

# Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club

## **BYE-LAWS**

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- 1 The Club boats shall be for the general use of the Members, with the exception of those boats restricted by the respective Conveners.
- 2 No member shall be allowed to take out any boat unless –
  - a) the weather be moderate and b) such use is within their competence .
- 3 No Club boats shall be taken out after dark except with the permission of the appropriate convener.
- 4 No Club boat shall be booked out or taken from the Clubhouse without a full crew.
- 5 Any Member on taking out any boat, shall enter, in the book kept for the purpose, the name or number of the boat, the names of the crew and, the hour of departure and, immediately on return, the hour of arrival and any damage report.
- 6 The Member(s) taking out a Club boat shall be responsible to the Club for any damage occurring to the boat.
- 7 Any Member who, by carelessness, damages any Club boat or fittings shall be liable to have the same repaired at his own expense, but any accidental damage shall be borne by the Club. The question of the damage being or not being accidental shall be decided by the Committee.
- 8 Members shall not use blades of oars in pushing off boats from the shore or slipways, as considerable damage is done to oars by this practice.
- 9 Members on landing from a Club boat shall be bound to assist in housing or mooring the same and in putting equipment and all loose fittings in their proper places. All boats and equipment must be stored in the designated storage space.
- 10 Any Member having formed a crew may engage any particular Club boat by priority of the crew's attendance. Any dispute with regard to a particular Club boat shall be settled by lot.
- 11 Club boats shall not be used as punts for sailing boats or yachts, nor left at the Esplanade slips or the harbours.
- 12 Members may obtain Club boats for such periods of time considered reasonable by the Committee for cruises by making written application to the Secretary, this application shall state the reason for use, and the time it will take. Boats shall be returned in good order. The Committee shall have power to say which boats may be taken away, and also to refuse to give a boat to any crew.
- 13 Non-members who are eligible for membership may have the use of the Club boats, on being introduced by a Member and in the presence of the Member. Non-Members must be enrolled as Temporary Members for the duration of the use of the Club facilities. Members taking a Temporary Member out in a Club boat shall enter his name in the Boat Book, which lies in the Boathouse.
- 14 The oars, fixtures and fittings of one Club boat shall not be used for another without the consent of the appropriate Convener.
- 15 No person shall use a boat without the necessary safety equipment. It is recommended that all persons wear an approved buoyancy aid or life-jacket. It is recommended that all users of boats can swim.
- 16 No racing boats shall be used without prior approval of the Boat Convener.
- 17 With the exception of the fruit machine, no gambling shall be allowed.
- 18 No books or property belonging to the Club shall be removed from the Clubhouse without the prior approval of a member of the Committee.
- 19 No animals shall be brought into the Clubhouse, or allowed in boats with the exception of assistance animals.
- 20 Members may sign in up to 10 guests on any one occasion.
- 21 Members shall avoid noisy or unruly proceedings and also do all in their power to preserve the Club property from injury.
- 22 All games equipment shall be returned to its proper place after use. No sporting clothing, e.g. wetsuits, waterproofs etc. shall be worn in the upper part of the Clubhouse. Outer clothing and sporting equipment shall be left in the designated areas and not in the Club lounges.
- 23 Members should ensure that all doors are secured before leaving the Club.