

Constitution of the Wormit Boating Club

1. NAME AND OBJECTS

- 1.1. The name of the Club is the "Wormit Boating Club".
- 1.2. The objects for which the Club are formed are to promote and facilitate the sport of boating and to promote and facilitate the participation of the local community in water sports and the activities of the club.
- 1.3. Wormit Boating Club is recognised as a Moorings Association by the Crown Estates Commissioners.
- 1.4. The Club flag shall be a Red Burgee with a Ball and the letters W B C in white, and the Red Ensign.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1. Any person, whether the owner of yacht or boat or not, who is keen and interested in boating is eligible for membership.
- 2.2. The Club membership shall consist of Boating members, Social members and Honorary members.
 - 2.2.1. BOATING MEMBERSHIP shall consist of the following categories, entitled to the full amenities of the club:
 - 2.2.1.1. FAMILY MEMBER - Parent(s)/Guardian together with any number of children under 18 years of age.
 - 2.2.1.2. ADULT MEMBER - Adult of 18 years of age and over on 1st April in the year of membership.
 - 2.2.1.3. CADET MEMBER - Minor of 7 years of age and under 18 on 1st April in the year of membership. Cadet membership shall cease on 31st March following the member's eighteenth birthday.
 - 2.2.2. SOCIAL MEMBER – i.e. Adult non-boating member.
 - 2.2.3. HONORARY MEMBER - The Club on the recommendation of the Committee may in General Meeting elect Honorary Members who shall pay no subscription and shall be entitled to the full amenities of the Club.
- 2.3. TEMPORARY MEMBER and AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBER - As defined in the Club Bye-Laws and who shall not hold office nor vote at meetings.
- 2.4. Every applicant for membership shall complete an application form providing name and address and any other relevant particulars that the Committee shall require shall be sent to the Membership Secretary with any fees payable. The applicant shall become a member on receipt by the Membership Secretary of the duly completed application form and relevant fees.
- 2.5. Any member desirous of retiring from the Club shall notify the Membership Secretary on or before the 21st March, otherwise the member shall be liable for the next year's subscription.
- 2.6. Every member on joining the Club impliedly undertakes to comply with the Constitution. Neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee provided that before expelling a member the Committee shall call upon the member for an explanation of their conduct and shall give the member an opportunity to defend their position or of resigning their membership.
- 2.7. The vote on a resolution of expulsion shall be by ballot, and the resolution shall only be carried if not less than three-quarters of the Committee present vote in favour of the resolution.

3. ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION

- 3.1. There may be an entrance fee of such a sum as the Committee may from time to time prescribe.
- 3.2. The subscription payable on application and subsequently on the 1st April on each year shall be fixed by the Committee.
- 3.3. No member shall in any year be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership until his entrance fee and subscription for that year and any arrears are paid.
- 3.4. Membership fees are due on 1st April.
- 3.5. If payments have not been received on the 1st June a penalty payment will be levied at 10% of the total membership renewal cost including storage fees.
- 3.6. If payment of fees is not received on 1st July a written warning will be issued by the club to recover membership fees.
- 3.7. If payment of fees is not received by 1st October the club reserves the right to recover fees by using any relevant legal action.

4. OFFICERS

- 4.1. The officers of the Club, elected from the adult boating membership, shall be Commodore, a Vice-Commodore and a Rear Commodore, who shall be the Flag Officers, and an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.
- 4.2. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in the year to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.3. The Officers due to retire at an Annual General Meeting may be nominated at that Annual General Meeting for election to any office.
- 4.4. All other candidates for election to any office shall be proposed and the name of such candidate and proposer must be sent to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.5. In the event of a motion to suspend any Officer being carried by a majority of all Committee members, or of a vacancy in any office occurring by death or resignation or lack of nominations at an election, the Committee shall make such interim arrangements as it deems necessary pending the General Meeting to resolve the matter to be held not more than six weeks later or other such period agreed by the committee.

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5. COMMITTEE

- 5.1. The committee shall consist of the officers, *ex officio*, and not more than nine members of the club, of which not fewer than six must be boating members, elected by the club in General Meeting to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. All members duly elected to the Committee shall have full voting rights in that Committee.
- 5.2. Nominations for election to Committee membership duly proposed and seconded by members of the Club in writing and counter-signed by the nominee must be sent to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the General Meeting. An unsuccessful candidate for election to office may be nominated for election to Committee membership from the floor of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of insufficient nominations by these means, nominations will be accepted from the floor of the meeting.
- 5.3. If the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, there will be an election by ballot.
- 5.4. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Constitution and shall apply the funds of the Club to the objects of the Club.
- 5.5. The Committee shall make such Bye-laws as they think fit for the proper management of any of the Club premises and property. Such Bye-laws shall be binding on the membership until rescinded by the Committee or by a General Meeting.

6. FINANCE

- 6.1. It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Club's finances.
- 6.2. At the Annual General Meeting in each year, Auditors shall be appointed to audit the accounts of the Club for the current year. In the event that the appointed auditors are unwilling or unable to act then the Committee shall appoint substitutes.
- 6.3. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Flag Officers as Trustees.

7. GENERAL MEETING

- 7.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Club premises or such other place as shall be named, on some day between 16th and 31st of October to be fixed by the Committee.
- 7.2. The Honorary Secretary shall, at least twenty one days clear before the date of such meeting, post or deliver to each member notice thereof, an Agenda of the business to be brought forward thereat and, if elections are to be held, a call for nominations.
- 7.3. No business out with the Agenda shall be discussed at such General Meeting. Items for inclusion in the Agenda must be sent to the Honorary Secretary before the 30th September.
- 7.4. The Honorary Secretary shall post a list of nominations in the Clubhouse seven days before an election.
- 7.5. The Committee may, on giving twenty one days notice, call a General Meeting for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting, and the discussion at such meetings shall be confined to that business only.
- 7.6. The Committee shall also call a General meeting on the written request of twelve members of the Club. The meeting to be arranged as in 7.5 above.
- 7.7. At a general meeting each adult Boating Member shall have one vote. All other members shall be entitled to attend a General Meeting but shall have no vote. Notwithstanding the foregoing it shall be competent for any non-voting member to apply for full membership and if elected, shall pay a subscription for a full member and shall be entitled to vote equally with other full members.
- 7.8. A General Meeting shall be chaired by the senior Flag Officer, failing which the meeting shall appoint a chairman.
- 7.9. The Chairman shall have both deliberate and casting votes.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- 8.1. Constitutional amendments may only be made by a two-thirds majority of members voting at a General Meeting after inclusion in the Notice calling the meeting of the proposed alteration to the wording.

9. NON-LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES etc.

The Club, its Officers, or Servants shall not be responsible for any damage or loss however caused, to the property of members or any persons using the Club's property, boats or gear or for any injury, fatal or otherwise to any such person.

10. WINDING UP

In the event of the club ceasing to operate and being wound up, any surplus funds shall be distributed to a registered charity or charities with objects which include promotion of boating and sailing.