



## PRIORY SAILING CLUB, PRIORY LAKE, BEDFORD

### CLUB BYE-LAWS

1. a. An adult member or members of the Club shall be nominated as Officer(s) of the day (OOD) and shall be in charge of the activities and be responsible to the Committee and to the Club for ensuring that all the Bye-Laws and regulations are strictly adhered to. The name of the person(s) so appointed to be announced not later than the day preceding the day concerned. The OOD(s) shall have the Committee's backing to use whatever powers may be necessary to facilitate them performing their duty on behalf of the Club in adherence of all Clauses of the constitution, Bye-Laws and sailing rules of the club.
  - b. The OOD must sign the Duty Book on commencing duty.
  - c. A person so appointed who does not attend for duty at the appointed time shall be liable to suspension or expulsion from the club unless a satisfactory reason is given to the Committee.
2. Bathing or swimming in the lake from the club site is prohibited.
3. Cars will only be admitted to the compound if the Club site identification sticker is clearly displayed and may only be parked in areas designated by the Committee.
4. No commercial activities may take place within the Club site except with the written permission from the Committee of PWSA Ltd.
5. All complaints shall be submitted, in writing to the Club Secretary in order that they may be submitted to the Committee for consideration.
6. Any member causing damage to any Club property, or property for which the Club is responsible, or any property belonging to PWSA Ltd, its associated groups or the Local Authority, shall be liable to bear the expense of repair or replacement.
7. Notices for display in the Clubhouse must be approved by the Secretary.
8. Members are responsible for removing their own litter.
9. Members will at all times avoid unreasonable disturbance to the ecological system of the area.
10. The playing of transistor radios, tape or cassette equipment or similar devices at an unreasonable volume is prohibited.
11. a. All members, their children and guests shall behave in such a manner as to avoid annoyance to other members.
  - b. Dogs will not be admitted within the compound.
12. No property may be left in the Clubhouse without permission from the Committee.
13. With the exception of spectators and those persons invited by the Club, the Day Sailing Fees are as follows:

Dinghy	£7.00	Canoe	£2.00
Board	£6.00	Person	£1.00

Guests who wish to sail will be entitled to take part in Club racing but will not be considered in the final results.

14. All users of the Club site shall abide by all the Rules and the Bye-Laws of Priory County Park.
15. All users of the Club facilities shall abide by the Bye-Laws and Sailing Rules. The Committee reserves the right to suspend or withdraw membership of any person who is reported to the Committee as having committed any breach of the Bye-Laws or the Sailing Rules.

16. **CRAFT STORAGE – DINGHIES AND SAILBOARDS**

- a. A member wishing to keep a craft at the club premises shall apply in writing to the Membership Secretary for the consent of the Committee, who shall have discretion to withhold, or withdraw, such permission. A continuously updated application list will be kept by the Club to ensure that all applications are monitored.
- b. Upon payment of the annual storage fee, a space to suit the type of craft will be allocated.
- c. Empty trailers must not be stored at this site.
- d. No craft may be stored at the Club premises otherwise than with the written authority of the Committee and in the location set aside for such storage.
- e. At the end of the subscription year, the Committee may re-assess the use made by those who held storage permission and the potential needs of other members on the application list.
- f. The Club may define the spaces by mooring crews, but it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their craft/trolley/trailer are securely lashed down in such a manner that ropes, stakes, etc, do not interfere with the access for other users, or cause a hazard to other persons or property.
- g. Owners must keep their space clear of rubbish and cut the grass.
- h. Any member who fails to observe these Bye-Laws may forfeit the right to be considered at the annual re-allocation of storage space.

17. **ABANDONED CRAFT**

If, at any time, any fees payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be 3 months or more in arrears and a craft the property of a member or former member remains on the Club premises, the Committee may:

- a. Move the craft to any other part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage howsoever caused.
- b. Give one month's notice in writing to the member or former member at his last known address as shown in the Club's Register and thereafter sell the craft and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, craft storage fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of the sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
- c. Alternatively, if the craft is unsold, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the craft in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing so and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing the Club by the member or former member.

*PROVIDING ALWAYS THAT:* proper evidence is available to show that reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member and that when and if a craft is sold the proceeds of the sale (less any indebtedness to the Club) shall be placed upon a bank deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he be the said member or former member or otherwise) for a period of six years.

**Note:** All alterations, and additions or deletions to the Club Rules or Bye-Laws shall be notified to members via the newsletter and a copy will be displayed on the club notice board.