



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 Club regulations are adhered to.
The OOD should carry out the duties as outlined in the Summary of OOD Duties published by the Committee.
The OOD 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. Each adult member of the club is required to assist in the smooth operation of the club by completing at least one duty per year. Families and couples are required to carry out two duties. These duties can be either as Officer of the Day (OOD), as a safety boat driver or any other defined duty as prescribed by the committee. Safety boat drivers need to be approved members of the Safety Boat team, having qualified to RYA PB 2 standard and trained in the use of club Safety Boats.
- c. Members can opt out of these duties, in exchange for a fee of £25 which should be paid with their subscription. The club will allocate date(s) for duties to any members who have not opted out. If a member does not attend an OOD Duty on the day they have selected or been allocated, the Club reserves the right to invoice the member the OOD opt out fee of £25.00.
2. Bathing or swimming in the lake from the club site is prohibited.
3. Cars will only be admitted to the compound in connection with watersports activities.
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 wilful 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 Hon. 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 audio equipment 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 are permitted within the compound only if on a lead and under the control of their owner.
c. Members shall treat other members of the club with respect.
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

14. All users of the Club site shall abide by 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 allocate, withhold, or withdraw, such permission. .
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- c. Empty trailers must not be stored at this site.
- d. No craft may be stored at the Club premises otherwise than with the express authority of the Committee, and in the location set aside for such storage.
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- f. The Club may define the spaces by mooring screws, 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 the last known address as shown in the Club's Register of members 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 the owner be the said member or former member or otherwise) for a period of two years.

18. Rights and Privileges of Membership

The rights and privileges of each category of membership shall be as follows:-

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| (a). | Adult Member | Shall have the use of all the club facilities. |
| (b). | Family Member | The applicant, his/her adult partner and up to 4 related children (within their guardianship under the age of twenty-five) shall have the use of all the club facilities |
| (c). | Student Member | Shall have the use of all the club facilities |
| (d). | Youth Member | Shall have the use of all the club facilities |
| (e). | Junior Member | Shall have the use of all the clubhouse, and grounds. Use of Club Craft may be restricted according to the Sailing Rules. |
| (f). | Honorary Member | Shall have the use of all the club facilities. |
| (g). | Associated Group Member | Shall be permitted to use the club facilities (excluding weekends) only while undertaking activities as part of an organised activity of the Group, |
| (h). | Guest Member | Shall have the use of all the clubhouse and grounds, Use of Club Craft may be restricted (according to the Sailing Rules) for up to 3 visits each year |
| (i). | Social Member | Shall have the use of the clubhouse and grounds only. |

Facilities includes: Craft (access as restricted by the Sailing Rules), Equipment, Clubhouse, and Grounds.

- (j). Guest members shall sign into, and out of the Club premises, using the Officer of the Day Log Book
- (k). Guests who wish to sail will be entitled to take part in Club racing but will not be considered in the final results.

19. RYA Training Centre

19.1 Appointment of the Priory RTC Principal

The RYA Recognised Training Centre (RTC) Principal is primarily a management position, overseeing paperwork, liaising and facilitating the contact between the RTC (& the Club) and the RYA. The Principal holds overall responsibility for compliance with the Recognition.

The Committee shall approve the appointment of the Recognised Training Centre Principal, whose tenure shall be renewable every 2 years.

19.2 Appointment of the Chief Instructors(s)

In accordance with the definition of the Principal's role, the Principal shall either assume the role of Chief Instructor, or if not suitably qualified in the discipline, will be responsible to appoint the Chief Instructors.

The Chief Instructor(s) appointment(s) shall be ratified by the Committee.

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.