

KWSC Byelaws

The Honorary Secretary shall ensure an up to date copy of the Constitution and Rules and Byelaw of the club are available on the club website.

Control of Dogs

1. No dogs, other than guide dogs or dogs trained to assist a physically impaired person, may be brought into the club house.
2. All dogs must be kept on a lead and under control at all times. All fouling must be immediately cleared up by the owners and disposed of off-site. Appropriate waste bins are located at Tower Knowe.

Control of Car Parking

3. Vehicles, caravans and trailers may only be parked in the following designated areas:
 - a. To the east of the yellow line between boat park rows A and C. Access to boats in row C must be maintained at all times. Long vehicles must not restrict the roadway;
 - b. The Tower Knowe car parks. When the club is busy, and particularly at Open Meetings, Members are asked to use their parking permit issued with their annual boat registration, and, once unloaded, move their vehicle to one of the Tower Knowe car parks;
 - c. In your allocated boat park space when your boat is in use and where the space is big enough to allow your vehicle to be parked safely and without hindering access to other boats;
 - d. When accessible, the foreshore area immediately in front of the club house lawn to the North of the club house and to the west of the slipway;
 - e. The eastern edge of the hard standing between the storage containers and the foreshore. In this area, priority should be given to caravans, motorhomes and campervans where people are sleeping overnight. Access to the storage containers must be maintained at all times.
 - f. The main area of the foreshore is to be kept clear to allow boats to be launched and trolleys to be parked. This area may be designated for visitor parking during open events.
4. No parking is permitted in the following areas:
 - a. The full length of the slipway from the boat park down to the water. This area must be kept clear except when actively, launching and recovering a boat. After launching, trailers should be moved back to the boat park or to the central area of the foreshore.
 - b. All vehicle access roads around the boat park. Access must be maintained for emergency service vehicles at all times.
 - c. Any area within 10m of the club house including the lawn area to the north of the clubhouse. This area must be kept clear in case of emergency evacuation and to allow access for emergency vehicles.

Opening of club premises

5. The club premises shall be open to members at such times as the Committee shall direct. The present hours of opening are currently unlimited.

Trailers

6. All boat trailers shall either be removed by Members and taken home, or, where possible, left under the boat and trolley in the boat park. They should not impede road or pedestrian access in the boat park. With the agreement of the Boat Park Manager, a trailer may be left in the designated Trailer Park where it must be left in a tidy manner and marked with the owners name. Any trailer left in any other position may be removed by the Committee to dispose of as they see fit.

Boat Park

7. Members should liaise with the Boat Park Manager prior to bringing their boat to the club so that a suitable space may be allocated.
8. Boats may only be left in Boat Park spaces as designated by the Boat Park Manager. Spaces are not perpetual.
9. Boat Park spaces are designated on the assumption that every reasonable effort will be made to sail the boat. Members may be asked to remove their boats if they are deemed to be 'unused' regardless of NWL registration status.

10. Spaces left empty for more than 30 days without contacting the Boat Park Manager, may be reallocated.
11. A member may be asked to move their boat if parked in a space for which it is not designated, or it may be moved at the discretion of the Committee.
12. You should not arrange any swapping of positions in the boat park or move other member's boat without permission. If members find another boat has been mistakenly placed in their allocated space, they should contact the boat park manager who will resolve the situation.
13. Your boat should not be positioned so as to interfere with any other boat.
14. Boats must be securely tied down so that damage does not occur to adjacent boats.
15. Your launching trolley and/or trailer must be kept in a good state of repair; ensuring boats can be moved easily, if required.
16. Members shall be responsible for the upkeep of their allocated boat parking bay, e.g. to cut back long grass and undergrowth. A grass strimmer and PPE is available at the club.

Term of Office

17. The Commodore may not serve in office for more than 3 continuous years.
18. If the Commodore role can not be filled, then the retiring Commodore may continue for a further year, or until a suitable candidate can be appointed.
19. The Vice-Commodore may not serve in office for more than 3 continuous years.

Membership Categories

20. There shall be the following categories of membership with power to vote at all meetings of the club as indicated hereunder.
 - a. A FULL MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election, shall have attained the age of eighteen years shall have one vote;
 - b. A FAMILY MEMBER - which expression shall include one or two co-habiting adults and all children within their guardianship who are under eighteen years of age on the 1st April of the current year. The family unit shall have two votes, exercisable by either adult;
 - c. A JUNIOR MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election, is under the age of eighteen shall have no vote. Such a member shall be one who at the commencement of the subscription year joins the club other than as a full member or a family member. A junior member must have a parent or an appointed responsible adult acting '*in loco parentis*' when at the sailing club'. A Junior Member shall have no vote.
 - d. A STUDENT MEMBER – who are 18 or more years of age on 1st April of the current year and who shall satisfy the committee that they are undergoing full time education or instruction. A Student Member shall have one vote.
 - e. An HONORARY MEMBER - who shall have one vote. Honorary Membership may be conferred by the committee and is usually a lifetime nomination.
 - f. COUNTRY MEMBER. Country membership may be conferred by the Committee, on a fully paid up full member of another RYA affiliated sailing club where dinghies and small non-cabin keelboats are sailed. Country members may use the facilities of the Club for a limited number of days in the year but have no permanent space in the dinghy park. The Committee is reluctant to specify the exact number of days use of the water to which a Country Member is entitled, but there is an expectation that if use were to be above 8-10 days the Country Member would transfer to Full Membership. A Country Member shall have no vote. Applicants will be approved by the Committee.
 - g. GROUP MEMBERSHIP. Available to organised groups by special prior arrangement with the Committee and reviewed annually. Limitations may be placed upon this category of membership, e.g. a limit to the number of people who may sail or use the facilities of the club. This class of membership shall have no vote.
 - h. Two Full members who sail together in one boat and who make a joint application to the Honorary Secretary may pay at the rate of the Family subscription. This shall be deemed JOINT MEMBERSHIP and shall have two votes, exercisable by either adult.
21. Club membership includes boat storage (subject to availability) as follows:
 - a. Full, Joint, Junior and Student members: 1 Boat

- b. Family: Up to 2 Boats (to comprise 1 x dinghy or day boat and 1 x dinghy)

For all membership categories, additional boats may be stored at the club subject to availability of space, and subject to an additional annual fee per boat. Additional boat park space should be requested via the Boat Park Manager.

Responsibilities of Officers of the Club

Other than as described in the Constitution the responsibilities of Officers of the Club include as detailed below:

22. Vice-Commodore

- a. To deputise for the Commodore in his/her absence.
- b. To be a member of the General Committee and an ex-officio member of all other Committees and working parties.
- c. Responsibility for initiating development plans and proposals plus possible funding.
- d. To be responsible for member discipline, including compliance by Members with the Rules and Regulations, and the resolution of disputes between Members.

23. Rear-Commodore

- a. To deputise for the Commodore in his/her absence.
- b. To be a member of the General Committee and an ex-officio member of all other Committees and working parties.
- c. Responsibility for reviewing development plans and proposals plus possible funding.
- d. To be responsible for junior and young sailors' development in the club, to chair the Junior Council.

24. Sailing Secretary

- a. To formulate the sailing programme.
- b. To be responsible for the tone and culture of Club organised sailing events, the Club sailing programme and the balance between Club events and Open Meetings or external class, national and international events.
- c. To liaise with the Social Secretary and Cruising Representative in the planning of the club sailing programme.
- d. Identification of sponsorship opportunities and their effective development and control.
- e. To support the promotion of the Club as a venue for sailing.
- f. To liaise with House Committee Chairperson to ensure appropriate "House" support for sailing events.
- g. To encourage and support the training and involvement of member volunteers to help with sailing events and to facilitate the co-operation of such volunteers and Club staff.
- h. Act as a point of contact for members wishing to raise issues relating to sailing events or the Club's support of sailing generally.

Non-Committee Roles

Other than as described in the Constitution the responsibilities of non-committee roles include as detailed below:

25. House/Galley Coordinator

- a. To liaise with the committee on matters regarding catering functions, social programme, including social aspects of sailing events, and the maintenance and development requirements of the Clubhouse in so far as it affects catering and social aspects of the Club.
- b. To be responsible through the General Committee for the range, quality and pricing, in line with parameters set by the General Committee, of food and drink supplied in the Club, subject to the approval of the General Committee in respect of prices set for alcoholic beverages.

26. Social Rep

- a. To be responsible for the tone and culture of Club organised social events and the Club's social programme. To formulate through the Committee the social programme, to book music, venues and arrange associated events.

27. Boatswain

- a. To be responsible for the management and maintenance of all club equipment.
- b. To plan for the adequate provision of equipment in the club in line with its development plans and to seek approval for such provision from the General Committee.

28. Training Officer

- a. To be responsible for liaison with the Principal and Training Team where the Training Officer is not the Principal.
- b. To be responsible for the strategic development of formal RYA training at the club subject to the approval of the General Committee.
- c. To be responsible for the development of non RYA training.

29. Cruising Representative

- a. To represent the cruising members of the Club and to provide adequate activities on the Club programme in conjunction with the Sailing Secretary.

30. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Lead

- a. To be responsible to represent members of the club and promote our practices of equity, diversity and inclusion.

31. Members of the General Committee - duties include:

- a. To actively participate in meetings of the General Committee and to consider, and if thought fit, approve papers and matters brought to the General Committee, taking account of the needs and interests of all sections of the Club, its ethos and future needs.
- b. To represent the general interests of members on the Committee, rather than any sectional allegiance.
- c. To act as a channel of communication between members generally and the Committee and vice versa, and for this purpose to make themselves available in the Club at reasonable times.
- d. To support the General Committee in ensuring that members, their guests and other visitors comply with the Club's Rules and Regulations, custom and practice.

Sanctions for Misconduct of Members

32. The Commodore, through the agreement of the Committee, may use a range of sanctions should a member be the subject of a misconduct enquiry:

- a. Temporary suspension (without prejudice and pending investigation);
- b. Verbal warnings;
- c. Written warnings;
- d. Final written warnings;
- e. Fixed term suspensions and
- f. Expulsion from the Club.

Camping

33. Members may camp in the Sailing Club grounds in either the lawned area around the clubhouse or in the small lawned area to the South West of the boat park close to Tower Knowe.

34. Members may not sleep in the club house overnight; this is a condition of the club lease.

35. Members may not moor and sleep overnight on the reservoir; this is a condition of Northumbrian Water. Boats should be brought ashore and stored on land overnight.

Exhibiting of Notices

36. A member may exhibit notices on club notice boards or premises without permission. However, the Committee may remove, or move, without notice any notices at the discretion of a member of the General Committee.

Sailing Instructions

- 37. Only paid up members of KWSC may sail or race on Kielder Water other than when permitted as guests or visitors.
- 38. All boats, sailing or in the boat park, must be covered by third party indemnity insurance of at least £2,000,000.
- 39. When racing members of the Club are bound by the KWSC Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions including the RYA Racing Charter.
- 40. Members must also comply with the Northumbrian Water Rules & Regulations, a copy of which will be displayed on the Club Notice Board. All craft left at the club must be registered with Northumbrian Water.

Abandoned Boats

41. In addition to the powers given to the Committee under Rule 19, and Rule 46 of the Constitution hereof if, at any time, any fees payable to the club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears and a vessel the property of a member or former member remains upon the club premises, the Committee may:-

(a) Move the vessel to any part of the club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused.

(b) Give one months' notice in writing to the member or former member at his/her last known address as shown in the Club Register and thereafter sell the vessel and deduct any monies due to the club. (Whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, mooring, dinghy park fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.

(c) Alternatively, if the vessel is unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the club by the member or former member.

(d) Further the club shall at all times have a lien over members' or former members' boats 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 of mooring fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:

Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member and that when and if the vessel is sold the proceeds of sale (unless any indebtedness by the member or former member to the club) shall be placed upon 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.

Boat Storage Fee Applicable for Subscription Arrears

42. Under Rule 35 of the Constitution a boat storage fee may be temporarily levied by the club on a per boat basis. That fee shall be £180 per year or part thereof.

Others

43. Trolleys are to be kept clear of immediate foreshore area to allow others to launch and recover without hindrance.

44. Members may use the jetty to assist with launching and recovery of their craft where a vehicle is required to do so. Care should be taken to avoid impeding the launch or recovery of other vessels, and to leave sufficient space for vessels that are carrying out club duties to come alongside. To this end, trailer sailors should launch and tie up to the jetty only to facilitate boarding once the crew are ready to depart. When finished for the day boats should be removed from the jetty and water as soon as is safely and practically possible. Short stays on the jetty to facilitate toilet breaks and meals are allowable but crew should remain on site to move their boat if there is a need for access.

45. Members or their guests are not allowed on the jetty without an appropriate buoyancy aid or life jacket.
46. Membership of the Club requires each adult member to undertake *at least* one duty per year where that duty may be galley, patrol or Officer of the Day. This includes all adult members of the full and family membership categories.
47. All members using the Club premises are required to ensure the premises are properly locked and secured before leaving where they are the last member to leave. This includes closing all doors and windows and ensuring they are locked and ensuring the gate to the Club premises is also securely padlocked. If it is late at night members must also ensure the NWA 'top gate' is relocked if they had to open it to exit the premises.
48. Members are required to take all gear home with them at the end of the day; it may otherwise be treated as Lost Property, disposed of or otherwise sold. The Focslie, main club house room, members' galley and changing rooms should all be left in a clean and tidy state by any members using these facilities.
49. Members may not use the club house, the garage, the secure containers or the training shed for storage of personal property or boat equipment.