

RULES OF THE DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB

NAME and OBJECTS

1. The name of the club is the 'Dartmouth Yacht Club' and is the trading arm of Dartmouth Sailing Club (Holdings) Ltd.
2. The club is non-political and non-sectarian and the objects are as defined in the memorandum of association of Dartmouth Sailing Club (Holdings) Ltd.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership shall be as defined in the Articles of Association. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in waterborne activities on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Membership currently consists of the following categories:
 - Full Member – Persons over the age for cadet membership
 - Junior Member – Persons under the age of 18, with written parental consent. No voting rights.
 - Cadet – between the ages of 18 and 21
 - Honorary Member – Persons nominated by the committee, for a limited period, to be reviewed by the General Committee annually. No voting rights.
 - Honorary Life Member – Nominations for such membership may be presented to the committee by any member for their approval and subsequent confirmation at the AGM. The partner of an honorary life member will also be an honorary life member of the club with no voting rights.
 - Associate Member – Persons or groups whose activities the Committee wish to support. No voting rights or discount cards.
 - Overseas Member – Permanent residence outside the U.K. and Channel Islands.
4. New member's applications are agreed at committee meetings. The committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal must be made in writing to the honorary secretary, within 10 days of receipt of the decision. The honorary secretary will call an emergency general meeting, within 21 days to consider the appeal.

4. Suitably qualified members shall have use of the club owned boats, including dinghies and canoes where such use is consistent with health and safety and other relevant regulations in force at the time.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. The DYC believes that cost should not be a barrier to taking part in recreational boating. Membership fees shall be set by the Council in accordance with the Articles of Association and should be paid on the 1st April.
 - (i) Upon payment of subscription, swipe cards will be issued to the individual adult members covered by the subscription. These will normally be issued to adult members but may be issued to children upon request.
 - (ii) Any member who has not renewed their subscription by mid-May shall cease to be a member and the member's card will be blocked, the Committee may at any time within the financial year re-admit that person to membership without further formality upon payment of the subscription in full.
 - (iii) The club does not offer a Winter Subscription, however, the subscription for new members who join on or after 1st October and before 1st February shall be reduced to 50% and run only until the next 31st March. This reduction shall not apply to junior membership.
 - (iv) Subscriptions for a new member joining in February or March will run until 31st March the following year.
 - (v) Overseas members may pay reduced individual subscriptions
- 7) There are the following concessionary subscriptions:
 - (i) Couple: Co-residence (the same permanent address) is a requirement for a couple's subscription.
 - (ii) Family: A couple (defined in (i)) or a single person with their children up to and including the age of 17 or students in continuous full-time education up to the age of 23. In exceptional circumstances the Committee may authorise a wider definition.

A table of current subscriptions is shown on the DYC website.

GENERAL MEETINGS

8. General meetings and votes of members shall be as described in the Articles of Association.

CLUB OFFICERS

9. The executive officers of the club shall consist of the flag officers, namely Commodore, Vice-Commodore and the Rear-Commodores, together with the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer. This group is also known as The Council (see Articles of Association).

Non-Executive Officers may be the Honorary Sailing Secretary, Membership Secretary, Communications officer, Honorary Social Secretary and Bosun.

All the above shall be elected in accordance with the Articles of Association.

ELECTIONS

- 10) Nomination of club members for posts of officers or committee members shall be in writing on a suitable form provided by the Committee which shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary two weeks before the Annual General Meeting or such other date as the Committee from time to time may decide. The Honorary Secretary shall cause a list of candidates to be displayed on the club notice-board seven days after this date.
 - 1) Where the nominations exceed the offices available the election shall be by ballot, and in the event of a tie the Commodore shall have a second or casting vote. The result shall be announced without further details being given.
 - 2) The officers and committee may offer themselves for re-election but may not be elected to the same office in more than three consecutive years unless there be no other Member willing to accept nomination for the post. This restriction shall not apply to the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Membership Secretary. If the committee has more than one third of its membership with more than three consecutive years' service, then the one third of its members with the longest service will not offer themselves for re-election as above. Unsuccessful candidates for the posts of officers may go forward into a ballot for election to the committee.

VISITORS and GUESTS

Dartmouth Yacht Club is an open facility. Non members are welcome to use the club facilities without restriction on a number of visits per year.