

BURTON WATERSPORTS CLUB

CLUB RULES

1. The Club Shall be called Burton Watersports Club.
2. Activities shall of the club be confined to Amateur Water Sports and social events connected therewith.
3. The funds of the club to be used solely on its activities and objectives.
4. Classes of Membership :- A) Member full) B) Member C) Privileged Member D) Junior Member E) Social Member F) Associate Member Class F) members shall be restricted to wives/husbands, children under 18 or bona fide girl/boy friends of class A),B) or C) members. Social members and their guests are restricted to the use of Club house and grounds only. Only class A) or C) members may use their craft on the water. Class B) Members may use the water and drive craft but not their own, and become a class A) member by paying the Craft Owners Fee. Privileged members are appointed by the Committee, for recognition of long outstanding service to the club.
5. Voting Powers Only class A)JB) and C) members shall be entitled to vote at Annual and Extra-ordinary General Meetings.
6. The Committee of the Club shall be:-Commodore. Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer plus a maximum of twelve members, of which not more than two be class E) members.
7. Powers and Duties of the Committee.
 - a) Hereafter the "Committee" refers to all officers and members. b) A Quorum for the Committee shall be five,
 - c) The Committee shall have the power to make Bye Laws to facilitate the smooth running of the Club.
 - e) The Committee has authority to co-opt Committee members. e)The Committee has authority to appoint sub-committees, f) The Committee has authority to appoint class C) members, g) Any Officer or Committee member who fails to attend 4 consecutive meetings shall at the discretion of the committee be asked to resign therefrom.
 - h) The Committee shall have the authority to demand the resignation of any member whose action shall be deemed contrary to the welfare and good conduct of the club_A member whose resignation is so demanded may demand in writing a Extra-Ordinary General Meeting provided rule 9b) is fulfilled.
8. Elections and Resignations
 - a) Anyone wishing to join the Club must be Proposed and Seconded by a member and have his name and address displayed on the notice board in the Clubhouse for 14 days. Any objections must be lodged with the secretary in that time. Acceptance by majority vote of the Committee.
 - b) Candidates for the election to the General Committee shall be those members of the retiring General Committee who shall offer themselves for re-election and such other members of the Club whose nominations, signed by themselves and duly proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Club and sent to the secretary of the Club 14 days prior to the A.G.M.
 - c) Any member offering him/herself for election to the General Committee shall have been a class A) or B) member of the club for a minimum of one year, or class E) for a minimum of two years.
 - d) Any candidate offering him/herself for election as an officer of the Club shall have served a minimum of 2 years on the General Committee.
 - e) If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded for any Office or membership of the Committee exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, then the election shall be by ballot.
9. Meetings
 - a) The Annual General Meeting , of which 21 days notice in writing shall be given to class A),B) and C) members ,shall be held as soon as possible in each year and not later than the 28th of February. This meeting shall receive and consider the annual report of the Accounts of the previous year. At this meeting honorary Auditors to the Club shall be appointed, their duty being to audit the accounts of the Club for the ensuing year.No other business may be discussed at this meeting except that on which notice has been given to the Secretary in writing 14 days prior to the meeting and which and which has been included in the agenda.
 - b) An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be called by the secretary if at any lime required to by the committee or by 25% of the class A),B and C) membership upon receipt of a demand giving the reason for calling the meeting and bearing the necessary number of signatures .Such a meeting shall be called within 21 days of the demand and discussion thereat shall be limited to the subject incorporated in the demand for such a meeting.

c) All members shall be entitled to attend and speak at an Annual or Extra-Ordinary' .General Meeting.

d) Committee meetings shall be held when deemed necessary for at least 7 Days notice is to be given.

10. Subscriptions

a) The annual subscription , rebate and Craft Owners Fee shall be determined at the Annual or Extra-Ordinary , General Meeting and shall fall due on the 1st January each year. Any member who has not paid his/her subscription before the date of the A.G.M. shall not be entitled to vote.

b) All subscriptions and moneys must be paid before the 1st March. Any member not paid by this date may have his/her name removed from the list of members by the Committee and therefore break his term of membership.

c) A member may be restored at the discretion of the committee.

d) The Annual rebate shall be given to all class A) and B) members, provided the member has worked a minimum of six hours on approved works for the club.

e) Rents shall be determined by the General Committee and be due 1st of January and be paid at the same time as subscriptions.

f) Any member joining after the penultimate work party shall be deemed to have worked their six hours for the club.

10. Boating

a) All power boats must conform to the conditions laid down in the Bye Laws.

b) Failing to observe the current Bye Laws may result in the owner being asked to remove their boat from the water.

11. Guests

a) A member may personally introduce not more than four guests on any one day, provided that their names are entered in the guest book which shall be kept for that purpose and duly signed by the introducing member.

b) The same guest should be covered by their insurance for this activity and they pay the appropriate club fee.

c) The Committee has the authority to exclude any guest from the Club , without giving reason.

12 .Club Hours

a) The hours of opening for the supply of alcoholic liquor shall be on days and times fixed by the Committee within the licensed hours.

b) The hours and days of use of the river shall be fixed by the Committee.

13 General

a) The Club shall NOT be responsible for any injury to any member or guest, or any loss or damage that may be sustained from any cause whatsoever to members boats, gear or any other property or properly belonging to the guest of members whether or not the said loss or injury¹ is caused by the negligence of the Club its servants or agents.

b) No member shall remove from the Club's premises any equipment or other article which are either property of the club or in its keeping.

c) No member shall use the Club premises for any purpose than to which it was intended.

d) Dogs and prams are only allowed in the Club house at the discretion of the committee.

14. Condition of Membership It is a condition of membership that all members who have children accept full responsibility for them at all times, ensure that they wear life jackets when on the water and are kept under constant surveillance when near the water.