

Wembley Sailing Club

BYELAWS (Effective from 11th August 2024)

1 OPENING OF CLUB PREMISES

The club shall be open to Members at such time as the committee shall direct.

The present hours are:

Sundays between the hours of 9.00 and 16.00

Wednesdays (when summer racing is taking place) between the hours of 17.30 and 22.00

Members are entitled to use the club outside these hours upon purchase of a key. Members so doing are responsible for ensuring that all lights are switched off and the premises are properly secured on leaving.

1a FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS

No member of the committee can spend over £500 without the consent of the full WSC committee

2 PERMITTED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR

The permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be displayed within the Club and the bar will be open at these hours or at such other hours as may be decided by the committee subject to any restriction imposed from time to time by the licensing Justices.

3 CONTROL OF DOGS

Dogs must be held on a lead at all times.

4 RADIOS

The use of radios, tape recorders or other musical instruments is forbidden except during social events approved by the Committee

5 CLASSES OF BOATS ADMISSIBLE

Boats of the following classes shall be admissible to the register of boats on acceptance by the Committee

Merlin Rocket	Firefly	GP14	Laser	RS200	
Mirror	Topper	Pico	RS Vision	Sailboard	Optimist type boats
MRX	RS Quest	Fusion			

6 INSURANCE

All boats must have third party insurance for a minimum of £1,000,000

7 BERTH LICENCE

Berth licenses will be issued to paid-up Members of the Club. A member who has a berth but intends to leave the club and remove his/her boat must maintain membership until it is removed and, subject

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to approval by the Committee, may have part of his membership fee reimbursed

All boats must display the WHSA berth licence sticker on the mast or in some other readily visible position affixed by the class captain on the outside of the transom or otherwise conform to the WHSA rules in this connection. Sailboards must conform to the WHSA rules regarding the flying of pennants. Boat licenses are due on 1st April each year or when a boat is brought to the Harp, the license is to sail on the Harp and not to a berth in the dinghy park. Any boat unlicensed by 30th April will be removed from its berth.

8 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

All boats must display a licence sticker on either their transom or mast in the case of boats which keep their masts upright.

9 BOATS CRUISING/RACING

All boats whether cruising or racing are subject to the ISAF Racing Rules together with the RYA modifications, the Clubs sailing instructions, their Class specification and the WHSA regulations. Boats cruising must at all times keep clear of boats racing. Members sailing when there is no club safety boat on station are advised to consider whether to take other measures for their own safety. Such measures may include: informing other people before setting out, carrying a mobile phone or radio, or staying within sight of the clubhouse.

10 FEES AND DUES

The fees applicable to all classes of Members other than the group members and to berth licences shall be posted on the Clubhouse Notice Board, Fees applicable to Group Members and their berths shall be advised to the group concerned.

11 ABANDONED BOATS/ UNPAID LICENSE FEES

In addition to any powers given to the Committee elsewhere in these Rules and byelaws if, at any time, any fees payable to the club by any Member or former Member shall be three months or more in arrears and a boat, board or other effects the property of a Member or former Member remain upon the club premises, the Committee may:

- move the items(s) to any other part of the WHSA premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the items(s) howsoever caused;
- give three months notice in writing to the member or former Member at his/her last known address as shown in the Club register and thereafter sell the item(s) and deduct any monies due to the Club from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the Member or former Member;
- alternatively, if the item(s) is (are) unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of it (them) in any manner the Committee may think it and deem the cost of doing so and any arrears to be a debt owing to the club by the Member or former Member

Provided always that proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace the Member or former Member and that when and if the item(s) is (are) sold the proceeds of sale, less any indebtedness by the member or former Member to the club, shall be retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he/she be the said Member or former Member or otherwise) for a period of 6 years.

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12 USE OF CLUB SAFETY BOATS

The club safety boats may be used under engine power by a Member holding RYA Powerboat2 & Safety boat certificate. The safety boats will be crewed by a maximum of two people and shall carry no passengers other than dinghy crews following a rescue.

12a USE OF CLUB SAILING BOATS

Club boats are for the use of full members of Wembley Sailing Club, and are not available to Associate members.

Club boats must not be taken off site without the express consent of the full WSC committee

Club boats can only be used when a club safety boat is on station

13 WHSA CLUBS WHOSE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP

WHSC, Sea Cadets and any other WHSA clubs as approved by the Committee.

Such associate members can use the club premises on club sailing days only and shall not have the use of either the club's sailing dinghies or safety boats unless authorized by the committee or is down for a duty.

14 HEALTH AND SAFETY

When filling in the membership application form they sign to acknowledge the health hazards arising from the Blue-Green Algae and/or Weil's Disease. The committee may from time to time issue such further notices and / or communicate on the Secretary's notice board as it shall deem fit. Such a declaration is now on the club membership form.

The Committee shall maintain a Disciplinary Procedure for use in the event of an allegation of misconduct. The current Disciplinary Procedure shall be displayed in the clubhouse and on the club website. A member may be suspended by the Committee or by the Safeguarding Officer in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedure.

15 WSC TRAINING CENTRE

The WSC Training Centre is a RYA training centre and has to conform to the rules and standards laid down by the RYA, The WSC Training Centre is examined each year by the RYA to ensure that these standards are maintained.

The person appointed by the club to run the WSC Training Centre has to be authorized by the RYA as being a fit and proper person to carry out and maintain the standards laid down by the RYA, and that person will be known as the Principal.

The Objectives of the WSC Training Centre are

- (1) To offer sail training courses to members & potential members of the club
- (2) To offer power boat & safety boat courses to club members,
- (3) To offer RYA First Aid Courses
- (4) The WSC Training Centre to be run on a sound commercial basis.
- (5) The Principal is required to maintain a set of accounts to show the moneys received from trainees taking the courses and payments made to instructors.

16 NEW MEMBERS CLUB (NMC)

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Set up by the club to bridge the gap between members who have gained their RYA Level 1 Certificate or have level 1 experience and club racing.

All sessions to be free of charge

The meetings are to be held on average every two weeks on a Sunday afternoon.

When such meetings are taking place the NMC has sole use of the club's sailing dinghies

- (1) The Objectives of the NMC are
- (2) To make members feel welcome, where they and other new members can meet and team up and sail together
- (3) To have instruction on sail setting, use of "tell tales" how to use the spinnaker, and rigging and sailing dinghies
- (4) Teach the basics of dinghy racing

17 MEMBERS BRINGING GUESTS TO SAIL AT THE CLUB

A member may bring a guest to the club to sail with him/her, that same guest can come on two more occasions, if that guest wants to sail again then they must join the club.

Members have a duty to observe this rule