



COLDHAM HALL SAILING CLUB

Bylaws Revised December 2022

Use of Club Facilities

Reference.

Boat: = River cruisers, half-deckers, keel-boats, dinghies and motor cruisers.

Craft: = Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, Skiff's, ribs, rowing boats.

Premises: = Car park, dinghy park, clubhouse, boatshed, start box, toilets, mooring, pontoons.

Berthing/dinghy park.

1. Berths, boats and craft spaces are offered at the discretion of the General Committee and are assigned to Members by the General Committee.
2. Boats and craft may be stored on Club premises only in authorised moorings, Dinghy Park or rack spaces.
3. The Club reserves the right to re-allocate berths, Dinghy Park or rack space. Should an assigned place not be renewed by the Club or a Member's fees become two months in arrears, the Member shall remove their boat, craft from Club premises.
4. Member's boats and craft shall have a berth or dinghy park identification, hold a River Toll or appropriate craft licence, along with recognised appropriate Insurance.
5. No craft, outboards, sails or any accessories will be stored in the club house. (Exception, club boat sails and club equipment).
6. If a Member leaves a boat, trailer, craft on Club premises without permission, the Club may
 - a). move the boat, trailer or craft to any other part of the Club premises, including car park without being liable for loss or damage to the boat, trailer or craft however caused, and
 - b). upon the expiry of a month's notice to the Member at their last address notified to the Club, or by any electronic message to all club members if ownership is not known, EITHER sell the boat, trailer, or craft 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, trailer, or craft in any manner the Club thinks fit and recover the expenses from the Member.
7. Members are responsible for keeping their berths/space tidy. (Including grass cutting).
8. No tyres or other hazardous items to be brought or left at the club.

Launching.

1. Boats and craft may be launched from club premises only by Members with rights or by authorised day guests of such Members. The member will be present at the club.
2. Boats or craft may be launched only from the Clubs launching ramp or pontoons.
3. The concrete approach to the launching ramp, the area in front of the clubhouse and boatshed and their surrounds must be kept clear at all times.

4. Boats and craft must not be left unattended on the launching ramp, jetty or pontoon; they may not be left permanently moored to any jetty. (Except in designated berths).
5. The pontoon/jetty will only be used by members for launching, accessing their boat or craft, or assisting others to launch or moor.
6. Primary use of the launching ramp will be given to those taking part in club events.

Other activities.

1. Swimming, bathing, diving and fishing are not permitted from the Club premises, including the quay heading, pontoon and jetties.
2. No BBQs, except at recognised club activities/ events, these should not be lit close to the clubhouse, or near boats.
3. Smoking and vaping is not permitted in/on any part of the premises, buildings/grounds.

Dogs and other animals.

1. Except for assisted animals, no animals are permitted in the Club House.
2. Any faeces will be removed by the owner or person in charge of any dog.

Car Park, main gate and clubhouse

1. When not in use, the main gate to the Dinghy Park and the clubhouse shall be kept locked at all times, except at organised Club racing or when other Club organised activities are taking place.
2. The main gates and access to the whole dinghy park will be kept clear at all times.
3. No vehicles will be driven beyond the main gate onto the dingy park. (Excluding emergency vehicles).

Accommodation

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

Trailers

1. Trailers should be removed from the club premises, for security and safety reasons.
2. Appropriate fees will be paid for road trailers left on the premises.
3. All trailers will carry the owner's identification and boat name.
4. The Club reserves the right to dispose of unauthorised trailers left on the premises, in accordance with schedule 1, paragraph 6 above, and Section 11 CHSC Rules.

Property

1. The Club will not be responsible for loss or damage to Members property.

2. The Club reserves the right to dispose of clothing and any other articles left in or on the Club premises for more than one month, following reasonable attempts to find the owner.

Duties

1. To ensure the effective administration and operation of the Club, Members shall, from time to time carry out race and other duties.
2. Members are encouraged to participate in work parties throughout the year.

Sailing and Racing

Club boats.

1. Club boats will only be used by authorised, competent members including at organised events, e.g. racing, socially, supervising Try Sailing/competency assessing.
2. Hire of club boats along with appropriate fees will be paid in advance, using the booking system.

Buoyancy aids

1. All persons under 18 years are requested 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. (Including Try Sailing).

Sailing, Canoeing, Paddle boarding, rowing.

1. Those not involved in a race should respect the racers and officials 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/event 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 or use any craft 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 them or any of their guests.
2. Each Member accepts full responsibility for any of their guests; children or other persons permitted by them to sail, row, canoe, kayak or paddleboard or be on club premises.
3. The Club provides some safety facilities during the hours of Club organised sailing, or other event. On all other occasions each Member accepts that such facilities are not provided.

4. The club safety boat will only be used during organised events or by direction of the committee and only by approved competent persons.
5. The 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 event.
6. Each Member warrants the suitability of their boat, or any other craft and competence of the helm, crew and user in the prevailing weather conditions.

Berths/Wet Moorings

1. The committee will allocate mooring locations.
2. Vacant wet berths 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 berths/moorings will remain with the member not the vessel.

Breach of Bylaws

1. Section 7.1 – 7.3 CHS club rules- Conduct of Members, apply.
2. The club is not bound to refund any membership fees in these instances.