of the General Committee and in which members of the Club are themselves engaged.

c) No person shall be introduced as a guest who has been expelled from the Club, whose application for membership of the Club has been refused, whose membership has lapsed or whose conduct or presence is considered by the General Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.

d) Guests shall leave the Club at the time of or before the departure of their hosts. Hosts will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while on Club premises.

e) Guests bringing children and minors to the Club, must be informed by their host that they must supervise them at all times and the Club does not at any time exercise supervision or control over children and/or minors.

11 Bye-Laws

11.1 The Committee is authorised to make and amend the bylaws regulating the internal affairs of the Club until ratified in accordance with the existing rule.

BYE LAWS OF NEWPORT USKMOUTH SAILING CLUB

1. Membership

1.1a) The annual subscription and enrolment fees shall be decided by the Annual General Meeting or, in the case of exceptional individual cases, as decided by the General Committee.

b) The General Committee shall have the right to review the Annual Membership and Supplement charges in August of each year and to increase the subscription for the following year should the current financial state require an increase in funds.

c) Persons who are under the age of 18 or are full time students will not be required to pay an Annual Membership if they are the children of Full Members.

e) Junior Members do not pay an Annual Membership.

f) Members attaining the age of 70 and having a minimum of five years' consecutive membership shall pay the following subscriptions.

A reduction of 2% of the Club membership fee (not including RNLI contribution or mooring /compound fee or dinghy / boat fee) for each full year of membership up to a maximum of 25 years (50% reduction). Club subscriptions once paid are non-refundable.

1.2 Subscription of a junior member shall become due when such a member becomes 18 years of age, or leaves full time education.

1.3 The Annual Membership and supplement charges of new members joining after the start of the year will be pro rata to the current membership and supplement charges

1.4 The Membership application form shall include the following statements: -

I understand that my Membership will be provisional for one year from my being accepted.

If my previous sailing experience is not considered suitable I undertake to take part in the first available seamanship course at N.U.S.C. or otherwise satisfy the General Committee, on the recommendation of the Hon. Training Officer as to my ability.

1.5 Any person sailing six times within twelve months shall be required to become a Member.

1.6. All Members are to be invoiced for subscriptions on the first of March each year to be paid within 14 days. If unpaid after this date a final demand will be sent. If still unpaid after a further 14 days membership will be assumed to have ceased and any re-application for membership will incur a penalty of 2/3 of the membership fee.

1.7 Membership of the Club and acceptance of these rules by the member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998

2. Service Time (Work hours)

2.1 A record of service time shall be contained in the Club Membership Book and kept in the Clubhouse to be filled in by the member and countersigned by an appropriate Club Officer (Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer Racing Secretary, Dinghy Secretary and Membership Secretary.

2.2 Members may, if they are unable for any reason to complete the obligation of 20 hours service time, depreciate the service time by payment at the rate of £8 an hour.

2.3 The General Committee may exempt those members it considers unfit for service time,

3. Sailing

3.1 All races will be raced under RYA, ISAF, and BCYA rules.

3.2 Holders of Club Trophies and replicas will be held responsible for returning them in a satisfactory condition and the repair of any damage will be their individual responsibility.

3.3 The Member alone is responsible for his decision to go out on the water, that his/her craft is seaworthy, adequately maintained, ensuring that his crew is competent to take part, suitably equipped and briefed. Members alone are fully responsible for their crew, dependants and guests.

3.4 The current Sailing Rules constitute a part of the Club Rules and as such must be strictly adhered to as a condition of Membership.

3.5 Any mishap must be reported to the Committee who shall take whatever action they think necessary.

3.6 No craft, which shall be used for trade or business or for letting for hire or for any other purpose than pleasure, shall be entitled to the benefits or privileges of the Club. Provided that this rule is not intended to preclude any member from occasionally letting his craft or to deprive such vessel of the benefits and privileges aforesaid, except for the time during which she shall be let. No member letting his craft (except to another member of the Club) shall leave on board or permit to be used by the lessee any Club Burgee or ensign.

3.7 It is the duty of every member to ensure that his craft and all of his equipment are at all times maintained in the highest possible standard of seaworthiness. Every member must make himself or herself fully acquainted with and strictly obey the standard rules and regulations of navigation and all rules and regulations particularly applicable to the Port of Newport and the River Usk.

4. Insurance

4.1 Members who operate their craft from the Club and mooring areas are required to have them properly insured, which insurance must include third party risks.

4.2 Members will be required to sign a declaration that their craft is properly insured and will remain so at all times whilst on Club premises or moorings.

5. Officer of the Day

5.1 The Committee shall appoint an Officer of the Day with an assistant who will attend during programmed events. They will represent the Commodore and will decide whether sailing is desirable. They will also manage any other matters associated with the events and with running the Clubhouse. Their decisions are final and should they be disobeyed the Committee shall apply any disciplinary measures which they may deem advisable. At all other times the Officers or Committee Members present shall have similar powers and will be expected to maintain the discipline of the Club.

5.2 The number of hours served shall be deducted from the twenty hours service time to the Club for members fulfilling their O.D. duty.

5.3 Members who, without reasonable excuse, do not fulfil their O.D. duty or arrange an acceptable substitute Officer, shall be penalised by an extra O.D. duty in addition to that which is outstanding. Any Member accruing three outstanding O.D. duties will be asked to appear before the Flag Officers and may well have their membership terminated. Penalty O.D. duties will not count against Work Hours.

6. Mooring and Compound

6.1 Moorings in the Rivers Usk adjacent to the Club will be laid only as prescribed by the Club and with the express permission of the Mooring Officer. All moorings will be subject to his examination and must conform in all respects to the requirements of the Club.

6.2 Any Member, whose mooring, in the opinion of the Mooring Committee does not comply with the Club's requirements, will not be permitted to launch his craft. Members with unsatisfactory moorings will be advised verbally and in writing by the Mooring Officer, in sufficient time to bring their mooring to the standard required, before launch date.

6.3 Any member having been allocated a mooring has three months to lay or put the mooring in full working order otherwise it will be re-allocated.

6.4 A scale of charges will be decided from time to time to cover: -

a) Use of crane, boat lifter, winch and Club trailer on the two official launch and recovery dates decided by the committee.

b) Recovery or launch of boat on own trailer up to two weekends after official dates, other than in an emergency.

c) Use of winch, boat lifter and Club trailer or own trailer outside of the official launch dates other than in an emergency will carry an additional penalty charge.

In an emergency, a maximum of 5 days is allowed on the trailer.

d) Mooring non-refundable contribution.- At the time of first becoming boat owning members the member will be required to pay a contribution towards the cost of mooring ground tackle, the amount of this contribution will be set by the General Committee to reflect the costs associated with ground anchors, further costs associated the upkeep of moorings are the responsibility of the boat owner using the mooring (either on loan or allocated at the mooring meeting)

6.5 All Members changing their boat must inform the Mooring Committee and obtain consent for their new craft. Members disposing of their boat with a view to obtaining another must inform the Mooring Committee in writing when the mooring is vacated. Under normal circumstances 12 months will be allowed to obtain another boat, but an extension of this time may be granted on application in writing to the Mooring Committee. At the expiry of the time granted, the mooring will be relinquished.

6.6 a) Only three boats in kit form are to be completed in the compound per year.

b) Building completing and renovating of boats on Club premises.

A member wishing to carry out any of the aforementioned must first apply in writing to the Mooring Committee. The Mooring Committee will consider the application and make a recommendation to the General Committee for them to make

a decision.

The following general guidelines shall apply: -

i) The normal time to carry out such work shall be twelve months.

ii) Only one such permission shall be granted in a five-year period.

(Extension of time or exception to these rules may be applied for in writing.)

Renovating for this purpose shall be considered as work required which replaces or renews a significant part of the craft, which cannot be accomplished in the laying-up period plus three months of the following season.

6.7 a) No Member is allowed to bring a crane onto the premises or cause one to be brought onto the premises.

b) Members requiring the use of a crane on site must contact the Commodore or Mooring Officer, who are the only Officers, allowed to contract on the Club's behalf.

c) Within the scope of compound management the Mooring Officer shall when necessary move a member's boat. The Mooring Officer shall make efforts to inform the owner of the pending move so that the owner can be present if he/she so wishes.

6.8 The prolonged mooring of craft alongside the Club pontoon is not permitted, except in the case of emergency, in which event the Cruiser Captain must be informed at earliest.

6.9 Craft must either be kept afloat on the prescribed moorings or ashore in the Club compound, in a position assigned by the Committee. Craft must not be left on the riverbanks or allowed to obstruct the slipway or its approaches from the compound.

6.10 When a family Member reaches the age of 18, having been in continuous membership for at least the previous five years, joins the Club as a Full Member he/she will have two years seniority in respect of mooring allocation.

6.11 A member wishing to vacate a mooring for more than three months in any one sailing season must apply in writing to the General Committee for dispensation. Failure to do so may result in loss of that mooring and associated compound space.

6.12 Permanent moorings will only be allocated at the Annual Mooring Meeting. All moorings will be allocated on a seniority basis.

The Pill will be considered as an area for fixed fin keel yachts only. New members and members wishing to change from bilge keel to single keel yachts must notify the Mooring Officer of their requirements; their applications will then be dealt with in order of application as and when moorings become available.

New members who join after the Annual Mooring Meeting will be allocated a temporary mooring, if available, for which they will be responsible.

6.13 Members owning more than one yacht on site will be charged storage fees for the second yacht at the set rate (reviewed annually) per calendar month or part thereof unless the yacht is for sale in which case the charge will be waived for the first 12 months. This rule shall not apply to small vessels such as dinghies or trailer sailors 18 feet in length or less that are kept on a road trailer

6.14 Members wishing to change the keel configuration of their boat may be allocated a suitable mooring for such vessel, subject to seniority at the Annual Mooring Allocation, for a period of twelve months. This mooring will be available for loan until such time as needed. If, at the expiry of the twelve-month period the boat has not been changed, members will retain their original mooring.

6.15 The owner of any yacht or boat, other than a dinghy, who has not launched that boat, without what is considered by the committee to be a good reason for a period of three years, will become liable for an additional charge for storage of £1.00 per foot per month for next membership year. This storage charge will increase by £1.00 per foot on each subsequent year up to a maximum of £3.00 per foot per month.

6.16 New boat owning members, who after bringing their yacht or boat to the club, fail to launch their craft within eighteen months of joining will be required to remove their craft immediately and their membership will cease. There will be no refund of membership fees after the cessation of membership.

6.17 If a boat is found to be unsuitable for a particular mooring allocation, the member will be required to take such steps that will overcome the difficulty identified. If this cannot be achieved, the member will be required to move to a mooring that is suitable for his craft that is free, and which the member is entitled to by his seniority. If this situation arises after the Mooring Allocation Meeting the member may be allocated a temporary mooring to complete the season.

6.18 Abandoned boats/ boats owned by non members.

Boats within the NUSC premises which have been abandoned or are owned by non members (either by ex members or boats that have been sold by members) will be subject to a storage fee of £70 per month. (rule to be ratified at the 2016 AGM)

7. Permitted Craft

7.1 The operation from the Club of boats for the purpose of towing water skiers and the sport of water skiing is strictly forbidden.

7.2 The use of motor driven light high-speed craft otherwise than authorised rescue craft from the Club's premises and slipway is not allowed. Craft coming under this definition are those which can readily be launched and retrieved from a beach or slipway. High speed craft capable of undertaking offshore cruises and passages are not precluded under this rule.

7.3 The number of powerboats occupying moorings shall not exceed five.

7.4 New boats will not be permitted in the Club, which exceed 36 foot in length or 8 tons in weight. Existing boats will be allowed to remain and the restriction will be reviewed if the Club facilities are upgraded.

8. General

Members may be required to show evidence of their membership to the Gatekeeper on duty at the entrance to the Uskmouth site. Visitors who are not members will have to be vouched for and accompanied by a member. This may require an entry to be made in the Visitors' book at the Gatehouse. No deviation from or stopping on the approved access road other than as required by traffic signals will be allowed. Members and visitors to the Club will not be allowed to visit or use any part of the Uskmouth site except the approved access road and the parcel of land (behind the perimeter fence) which the Club uses as its headquarters, except with the permission of the Site Superintendent

8.1 No loads will be permitted on the Uskmouth site, which are in excess of limitations imposed by the Site Superintendent. All members of the Club and their guests who enter the Uskmouth site do so at their own risk.

8.2 Any Member, who fails to remove his equipment from the Club premises after the expiration of six months from the following steps being taken by the Committee, shall be deemed to have abandoned it, and the title thereof shall pass to the Trustees of the Club.

The Secretary of the Club shall communicate with the owner in writing, requesting him to remove the equipment from the Club premises forthwith. In the event of the Secretary and/or Committee being unable to trace the owner of the said equipment the following step shall be taken: -

a) A notice shall be annexed to the said equipment or as close as is conveniently practical for six months in the following terms:

"Would the owner of this equipment kindly contact the Commodore forthwith, failing which within six months from the date hereof the owner shall be deemed to have abandoned it, and the title thereto shall pass to the Trustees of the Club, and the Committee shall deal with the equipment as they think fit."

b) A notice be published in a local newspaper which the Committee considers would be expected to come to the notice of the owner requesting him to remove the said equipment from the Club premises.

8.3 Dogs are only allowed in the Clubhouse whilst wearing leads.

8.4 If a caravan or campervan is in constant use, it can remain on site for a period of one week without permission. If the owner wishes to keep it on site for a longer period, this can be done by prior arrangement with a Flag Officer.

9.0 Policy statement on child protection.

The child's welfare is paramount. All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief, and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behavior will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. As defined in the Children's Act 1989, anyone under the age of 18 years should be considered as a child for the purposes of this document.

9.1 Any member having reason to be concerned for the safety or well-being

Of any minor whilst on club property should do whatever he or she feels is

Necessary to secure the safety of that child and report any concerns or

Incidents to a committee member or child protection officer as soon as

Possible.

9.2 On receipt of such a report described at (1) above the committee member or child protection officer should adopt and follow the NUSC/RYA code of practice in investigating the matter. (A copy of the procedure is kept in the committee office)

9.3 Parents must ensure that their children stay within the confines of the club grounds at all times. Parents and children

should be aware of the dangers from trains, commercial traffic and industrial vehicles that use the power station roads.

The access road is for lawful access and egress from the club only, members or their families should not stray off the

access road and children should never be permitted on the access road

without the company of a parent or guardian.

10. Members shall not use NUSC premises or the NUSC identity, address /letterhead for commercial enterprise.

10. Use of NUSC equipment.

NUSC provides a range of equipment for use by its members, some of this equipment requires users to be competent in its use, the use of complex equipment by those members not proficient increases the risks of accidents.

To reduce risks the use following equipment is restricted.

10.1 Heavy Plant and Lifting equipment.

This includes all lifting equipment, club tractors and all lifting operations.

For use by authorised members approved by the general committee, approved names posted on club notice board.

10.2 Club rib/Safety boat.

Authorised for use by those members who have completed RYA power boat level 2.

10.3 Club machine tools

NUSC provides machine tools for use by its members, the General Committee will retain a list of members who have demonstrated the required skill and knowledge.

At all times it is the responsibility of club members to use equipment in a safe manner, and it notify the General Committee of any equipment is unsafe or being used inappropriately.

NOTES AND AMENDMENTS

These rules are the Club rules as issued in January 1973 together with all alterations and additions which have since been ratified at Annual General Meetings up to and including 2017. The numbering and layout have been altered in order to facilitate any future amendments.