

# **COLDHAM HALL SAILING CLUB**

## **By- Laws**

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### **Use of Club Facilities**

#### **Berthing**

1. Berths are offered at the discretion of the General Committee and are assigned to Members by the General Committee.
2. Boats may be stored on Club premises only in an authorised berth.
3. Members are responsible for keeping their berths tidy.
4. Member's boats shall carry a berth identification on the River Toll Licence.
5. The Club reserves the right to re-allocate berths. Should an assigned berthing place not be renewed by the Club or a Member's berthing fees become two months in arrears, the Member shall remove their boat from Club premises.
6. If a Member leaves a boat on Club premises without permission, the Club may
  1. move the boat to any other part of the Club premises without being liable for loss or damage to the boat however caused, and
  2. upon the expiry of a month's notice to the Member at their last address notified to the Club, EITHER sell the boat and deduct any monies due to the Club from the net proceeds of the sale, accounting to the Member for the balance OR may dispose of the boat in any manner the Club thinks fit and recover the expenses from the Member.

#### **Launching**

1. Boats may be sailed only by Members with sailing rights or by the authorised guests of such Members.
2. Boats may be launched only from the Clubs launching ramp.
3. The concrete approach to the launching ramps and their surrounds must be kept clear at all times.
4. Boats must not be tied up and left unattended on the launching ramp side of a jetty, and they may not be left permanently moored to any jetty.

#### **Other activities**

1. Bathing, paddling and fishing are not permitted from the Club premises.
2. BBQs should not be lit close to the clubhouse or any other buildings.

3. Smoking is not permitted within any of the Clubs's buildings

### **Dogs and other animals**

1. Except for assisted dogs, no animals are permitted in the Club House.

### **Car Park and main gate**

1. The main gate to the car park and Club premises shall be kept locked at all times, except when organised Club racing or other Club organised activities are taking place.
2. No vehicles will be driven beyond the main gate onto the dingy park.

### **Accommodation**

1. Caravans and tents are only permitted on Club premises, with the express consent of the committee.
2. Marques are permitted at organised club events.

### **Trailers**

1. Ideally trailers should be removed from the club premises, for security and safety reasons.
2. The Club reserves the right to dispose of trailers left elsewhere on the premises.

### **Member's Property**

1. The Club will not be responsible for loss or damage to Members property.
2. The Club reserves the right to dispose of clothes and other articles left on the Club premises for more than one month.

### **Duties**

1. To ensure the effective administration and operation of the Club and depending on their membership category, Members shall, from time to time carry out race and other duties.
2. Each Member who is unable to fulfil a duty shall arrange to exchange duty dates with another Member and notify the Race Officer.

### **Sailing and Racing**

#### **Buoyancy aids**

1. All young persons are required to wear buoyancy aids at all times whilst near or on the water. Adults are advised to do the same.
2. At club events all participants will wear buoyancy aids when instructed by the Officer of the Day.

### **Permitted Boats**

1. All boat owners must hold third party Insurance cover of at least £2,000,000 for every boat.

### **Sailing**

1. Those not involved in a race should respect the racers and keep to those areas of the river where they will not interfere with any competitors.

### **Racing**

1. Club and Class requirements for racing and boat buoyancy must be observed. Race Officers are empowered to refuse entries from or disqualify competitors who do not comply. The Race Officer is empowered to start an informal race 10 minutes after the last scheduled race finishes (morning or afternoon).

### **General**

1. Each Member accepts full responsibility on all occasions for deciding whether conditions are such that it is safe for them and/or any of their guests to sail and that they do so entirely at their own risk and that the Club can accept no responsibility for loss or injury however caused: and agrees to indemnify the Club against any claim by any of their guests.
2. Each Member accepts full responsibility for any of their guests, children or other persons permitted by them to sail or be on club premises.
3. The Club provides some safety facilities during the hours of Club organised sailing. On all other occasions each Member accepts that such facilities are not provided.
4. The race organisers shall not be liable for loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owners/competitors, helm or crew as a result of their taking part in any race.
5. Each Member warrants the suitability of their boat for the race or races and competence of the helm and crew to sail in the prevailing weather conditions.

### **Wet Moorings**

1. The committee will allocate mooring locations.

2. Vacant wet moorings are allocated giving preference to a) Officers of the club; b) Past Officers provided they participate in club events. c) Waiting list in chronological order.
3. The committee will where possible maintain a balance between cruisers and keelboats/halfdeckers.
4. Wet moorings will remain with the member not the vessel.