



BYE LAWS 2023

GENERAL

1. The Directors will decide the official opening and closing hours of the Club's premises, grounds and waters (hereinafter referred to as "the Club."). These will be Notified to members.
2. Only members and their guests may use the Club.
3. Any guests who are registered for an official Bowmoor Sailing Club event shall be granted temporary membership for the duration of the event.
4. All persons visiting the Club do so entirely at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any losses incurred, damage to property or personal injury whatsoever.
5. Any member may introduce as a guest any person provided that such a member enters the name and address of such a guest in a book kept for such purposes and at no time leaves the Club premises while such a guest is thereon. You may invite up to 3 friends (or a single family) to the Club on any given day, providing that the same guest is not invited more than 3 times in a calendar year. Former members who have been expelled may not be admitted to the Club as guests.
6. Member's guests and visitors to the Club may be allowed to sail their own craft at the discretion of a Director or the Officer Of the Day, subject to the following limitations
 - (a) if the craft is owned by the visitor or guest, current insurance certificates must be available for inspection
 - (b) if the craft is owned by a member of the Club the owner's express permission must have been given
 - (c) if the visitor or guest wishes to race, proof of competency such as an RYA certificate or equivalent may be asked for by the authorising club officials.
7. Members and their guests must acquaint themselves with the Health and Safety requirements of the Club and the areas which are out of bounds. This information is published in the Clubhouse. Member(s) and their guest(s) concerned undertake to comply with the Club's rules, particularly with regard to craft, personal buoyancy and the Club's sailing instructions where applicable.
8. The starters box is out of bounds to any person not on duty.
9. Dogs (except guide dogs) must be kept under control and on a lead in the clubhouse and on the patio. They are not allowed in the clubhouse when the galley is open. Owners of dogs deemed to be committing a nuisance will be asked to confine them or remove them from the Club's grounds.
10. Fishing is not permitted.
11. Children must be properly supervised at all times and are the responsibility of the members introducing them. All people must wear personal buoyancy whilst bathing. Jetties and pontoons are out of bounds to children under 14 years of age, except when entering or leaving boats.
12. No one may permanently reside at the club.

OFFICERS.

13. It is a condition of membership that members are required to attend for duty on race days as required unless they have elected to be removed from the duty list by paying the annual fee prescribed. The Club will prepare a list before the start of the season of days on which members will be required to attend.

This list will consist of an Officer Of the Day (O.O.D.) and Assistant Officers (A.O.D) for each day. Any member who is unable to attend on a particular day for which they have been selected must find a qualified substitute and notify the Duty Manager of the change. Any member who fails to attend their duty or find a suitable replacement will have a Duty Opt Out fee added to their subscriptions.
14. The Headquarters of the O.O.D. will be the starter's hut. His duties, assisted by the A.O.D.'s will be:
 - (a) organise and control the day's racing in accordance with the Club's sailing instructions and racing programme. Complete the appropriate race entry sheets, arrange for any protests to be made and heard in accordance with the sailing instructions. Complete the results. Arrange for the laying and recovery of buoys as necessary. Identify to the Duty Manager any officer who fails to perform their duty or find a suitable replacement.

- (b) launch the safety boat(s) at the start of the period of duty and prepare for immediate use ensuring they are in working order.
 - (c) report to any Club official any special difficulties that may arise.
 - (d) keep or arrange for, a continuous watch when craft are on the water.
 - (e) send for help to any person or craft in apparent danger.
 - (f) ensure personal buoyancy is worn by all persons sailing.
 - (g) berth the safety boat(s) and stow its gear at the end of the days sailing.
- When present, the O.O.D. is in charge of the use of the water and any order that he may give in respect of these rules or to deal with exceptional circumstances, must be observed.

15. **BERTHS.**

- (a) boats may not be left at the Club without the payment of the current subscription
- (b) boats may not be left at moorings, unless authorised
- (c) berths will be allocated to paid-up members by the dinghy park manager
- (d) a member may not park a craft in a berth other than that allocated to them without the agreement of the authorised tenant of the berth. Any boat incorrectly berthed may be removed and the Club will not accept any responsibility or liability for any damage sustained
- (e) berths are not automatically transferable on change of ownership of the craft.
- (f) any boat in a berth or on a mooring that is not sailed for a year must be removed by the member responsible for the boat.

16. **ABANDONED BOATS, BOARDS, CANOES, TROLLEYS AND TRAILERS.**

If at any time any Membership Fees (mooring fees or facility fees) payable to the club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears:

- (a) The Committee shall be entitled to move the boat, board, canoe, trolley and trailer, to any other part of the premises without being liable for any loss of or damage to the boat / item howsoever caused.
 - (b) The Committee shall be entitled upon giving three month's notice in writing to the member or former member, at his last known address shown in the register of members, to sell the boat/item and to deduct any monies due to the club (whether by way of arrears of subscription, mooring or facility fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member. If the owner of the boat/item is not known then notice can be given by posting a notice on the notice board and by putting a water proof notice on the boat/item.
 - (c) Alternatively, any boat/ item which, in the opinion of the Committee cannot be sold may, upon such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner the Committee may think fit and the expenses recovered from the member or former member. Any arrears as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a debt owing to the club by the member or former member."
- Further, the club shall at all times have a lien over the members' or former members' boats/items parked or moored on the club's premises or club moorings in respect of all monies due to the club, whether in respect of arrears or mooring fees or subscription or otherwise. Where a member is in arrears with the payment of monies owed to the club by at least six months, the club may in any event take possession of the member's boat/item.

17. **SAFETY BOATS.**

- (a) all safety boats are under the sole direction and control of the O.O.D. or a Club officer.
- (b) the boats equipment is not to be borrowed
- (c) for rescue purposes the boat should be crewed by qualified personnel
- (d) under no circumstances will the safety boat be used for joy riding
- (e) a boat is stored under the starters box for use in an emergency by any member holding a RYA PB2 Qualification.

18. USE OF THE WATER.

- (a) Activity rules have been introduced to deconflict the use of the lake for swimmers and other users of the lake. Details can be found on the website at <https://bowmoor.com/activity-programme/>
- (b) There are a specific set of rules for swimming at the lake which can be found at <https://bowmoor.com/on-the-water/open-water-swimming/>
- (c) Safety rules for other water users can be found at <https://bowmoor.com/on-the-water/safety/>
- (d) Registered cruisers are allowed to use small motors to come alongside and depart the jetty and a mooring.

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A BYELAW OR A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP, THE CO-OPERATION OF MEMBERS IS EXPECTED IN CARRYING OUT AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES WHICH FORM AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE WELL BEING OF THE CLUB.