COMBS SAILING CLUB
BYE LAWS

Safety

1 a) All members, guests and visitors must wear a buoyancy aid which meets current regulations, at all times when on the water in any craft, or on the pontoon, whatever the weather.

2. a) All craft used on the Club water must have effective buoyancy provision, whether built-in or as additional equipment.

b) All craft used on the Club water must be of suitable construction and design to provide effective durability, stability, manoeuvrability and control.

c) The GP Committee may delegate Club officials to make a judgment on the requirements of (a) and (b) above and to convey their decision to the member or prospective member who is responsible for the craft.

d) An appeal against any such decision should be made by following the procedure set out in the Club's constitution.

3. a) Any member present at the Club may be required to assist with operatingthe Patrol boat or to help recovery operations if requested by the OOD or by members of the Sailing or GP Committees.

b) Persons less than14years of age are not permitted in the patrol boat unless being rescued or they are participating in Club supervised formal training. Other than this, the minimum age for operating the patrol boat is 17.

c) Joy riding in the Patrol boat is not permitted.

4. Members may sail on any day of the week, taking responsibility for their own safety. Junior members are only permitted to sail during club sailing sessions or under adult supervision.

5. Parents and guardians have sole responsibility for their children and the Club cannot be expected to provide supervision and control (for further information please see the Club's child protection guidance).

6. All members using Club equipment must follow the relevant safety guidelines.
Copies of the Club's safety guidelines are available in the Health and Safety Folder in the Clubhouse or on the website.

Insurance

7. All boats and craft must be covered by third party insurance of at least £3,000,000 even if the boat is not in use. All members are required to confirm this on either the application form or renewal form.

Membership Benefits and Requirements

8. Accompanied guests of members may sail on club waters on a maximum of four days in any one year provided that they comply with the general rules of the Club, including these Bye-Laws. Guests of members must be signed in before using club boats to ensure that boat insurance is in force.

9. The discount for retired members is normally available from the state retirement age.

10 a) Members are required to assist with the care and maintenance of the Club properties at the work parties organised by the Club.

b) Sailing members are required to participate in the duty rota for all organised sailing events.

Boat Park

11. Separate boat park rules apply to all craft on club premises and have the same status as these Bye Laws.

Car Park

12. Car parking at the club is limited. At times of heavy demand please comply with the following restrictions:

a) Members should consider the opportunities to car share
b) Double row parking on the reservoir side of the car park should be utilised if you know that you are staying for the duration of an event
c) On Sundays and Wednesday evenings there is dinghy racing and therefore the car park is reserved for the participating sailors and duty officers. Other members should not use the car park between the following times:

- Sundays 11.00 to 13.00
- Wednesdays 17.30 to 19.00

After 13.00 on Sundays and 1900 on Wednesdays any available spaces can be used by members not participating in the races
d) The days when racing is scheduled are easily found in the calendar on the club website:
http://www.combssailingclub.co.uk/calendar/calendar.php

Use of the club house

13.Changing room facilities are limited and as a result are available only to participating sailors on the following times:

- Sundays between 11.00 and 18.00 (March to November)
- Wednesdays between 17.30 and 21.00 (April to August)
- Dinghy Training days (These are identified in the club calendar)

General

14. The use of any form of power for the propulsion of craft, other than patrol craft, is prohibited.

15. During club events, members' cars are only permitted into the boat park while unloading boats or equipment, except for certain officers designated by the GP Committee. The OOD, AOD or Committee members may require cars parked in the boat park to be removed.

16. Sailing and paddling at night is not permitted.

17. Fishing from boats is not permitted.

18. Swimming in the reservoir is not permitted unless as an organised and C&RT sanctioned activity at a specified time and location on the water.

Visiting Membership

19. Visiting Membership for individuals and families is available to sailors and paddlers who wish to use the water for a limited period when visiting the area but are not permanently resident within a radius of 25 miles from the Club.

20. Use of the water is limited to a maximum of two weeks in any year.

21. a) When the water is being used for Club events and training sessions, Visiting Members are allowed access only with the permission of the Officer of the Day or the Training Supervisor, and subject to any conditions that they may impose, and always provided that it does not obstruct racing or training.

b) Visiting Members are not eligible for Club trophies or prizes.

22. a) Keys will not be issued or loaned to Visiting Members, who will not be permitted independent access to Club buildings and the car park.

b) Visiting Members will be allowed access to Club buildings and the car park during times when they have been opened by other members.

c) Visiting Members must vacate Club buildings before other members are leaving and wish to lock them.

d) Visiting Members are allowed to launch and recover dinghies only from the boat park, and only during times when other members are available to open and close it.

e) Visiting Members must remove their vehicles from the car park before it is locked by other members.

23. Visiting Members are not allowed to store craft or equipment on Club premises.

24. Club craft are not available for use by Visiting Members.

25. a) Bye-laws 8, 9, and 10, relating to benefits and requirements of membership, do not apply to Visiting Members.

b) Boat park rule 8, relating to grass cutting, does not apply to Visiting Members.

GP Committee
8 November 2021