

ROYAL DART YACHT CLUB - WATER BASED ACTIVITIES – REGULATIONS

These Bylaws are created in accordance with Regulation 29 of the Club and as such cannot be over-riden by any other rules or regulations except the Constitution and Rules of the Club and the laws of the land.

1.GENERAL

1.1 The Club moorings and pontoons are only available for members' personal use and for events arranged by the Club.

1.2 No tenders or sailing dinghies may be secured to the offshore side of the pontoons except during a recognised Club training or SIG activity.

1.3 Yachts may only moor to the outside of the upstream pontoon and may not be left unattended.

1.4 Boats and tenders shall be removed from moorings, and pontoon berths by the date in October posted on the Club notice board, and if they are not removed by that date the Club reserves the right to make arrangements for them to be removed or for remedial action to be taken at the expense of the boat owner.

1.5 The Club accepts no responsibility whatever for any accident or the consequences of any accident resulting from the use of any Club property or gear - reasonable care having been taken by the Club in the supply and maintenance of the same.

1.6 The Club accepts no responsibility whatever for any loss or damage to member's craft, outboards or ancillary equipment whilst on Club premises, pontoons or moorings.

MEMBERS INFRINGING THE CLUB SAILING BYELAWS MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM USE OF CLUB ASSETS IN FUTURE SEASONS.

2.ROWING DINGHIES

2.1 Two Club Rowing Dinghies are available for the use of members between the Club pontoons and the Club Moorings. They must be returned to the pontoon after each ferrying journey. **AT NO TIME MUST THE DINGHY BE LEFT ON A MOORING.**

2.2 Members or their guests using the dinghies are responsible for any damage or loss to the boat or gear from the time of leaving the pontoons until replaced in its position after use and oars returned to the store.

2.3 Permission to use the dinghies for any purposes other than as stated must be obtained from the Boatmaster or the Hon. Secretary.

3.PONTOONS

3.1 The Pontoons are provided for the general use of Members and for the storage of dinghies in allotted spaces. Overnight or long-term mooring is not permitted, unless permission is received from the Hon Secretary, and boats must not be left unattended, other than in their allotted space.

4.MOORINGS

4.1 A limited number of Club moorings are available from early April to October for craft up to 40 feet L.O.A. or 11 tons displacement. The General Committee or a Moorings Officer or his deputy appointed by the General Committee will consider applications for a mooring received from members not later than 31st January each year, reserving the right to exclude any boat or allocating moorings in its absolute discretion by ballot or otherwise.

4.2 Any application for a mooring must be accompanied by the full amount of the Club's mooring charge as may be decided by the General Committee from time to time, together with the moorings fee, Harbour dues and Duchy dues as levied and a full refund will be made to any unsuccessful applicant. No application will be considered unless the application form is completed in every particular. Application forms will be available from the Hon Secretary.

4.3 The Moorings Officer will issue with each application form detailed requirements for users of moorings and storage facilities together with notes for completion of the form.

4.4 The allocation of moorings shall be posted on the Club notice board early in April and a Member shall use only the mooring allocated to him.

Such member:

(i) shall have sole and complete responsibility throughout the season for the condition of the mooring and lazy line allotted to him and for the safety of his craft secured to it or using it, and

(ii) by accepting a mooring shall be deemed to indemnify the Club, its Officers and Committee from and against any loss or damage either direct or indirect and howsoever arising which may happen to, or be occasioned by, his craft the Club having taken reasonable care.

4.5 The Club reserves the right to reposition craft on Club moorings at its discretion taking all reasonable care but without accepting any liability for damage sustained or caused thereby.

5.PONTOON BERTHS

5.1 A limited number of berths on the pontoons (which may be in racks) are available for small craft. The General Committee or a Moorings Officer or his deputy will consider applications for a berth on the pontoons received from members not later than 31st January.

5.2 Applications in January shall be for a berth from early April to October. Exceptionally, members requiring to use their tenders after the October date for removal may apply for a berth on the terrace for a limited period. Such application shall be made in September and shall state the period for which the berth is required.

5.3 Any application for a berth must be accompanied by the full amount of the berthing fee as may be decided by the General Committee from time to time, together with any Harbour dues and Duchy dues levied and a full refund will be made to any unsuccessful applicant. No application will be considered unless the application form is completed in every particular. Application forms will be available from the office.

5.4 Preference in the allocation of berths will be given at the discretion of the Moorings Officer whose decision shall be final.

5.5 The allocation of space shall be posted in the Clubhouse early in April.

5.6 No craft shall be placed on the pontoons or the terrace without prior permission from the Moorings Officer and all craft must be removed when required by him to do so. ANY BOAT ON THE CLUB TERRACE OR PONTOONS MUST BEAR HER NAME AS SHOWN ON THE FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A BERTH, AND ANY BOAT NOT SHOWING HER NAME MAY BE REMOVED BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

5.7 No road trailers will be allowed to remain on the terrace at any time.

5.8 Launching trolleys are only permitted on a temporary basis if carrying a dinghy.

5.9 Dinghies on the pontoons must not be permitted to fill with water. If not stored in a rack they must be upside down or have drain plugs removed. Inflatable dinghies must not be allowed to collapse or cause inconvenience to adjacent berth holders. No rubbing down, painting or varnishing is permitted on the Club Terrace or pontoons.

5.10 A member shall use only the berth allocated to him. Such member:

(i) By accepting a berth on the pontoons shall be deemed to indemnify the Club, its Officers and Committee from and against any damage direct or indirect and howsoever arising which may happen to, or be occasioned by, his boat whilst using the pontoons or whilst being conveyed to or from them, the Club having taken reasonable care.

(ii) The Club reserves the right to reposition craft on the pontoons at its discretion taking all reasonable care but without accepting any liability for damage sustained or caused thereby.

6. BOSUN'S LOCKERS

6.1 Members who have been allocated a berth may use the Bosun's Locker at their own risk for the free storage of oars which must be clearly marked with the owner's name or a boat name.

6.2 A limited number of spaces for the storage of outboard motors is available. The General Committee or a Moorings Officer appointed by the General Committee will consider applications for spaces received from members not later than 31st January each year reserving the right to allocate spaces in its absolute discretion by ballot or otherwise. Application forms will be available from the office. Spaces will be available from 1st April until 31st October.

6.3 No fuel tank or container, unless an integral part of an outboard motor, may be left in the Bosun's Locker and any such fuel found there will be removed and the fuel emptied. Outboards must not be refuelled in the Bosun's Locker.

6.4 Members allocated berths for sailing dinghies may store their sails, spars, etc in the Bosun's Locker (or such other location as the Moorings Officer may from time to time determine) in areas allocated for the purpose at no further charge.

6.5 No mooring, berth or space in the Bosun's Locker may be sublet nor the right to use it assigned.

7.SCRUBBING BERTH

7.1 The Club scrubbing berth may be used by members having made a booking on the list displayed on the Club's sailing notice board. The Club accepts no liability for yachts drying out against the terrace wall.

8.CLUB POWER BOATS – BRAVO, TANGO & ZULU

8.1 The Club Power Boats shall only be used as determined by the General Committee who shall also appoint a Boatmaster to have responsibility for them. The Boatmaster will maintain and publish a register of persons approved to use each of the power boats. Each user must hold a valid RYA Power Boat II certificate (or equivalent or higher qualification), be deemed to have sufficient experience and have been assessed and authorised by the Boatmaster for that particular boat.

8.2 Re-authorisation will be necessary for everyone at the start of each season. No one should assume that they are authorised until their name appears on the list of authorised drivers. Normally those who have recorded time in the logs during the previous season will be re-authorised without further assessment.

8.3 The Boatmaster will make himself available before Wednesday evening sailing and on some Saturday mornings during Junior Sailing to assess and authorise users providing they make arrangements with him to do so. He may also arrange a special training and assessment morning if there is sufficient demand.

8.4 A log book shall be kept in the Sailing Office together with the keys for each power boat. The log books shall be completed and the keys returned to the Sailing Office after each use.

8.5 All drivers and passengers of Club boats must wear personal buoyancy. This is a requirement of our insurance company. If, therefore, you are driving a Club boat and expect to pick up passengers who may not have personal buoyancy (for example when ferrying race crew) you should carry some on board and require all passengers to wear one.

8.6 The carrying capacity of the Club boats must not be exceeded. The maximum number of persons is marked on each boat (Bravo 12, Zulu 8, Tango 8). Failure to comply with these limits will invalidate Club insurance.

8.7 Club power boats may NOT be used by members to access their moorings or for any other purpose without the authority, on each occasion, from the Boatmaster or the Rear Commodore Sailing, which will only be given in exceptional circumstances. They may be used for recognised Club activities including the Special Interest Groups (SIGs). However, they may not be used for teaching anyone who does not hold a PB II certificate except by a qualified power boat instructor.

8.8 All Club Power Boats may be used by the SIGs but they do not necessarily have priority of use.

8.9 Bravo and Tango may be used in support of other activities and for pleasure purposes during SIG events but Tango may NOT be taken out to sea beyond a line drawn between the Castles. Bravo does not have positive buoyancy and should not therefore be taken into a heavy sea. Zulu is a high powered safety boat and must not be used for pleasure purposes and must not be beached or used for landing on any shore except in an emergency.

8.10 An authorised driver may, during a SIG activity, supervise another PB II qualified driver who is unauthorised so that he or she can acquire experience. However, the supervisor must accept that he or she is taking on additional responsibility.

8.11 The fuel level of each boat must be checked both before and after use and if low it must be refuelled before being berthed. Tango and Zulu should be left with at least half a tank of fuel.

8.12 Damage or a fault must be reported as soon as it happens both by recording it in the book in the Sailing Office and by contacting the Boatmaster so that repairs can be effected as soon as possible.

8.13 Kill cords must be correctly used at all times by anyone driving Tango or Zulu.

8.14 The Club accepts no responsibility for any accident or the consequences of any accident resulting in the use of the power boats, reasonable care having been taken by the Club in the maintenance of the same.

9.RADIO TELEPHONE

9.1 The Club's Radio Telephone equipment shall only be operated in conformity with current legislation. Any VHF set which has been used by a member must be returned to its recharging cradle immediately after use and any faults logged and reported in the same way as for the launches.

10.CLUB SAILING DINGHIES

10.1 The Club owns several fleets of sailing dinghies for the benefit of its Junior Sailing activities. These include Optimists, Toppers, RS Terras, Fevas and Visions. Only the Visions may be used by adults except during Junior Sailing activities.

10.2 The General Committee will determine the charges to be made for the use of the Vision Dinghies by individual members and by SIGs. No one may use a Vision Dinghy except with the permission of the RYA Principal who may require a training assessment before granting that permission. He or she may delegate this responsibility and authority to an RYA Dinghy Instructor for a SIG or recognised training activity.

10.3 Dinghies may be loaned to Members for use by suitably experienced Junior Members at organised training events and competitions held within UK waters. Members must comply with the full terms and conditions on the Form for Loan of Club Dinghies by RDYC Members, obtainable from the Office.

10.4 When new or replacement dinghies are required for Junior Sailing, the General Committee may decide to offer Members the opportunity to purchase and own one or more of the required dinghies via an arrangement which will be beneficial to the Member and to the Club. The arrangement is formalised by a Form of Agreement which is available from the Office.

10.5 The Club accepts no responsibility for any accident or the consequences of any accident resulting in the use of the sailing dinghies, reasonable care having been taken by the Club in the maintenance of the same.

11. FERRY and TOWING SERVICE

11.1 For Wednesday evening racing, the Moorings Officer will attempt to arrange a ferry service to and from competing yachts using Tango. If there is no dedicated driver any member who is an authorised driver may use Tango to ferry crews to and from their moorings below the Lower Ferry. The driver may also use Tango to tow disabled or becalmed boats between the Castles and the Lower Ferry.

Amendments approved by the General Committee – 21st May 2015.