



LYDNEY YACHT CLUB



CALENDAR AND OTHER INFO

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND STORAGE FEES

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st

Membership Fees

Joining Fee	£20
Individual	£70
Spouse/Co-habiting Partner	£85
Family	£85
Cadet/Young Adult	£20

Storage Fees:

All Boats In Use: £1.15 per metre per month for boats in use and cruisers which are being worked on for the first year. For boats not in use, and in the second or subsequent year that a boat is being worked on in the compound, the fee will rise to £4 per metre per month. Trailers stored separately will be charged at the same rate. (As an example, for Wayfarers, the rate works out at £69 per year).

A boat in use must be in full working commission, launched and sailed at least once per annum, up or down river and back, and comply with RYA safety guidelines as quoted in the club programme.

Boats already paying a higher fee due to the fact they are not in use will start on the £4 per metre per month fee.

Fees are paid annually. For boats removed for part of the year, the committee must be notified by email. All boat storage must be approved by the committee before the boat is brought into the compound.

Slippage Fee

Boats up to 5.2m	Free for members who are paying for boat storage. Otherwise, £35 per year or £5 per launch.
Boats over 5.2m	£35 annually, or £5 per launch
Non members	£10 per launch/retrieval
Use of leaning poles	2 weeks free, then £1/day or as agreed with club officers
Use of club trailer	£1.50 per meter for first month, £5/metre/month thereafter.

Payments are to be made online or by other means as agreed with the membership secretary John Fright. All annual fees are payable on January 1st and must be paid by March 31st.



Lydney Yacht Club Sailing Programme 2024

The Organiser's role is to promote the event, help potential crew find boat who need crew and provide leadership throughout the event on the water. For dinghy racing and cruising, the organiser and support boat team need to fill out the race/cruise sheet. If you are the organiser or are on the support boat for an event but are unable to attend, please ensure that you find a replacement and inform those who wish to come along. Please do not attempt to lead a trip if you are not planning to attend.

Thank you for your help in making sure the events can take place successfully.

Please note that tides below 6.5m are often too low for cruisers to get in and out of the harbour, and present considerable problems for dinghy retrieval.

January

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 6							
Mon 8	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 13							
Sat 20				Work Party	Phil/Annabel		
Sat 27							

February

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 3							
Sat 10							
Mon 12 th	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 17							
Sat 24				Work party	Phil/Annabel		
Sat 24							

March

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 2		11.24 GMT	6.9				
Sun 3		12.03	6.2				
Sat 9	7.12	7.12	8.5	Early March Shakedown Down channel Cruise	Ade B	-	
Sun 10		7.58	9.5	Cruisers return			
Mon 11 th	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 16	10.00	11.42	7.2	Work party	Phil/Annabel		
Sun 17		12.19	5.8				
Sat 23	7.02	7.02	7.5	Late March Shakedown Cruise	Ade B	-	
Sun 24		7.39	8.0	Cruisers return			
Easter weekend	10.00	10.01	7.7	Easter bank holiday 4 day cruise	Ade B		
Fri 29	7pm			Dinghy pre sail social evening			
Sat 30	10.00	11.28 BST	7.4	Dinghy first up-channel sail of the year	Steve C		
Sun 31		12.01	7.0	Easter cruise day 3	Ade B		

April

Date	Start	HW BST	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Mon 1		12.42	6.2	Cruisers return	Ade B		
Sat 6	6.55	6.55	7.4	Possible down river cruise	Ade B		
Sun 7		7.50	8.6	Cruisers return			
Mon 8	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 13	11.44	11.44	8.0	Possible down river cruise	Ade B		
Sun 14		12.17	6.7	Cruisers return			
Sat 20	6.37	6.37	6.3	Possible down river cruise	Ade B		
Sun 21		7.23	7.1	Cruisers return			
Sat 27	9.00am Or 10.41am	10.41	7.6	Dinghy cruise, either up or down channel	Phil Manning	Ade B on Freya	
Sun 28		11.13	7.4	Cruisers return			

May

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 4	5.15am	5.15	6.3	Early May bank holiday cruise	Ade		
Sun 5		6.23	7.4				
Mon 6				Cruisers return			
Sat 11	10.52	10.52	8.3	Down channel dinghy cruise to St Pierre pill, camp-over	Ade/Kenley		
Sun 12		11.27	7.4	Cruisers return			
Mon 13	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 18		5.22pm	5.4	Lydney Festival Day			
Sun 19		5.55	5.9				
Fri 24	9.34pm	9.34pm	7.9	Possible cruise to Gloucester or Portishead	Ade		
Sat 25	9.52am	9.52	7.7	Gloucester Shanty Festival Portishead Shanty Festival	Ade BCYA		
Sun 26		10.30	7.6	Gloucester Shanty Festival	Ade		
Mon 27		11.08	7.4	Cruisers return			

June

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 1		4.00pm	6.2				
Sun 2		5.14pm	6.6				
Fri 7	9.32pm	21.32	8.4	Possible down river cruise/ evening sail	Ade		
Sat 8	8.30	9.57	8.1	Traditional dinghy race: OOD Andy Bruce RALLY	Ken Shephard		
Sun 9		10.38	7.7	Cruisers return			
Mon 10	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 15	12.30	2.56pm	5.0	Chepstow and District Yacht Club Regatta Severn Bridge race (Portishead YCC) Work Party	Phil Davies		
Sun 16		4.05pm	5.2				
Fri 21	8.35pm	20.35	7.7	Possible down river cruise	Ade		
Sat 22		8.56	7.6				
Sun 23		9.40	7.8	Cruisers return			
Sat 29	12.45	2.13pm	6.8	TRY DINGHY SAILING – for new, existing or potential members	Annabel		
Sun 30	1.00pm	3.19pm	6.4	Pill Race (dinghies only, from PYCC up the Avon and back)	Portishead Yacht and Sailing Club		

July

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Fri 5	8.35pm	20.35	7.7	Possible down river cruise	Ade		
Sat 6		9.01	7.6				
Sun 7		9.46	7.6	Return			
Mon 8	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 13	11.35	1.08pm	6.0	Traditional Dinghy Race	Annabel		
Sun 14		1.49pm	5.6				
Fri 19	7.27pm	19.27	7.0	Bristol Harbour Festival	Ade		
Sat 20		7.52	7.1				
Sun 21		8.42	7.7	Return			
Sat 27	12.58	12.58	7.9	SUMMER CRUISE TWO WEEK CRUISE Thornbury sailing club regatta weekend	Ade/Annabel		
Sun 28		1.41pm	7.1				

August

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 3		8.05	6.9				
Sun 4		8.52	7.4				
Sat 10	12.02	12.02	6.9	Lydney Litre start 10.15 from Thornbury Sailing Club Dinghies sail to St Pierre/Portishead to meet cruisers	Thornbury Sailing Club Ade		
Sun 11		12.27	6.5	Cruisers return from Summer Cruise			
Mon 12	7.15			Committee meeting Thornbury Sailing Club: Club week – until 16 th August	Annabel		
Sat 17		6.35	6.0				
Sun 18		7.38	7.1				
Sat 24	11.55	11.55	8.8	Dinghy cruise: out in daylight and back at night or camp over at St Pierre August Bank Holiday cruise	Steve Cullis Ade		
Sun 25		12.30	8.1				
Mon 26				Cruisers return			
Sat 31		6.56	5.9				

September

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sun 1		7.51	6.9				
Sat 7	11.06	11.06	7.5	Possible down river cruise	Ade		
Sun 8		11.27	7.2	return			
Mon 9	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 14		5.41pm	5.5				
Sun 15		6.51pm	6.9				
Sat 21	9.00am	10.54	9.5	Gloucester Ring Trip – dinghies only, sail/motor up to Gloucester on the river, and back down the canal. Cross from Sharpness to Lydney in the dark	John Christie		
Sun 22		11.29	8.9				
Sat 28		5.58pm	5.6	PCC Holms Race (yachts only)	Portishead Cruising Club		
Sun 29		6.55pm	6.7				

October

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 5	10.11	10.11	7.9	Possible down river cruise	Ade		
Sun 6		10.35	7.6	Return			
Sat 12		3.21pm	4.7				
Sun 13		5.16	5.7				
Mon 14	7.15			Committee meeting	Annabel		
Sat 19	8.20	9.51	9.8	Newnham Tea Clipper – Dinghy race. OOD: Andy Bruce	Jim Robinson		
Sun 20		10.29	9.4				
Sat 26	7.30	4.17pm	4.8	AGM	Annabel		
Sun 27		5.22pm	5.6				

November

Date	Start	HW GMT	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 2		8.13	8.2				
Sun 3		8.43	8.0				
Sat 9		12.31pm	5.5				
Sun 10		1.58pm	5.4				
Mon 11	7.15			Committee meeting	Commodore		
Sat 16		7.47	9.3				
Sun 17		8.28	9.3				
Sat 23		12.51	5.2				
Sun 24		2.21pm	5.0				
Sat 30		7.09	7.7				

December

Date	Start	HW	Height (m)	Event	Organiser	Support Boat Helm	Support Boat Crew
Sat 7							
Mon 9	7.15			Committee meeting	Commodore		
Sat 14							
Sat 21							
Sat 28							

If you would like to join in with the sailing please contact a committee member.

Skippers are always responsible for their own craft. While the support boat, other boats on the water and other club members on shore will make every effort to help a boat in distress, the skipper is responsible for the safety of themselves and their crew, and for the wellbeing of their boat.

Boat owners must carry a minimum of 3rd party insurance for their craft.

Please check the tide times before the event – mistakes are possible.

Sailing events are always weather dependent and are also subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

On days without planned events - if you would like to sail please put a post on 'Lydney Sailors' Facebook page and try to get a group together.

Support boat team, please liaise with the organiser and note the phone numbers of participants. For all events please fill in a dinghy sailing sheet, photograph and send it to a shore based contact

The club requires dinghy sailors to wear a wetsuit or drysuit between the months of November to April.

Dinghy Racing Rules

Preparation

All participants should be at the Club at least one hour before the start of the event.

The safety boat should be launched half an hour before the race start, or at the same time for other events.

In the absence of a specific OOD (officer of the day), the safety boat helm or crew will carry out the role.

Boats must not block the end of the slipway in order to rig or any other reason

Starting

The starting sequence of signals are defined in the OOD's instructions.

Boats must leave the start/finish buoy to port and cross the transit line between the flag pole and the transit post before turning to complete the remainder of the course

Racing

Racing will be conducted in accordance with the current RYA rules.

If a boat passes the mark on the wrong side, the boat must retrace their steps and pass the mark on the correct side.

If a boat touches a mark, or fouls another boat as per the rules listed below, the boat must complete a 360° turn as a penalty.

Unless explicitly stated by the OOD, all racing marks shall be left to port.

Priority Ruling: The following identifies which boats have priority during a race:

On opposite tacks

When boats are on opposite tacks, a PORT tack shall keep clear of a STARBOARD tack boat (a boat on Starboard tack has the wind coming from the starboard side of the boat)

On the same tack – overlapped

When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of the leeward boat

On the same tack – not overlapped

When boats are on the same tack and not overlapped, a boat clear astern shall keep clear of a boat clear ahead. When two boats are meeting a windward boat will keep clear of a leeward boat

While tacking

During a tack, it is the tacking boat's responsibility to keep clear of other boats – ie ensure you have enough space for a tack and do not allow your boat to obstruct another's path during your tack.

At a mark, giving room, keep clear

When boats are overlapped before one of them reaches the two-length zone (two boat lengths from the mark), if the outside boat has right of way she shall give the inside boat room to pass the mark, or if the inside boat has right of way the outside boat shall keep clear. If they are still overlapped when one of

them reaches the two length zone, the outside boat's obligation continues even if the overlap is broken later.

If a boat is clear ahead when she reaches the two-length zone, the boat clear astern shall keep clear even if an overlap is established later.

If there is reasonable doubt that a boat established or broke an overlap in time, it shall be presumed that she did not.

Room to tack at an obstruction

When safety requires a close hauled boat to make a substantial course change to avoid an obstruction and she intends to tack, but cannot tack and avoid another boat on the same tack, she shall hail for room to do so. The hailed boat shall either:

Tack as soon as possible or;

Immediately reply "You Tack" in which case the hailing boat shall immediately tack and the hailed boat shall give room.

Landing on the bank – use of anchor

Anchors may be required if there is a foul tide and progress is impossible. In this case, landing on the bank is allowed as an alternative to anchoring.

Finishing

Boats must leave the start/finish buoy to port and cross the transit line between the flag pole and the transit pole. The elapsed time shall be measured by the OOD or safety boat team.

Calculation of Corrected time:

Handicaps are calculated using Portsmouth Yardstick in the following way:

The LYC number has also been calculated so as to make the calculation of corrected time easier.

Boat	Portsmouth Number (PN)	LYC Number = 1000/PN
Topper Buzz	1030	0.97
Enterprise	1122	0.98
Fireball	952	1.05
Finn	1049	0.95
Finn with mirror rig*	1250	0.80
GP14	1130	0.88
Miracle	1194	0.84
Mirror	1385	0.72
Wanderer	1193	0.84
Wayfarer	1102	0.91
Drascomb Lugger/Longboat	1210	0.83
Sailing Canoe*	1390	0.72
Bare canoe, no outriggers or sails * (note – paddles <i>are</i> allowed)	1250	0.80
Rowing skiff (note – oars <i>are</i> allowed)*	1400	0.71

***Note** – numbers with stars are generated by LYC – all other numbers are taken from the RYA Portsmouth Number list. Oars are allowed for the rowing skiff and paddles for bare canoes. For boats which are unable to tack, a maximum of 6 paddle strokes are allowed to drive the boat through the wind.

Each boat's corrected time is calculated as:

$$\text{Corrected time} = \frac{\text{most laps sailed in race}}{\text{laps sailed by this boat}} \times \text{elapsed time} \times \frac{1000}{\text{Portsmouth Number}}$$

Points System in a race series

- a) First boat on corrected time = ¼ point, second boat = 2 points, third boat = 3 points etc.
- b) Retirement = number of starters
- c) Disqualification = total number of boats participating in the series + 2 points
- d) Not sailed = number of boats in series + 4 points
- e) In the event of a tie, the boats share the minimum points (eg if 2 boats come first, they will both get ¼ point)
- f) OOD and Safety Boat Crew = 3 points for duty on a race day
- g) Any member foregoing a race to take out a new or prospective member = 3 points. Allow once per series
- h) Not being present for duty or not finding a replacement = number of participants for the series + 66 points
- i) Boat abandoning the race to assist a boat in distress – 2 points.
- j) If only one boat attends to race and the OOD deems racing to be possible, then the boat at the official start time will receive 3 points.

GUIDELINES AND ADVICE ON THE WATER

RYA GUIDANCE. There is a wealth of advice and good practice on the RYA website, members are advised to look at it and take heed of their guidelines around equipment for safe sailing and good practice on the water. Here follows some of the published guidelines:

Guidance for Safety Boat Users

The safety boat shall always be out when there is a dinghy race. When dinghies are cruising the use of the safety boat is optional, but it is especially encouraged when there are novices on the water or sailors with any disability.

Safety boat helms must be approved by the committee, and must have extensive local experience driving the safety boat, which can be gained as safety boat crew.

Safety boat helms are encouraged to become qualified to RYA powerboat level 2 and RYA safety boat, as recommended by the RYA. If you would like to go on a course, please ask the committee if funding is available.

Following reports of a few incidents or close calls involving safety boats and dinghies, the RYA has put together the following guidance for safety boat drivers:

- a. Always wear a kill cord.
- b. Keep your hands on the throttle and wheel at all times when moving.
- c. Always switch your engine off when dealing with a person in the water.
- d. Wherever possible keep your boat speed to a minimum so that you do not create unnecessary wake, and make it easier for people anticipate the safety boat intentions.

- e. When approaching a capsized dinghy, it can sometimes be best to approach bow first, from up wind, keeping the prop away from the boat hazards and crew.
- f. Avoid steering directly astern of those who are racing, in case they capsize, fall out or alter course unexpectedly.
- g. If it is necessary to come alongside, it is best to do this when a sailing boat has stopped on a close reach and the safety boat can come in on the windward side of the dinghy and hold the shroud to keep them close. Once in place turn the engine off if necessary for ease of communication.
- h. If approaching a moving dinghy let the helm know your intentions, communicate clearly, approach from the windward side.
- i. Always have an escape plan up your sleeve, know which way you're going to turn to get out of a situation before things go wrong - sometimes just dropping into neutral will do it!
- j. Above all maintain a good look out around your safety boat at all times! Duty officers should be at the club one hour before the start of the event and conduct their duties in accordance with the instructions laid down and amended from time to time by the committee. (These will be displayed on the notice board).

Safety Guidelines for Cruisers and Open Boats.

A minimum Standard of equipment should be carried by craft participating in a club cruise – cruising dinghies may need a slightly reduced list but the main components should be present.

The skipper of the craft is responsible for ensuring sufficient equipment and supplies are carried to cope with the likely conditions and emergencies that might be encountered. The following equipment list is recommended by the RYA:

- Auxiliary means of power including an engine – capable of being started by hand or with a dedicated battery. Oars or paddles.
- Life jacket – one per crew member
- Safety harness – one per crew member
- Life buoy with light and drogue
- Distress Flares
- Two anchors and warps attached to a strong deck cleat
- Fire extinguisher
- Bilge pump and bucket
- Compass – steering and hand bearing types
- Foghorn
- Navigation lights
- Charts and tide tables
- Radar reflector
- Torch
- First aid kit and space blanket
- Radio receiver for weather bulletins
- VHF radio Echo sounder or a lead line
- Timepiece and barometer
- Tools for engines and spare parts
- GPS navigation
- Inflatable or rigid tender with fixed buoyancy which should not be overloaded

- Life jackets or buoyancy aids should be worn as appropriate. Skippers should carry out a full briefing of their crew in accordance with the RYA recommendations (RYA code G43) Have A Plan
- Be prepared: Think 'what if?' and don't ruin a good day out on the water with insufficient planning.
- An element of planning is required for even the simplest and shortest of journeys. Passage planning is an obligation for all seafarers under the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS V)
- However, a passage plan needn't be complicated. The type of boat you have and the trip you are intending to take will determine how much planning you need to do.

The plan will consider where you want to go and how you will go about getting there safely. Route: A straight line from A to B will seldom be possible. Your prior planning will establish your intended route, any hazards or navigational risks that need to be avoided and constraints that may limit your options.

Tides & currents: Check the anticipated currents and tidal predictions for your trip and ensure that they fit with what you are planning to do.

Navigation dangers: Check up-to-date charts and current pilot books, notices to mariners, almanac's or river guides for any navigational dangers such as shoals, overfalls, weirs, overhead wires and buoyage. Be aware that counterfeit charts and publications are in circulation and pose a danger to the safety of a vessel and its crews.

Constraints: You also need to plan for the unexpected, which might include deteriorating weather conditions, an illness, injury or gear failure occurring on board, the trip taking longer than expected, missing a tidal gate or simply deciding not to complete the trip.

Refuge: You should look at the charts and pilot book before you leave and consider alternative destinations and places where you could take shelter if necessary.

Daylight: Could delays lead to unexpected night time boating? Weather: Before you go check the weather forecast and get regular updates if you are planning to be out for any length of time. Seagoing boats equipped with a VHF radio can monitor Coastguard maritime safety information broadcasts for updates whilst at sea.

Limitations of the boat: Consider whether your boat is up to the proposed trip and that you have the appropriate safety equipment and stores with you.

Engine: Checking your engine before you set off could avoid breaking down when you are underway.

Crew: Take into account the experience and physical ability of your crew. Are they up to the trip you are planning? Are they kitted out with the right personal safety equipment and have they been briefed on the voyage plan? A skipper should ensure that everyone on board knows where the safety equipment is stowed and how to use it. Talk them through your plan as well as your contingency plans should something go wrong, including who should take over if you are injured or taken ill. Other aspects are: check that they know how to start the engine, how to send a Mayday and to make them aware of any on board hazards.

Share your plan: Let someone onshore know your plan and make sure they understand what to do should they become concerned about your well-being. The free RYA Safe Trx app monitors your boat journeys and alerts emergency contacts should you fail to return on time.

Look After Yourself. You, your boat and your crew need to be properly equipped for a safe and an enjoyable time on the water.

The gear you will require differs for day boats and boats with eating and sleeping facilities, and it will vary depending on where you are boating and when. It is essential that you take the time to consider what equipment you need and that you know how to use it.

Clothing: Keeping warm and dry is important- ensure you have the proper clothing for all weather conditions which may occur, including sunscreen to prevent sunstroke and enough warm and waterproof clothing to prevent hypothermia.

Cold Water Shock. Cold water shock occurs well before the effects of hypothermia. It can happen at any time of the year; it only takes a water temperature of 15°C and below. It can cause a number of instant and powerful involuntary respiratory reflexes that can lead to death in minutes; wearing a lifejacket could save your life. Immersion in cold water rapidly incapacitates you and can kill you.

Local guidance for dinghy cruising from Lydney (written by an LYC member).

New sailors can gain experience at Lydney as crew, however in addition it is recommended to go on RYA level 2 course at an approved training school. (eg Bristol, Cardiff Bay or Cotswold Water Park). There is plenty of sail theory information online as well, and you can use club dinghies to practice rigging and setting the sails on land. If you have a dinghy, you can practice sailing it on a lake near you. All these activities are recommended before buying a boat to ensure safety and competence at sea in the challenging Lydney waters.

If members are sailing at Lydney as a lone boat, please ensure another club member on land knows you are going, and who is on board. Sailing as a lone boat single handed is not recommended.

Dinghy Cruisers should take the following equipment:

- Buoyancy Aid – club buoyancy aids are available for new members and guests. A penknife and hand held flares are recommended attached to the buoyancy aid with the radio.
- Waterproof clothing and change of clothes, warm clothing. Warm clothing must be stored in waterproof drybags, it's the only way to keep them dry. Between November and March, please wear wet suit or drysuit - for prevention of hypothermia in cold weather or if wet. Sunscreen and sunhat to prevent sunburn.
- Radio – ICOM or other marine handheld radio. You must also go on a radio course and get a licence – online courses are available with RYA (please google for details). Always listen on channel 16, and make contact with other boats on this channel. Switch to channel 77 to chat. New members and guests please ensure someone has a radio on the boat.
- Phone in a waterproof bag, for emergency use (not for work calls at sea).
- Anchor – use near the shore in an area of very low current only. Useful if you need to bail out, fix broken gear, change your clothes, have a rest.
- 2 strong, large bailers, tied on. Buckets and bailers made of oil cans are good.
- Mast head buoyancy – this should prevent a capsized boat turning turtle (upside down).
- Food and drink for the trip.

- Money – if you need to abort your trip, ensure your boat is securely moored (enough to withstand the next incoming tide) and find your way home – possibly by bus – I’m not joking, this happened to our commodore 2 years ago.

Guidance for dinghy sailing upriver from Lydney.

Crew first: Get experience as crew before you sail in your own boat. This will enable you to get the local knowledge required for avoiding unmarked marine hazards, such as Wellhouse rocks, shallow sandbanks, derelict salmon fishery ‘putches’ and bridge piers at Purton, as well as negotiating the fast currents.

Fast currents: the currents are fastest around points on shore, and in bays there may be back eddies. Be on the look out for changes in the current to ensure you don’t get swept past your destination. In light wind conditions ensure that you check your boat speed through the water and that you have steerage, and make sure you are not swept on to fixed objects in the river such as buoys, rocks and underwater hazards. Anticipate where you will be drifting next and take avoiding action!

Overfalls: On spring tides pockets of large waves (overfalls) can appear unpredictably and must be navigated. Keep an eye up ahead and try to avoid them, or steer straight into them.

Trees – found up river past Newnham, and on other rivers such as the Wye and Avon: Drifting into trees can capsize your boat, and once in the water people can be swept through trees and caught up on them. Trees are the most dangerous hazard in the river. Make every effort to keep to the middle of the river, and ensure you are aware of your boat’s speed through the water and whether you have steerage. If not, get oars, paddles out or engine on and manoeuvre your boat to the centre of the river at all times. If you have to go near trees, put your mast down, raise your centre board, take your rudder out and row. In this way you have the least chance of capsize.

Rough return trip: In a SW wind, remember that when the tide turns and ebbs and you have wind over tide, the apparent wind across the boat will be much more. Plan for a cooler, rougher return trip. Reefing is often recommended.

Approaching the slipway at the end of the trip: To come into the slipway with a strong outgoing tide, please note the following.

- Try to avoid being swept round the pier. However, if you do, sail inshore as soon as possible. In the back eddy, you should be able to make your way up the shoreline to the pier, where you can discuss with others how to get your boat back round the pier. If necessary, beach your boat and bring it round the pier on the next incoming tide - please ensure there is someone to help you and inform someone on land what you are doing, particularly if it is dark.
- In a SW wind, short tack down the shore, the crew should have a paddle handy to help push you in at the end. You will lose the wind under the pier head. You may prefer to drop your sails early and row down.
- In a NE wind, you may need to drop one or both sails to ensure you don’t ram the slipway too quickly.

On the slipway:

- Be prepared to get muddy.
- Always help others launch and recover on the slipway.

- Always wear a lifejacket on the slipway and ensure you don't get swept round the pier in the strong current by holding on to a boat tightly and making sure the boat is strongly secured by someone on shore.

Dinghy cruising down channel.

For open boats, all up river guidance is appropriate. In addition, please note the following:

Always carry money, camping gear, bedding in drybags and plenty of food, drink, water and spare clothes. The best laid plans go to the wall at sea on a regular basis and it is essential to be able to manage if you end up in a destination you have not planned for. Always ensure you have time for a safe return of all the crew, and that you don't have to dash off for work leaving other crew members in difficulty.

The harbours available to dinghies and cruisers down channel from Lydney up to and including Cardiff are:

1. Thornbury
2. Chepstow town and the river Wye, including Tintern.
3. St Pierre Pill
4. Portishead Hole and marina
5. Clevedon Pill (dinghies only)
6. Newport and the river Usk
7. Bristol and the river Avon, including Shirehampton and Portishead Cruising Clubs
8. Weston Super Mare and the river Axe
9. Cardiff

Apart from Portishead marina and Cardiff Bay, which have lock gates, all other harbours dry out to mud. Keel boats and dinghies can moor in the mud. Dinghies are best moored and crew camping, which is possible in all these harbours except Portishead on a spring tide. As a rough guide, Clevedon Pill needs to be entered one hour either side of high water, Thornbury and St Pierre (which both have pontoons) within 2.5 hours, Portishead within 4 hours and Cardiff usually 5 hours. For Newport, boats need to reach the EW Buoy near Clevedon around low water and make way up the Newport channel on the incoming tide.

See the 'Blue Book' on access to these harbours and others further down channel.

Prince of Wales Bridge – try to go through the centre span as the water is deepest. The currents are fastest here, and move at an angle, keep between the red and yellow markers either side of the bridge.

Rough water – past the Prince of Wales bridge the sea can become rougher. Ensure your boat is suitably equipped and you have enough experience to deal with this. Reef as required. Other unpredictable pockets of rough water can occur in confused strong tidal streams.

Capsize – if you can't right your boat, stay with it and call on channel 16 for rescue. Avoid capsize by reefing, spilling wind and furling/reefing the jib. Ensure your kit is tied in so you don't lose it in the event of capsize. Have a pump and/or effective self bailers to prevent the boat filling up in rough seas. Wear a drysuit to ensure a longer survival time should you end up in the water.

Check your position – Learn the major landmarks so that in emergency you can give a rough location. In addition, PLB's are recommended which give an automatic GPS position to the lifeboats, but don't rely completely on technology!

Portishead: When approaching Portishead, ensure you don't get swept past the pier as strong currents flow past it. If the weather is rough, there are not any safe havens past Portishead until Cardiff, all the harbours require anchoring off and going into them near high water. If in doubt, stop at Portishead. When approaching Portishead take particular care to avoid ships approaching Portbury Dock or on their way to Sharpness. Ships move relatively quickly and are not manoeuvrable - keep out of their way.

LYDNEY YACHT CLUB RULES

Section 1 – Name and Objects

1. The name of the club shall be “The Lydney Yacht Club” (hereinafter referred to in these rules as The Club)
2. The object for which the club is formed is to promote and facilitate the sport of yachting and also to provide social and other facilities for members as may be from time to time determined.

Section 2 – Officers

3. The officers of the Club shall be members of the Club, and shall consist of a President, a Commodore, a Vice-Commodore, a Rear Commodore, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year from those members who are experienced in the local tidal waters and shall hold office for one year, retiring at the termination of the Annual General Meeting in each year. All officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election.

Duties of Honorary Secretary etc.

4. The Honorary Secretary shall:-
 - (a) Keep a register of Club members' names and addresses
 - (b) Conduct the correspondence of the Club
 - (c) Keep custody of all Club documents
 - (d) Keep full minutes of the Club, the Committee and Sub-committees which shall be confirmed and signed by the appropriate Chairman up the agreement of the Club, the Committee or Sub-committee at the next following meeting of the Club, the Committee or Sub-committee
 - (e) Administer such insurance policy or policies as may be needed to fully protect the interests of the Club, its Officers and its members
 - (f) Maintain contact with the Club's Legal Advisor to ensure that the Club's affairs are managed in accordance with current law
 - (g) Maintain any such certificates or registrations and complete any such non-financial returns are may be required by law
5. The Honorary Treasurer shall:-
 - (a) Cause such books of accounts to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of finance of the Club
 - (b) Cause all returns as may be required by law in relation to such accounts to be rendered at the due time
 - (c) Prepare an annual balance sheet as at 30 September in each year and cause such balance sheet (and accounts as necessary) to be audited at least once annually and shall thereafter cause the same to be exhibited at the Club premises at least 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting

6. The Honorary Accountant shall:-

- (a) Be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year
- (b) The Accountant shall audit the accounts and Annual Balance Sheet of the Club when called upon to do so and shall give such certificate of assurance as to the accuracy of the said accounts as shall be require by law or by the Committee
- (c) If the Accountant is unwilling or unable to act the Committee shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the termination of the next Annual General Meeting

Section 3 – Membership

Categories of Membership

7. There shall be the following categories of membership with power to vote at all meetings of the Club as indicated hereunder. The rights and privileges of each category of member are as defined in the latest edition of the By-laws of the Club.

- ADULT MEMBERSHIP – being a person who, at the date of election as a member of LYC, shall have attained the age of 18 years and is not in full time education.
- SPOUSE/COHABITING PARTNER – an adult who resides full time at the same address as the main member.
- A FAMILY MEMBER – being a person who at the date of election shall have attained the age of 18 years together with their co-habiting partner together with any child or children of the family who is/are under the age of 16 or is/are under the age of 21 if in full time education:
 - No membership fee shall be payable for any child under the age of 16
 - No membership fee shall be payable for any child under the age of 21 if in full time education
 - The member and co-habiting partner shall have 1 vote each
- A MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election, shall have attained the age of 18 years. Members shall have one vote each.
- A CADET MEMBER – being a person who, at the date of election, is between the age of 16 and 18 years. A Cadet member over the age of 16 shall have one vote.
- A YOUNG ADULT MEMBER – being a person who, at the date of election over the age of 18 years and under the age of 21 years, and is in full time education. This member shall have one vote.
- AN HONORARY MEMBER – who shall be nominated and elected in the manner described in Rule 47a and shall have one vote.
- A LIFE MEMBER – who shall be nominated in the manner described in Rule 47b and shall have one vote.

Candidates for membership shall have no privileges whatsoever in relation to the use of the Club or premises.

Membership, Entrance and Subscription Fees

8. The rate of Entrance and Subscription fee for each category of membership shall be proposed by the Committee to the members at the Annual General Meeting in each year. Any proposed changes shall be approved by a majority of those present and entitled to vote and shall become operative on the first day of January in the year following. The current rate of Entrance and Subscription charges shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises.

- (a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of yachting on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Membership may however be limited according to available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis
 - (b) Membership subscriptions will be kept at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating
 - (c) The Club Committee may refuse membership or, subject to Rule 18, remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal of membership may be made to the members.
9. All members shall pay a joining fee and their first Annual Subscription upon election to the Club and thereafter on the first day of January in each year. Provided that a member elected after the first day of October in any year shall not be required to pay any subscription in respect of the year of election but shall pay, on election, the Key Deposit and the Annual Subscription in respect of the year following election.
 10. Every member shall furnish the Honorary Treasurer with an up-to-date address which shall be recorded in the Register of Members and any notice sent to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.

Election and Retirement of Members

11. Every candidate for membership (except Honorary and Life Members who shall be nominated by the Committee) shall be proposed and seconded by a member.
12. An application for membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the Committee and shall include the name and address and the signatures of the Proposer and Secunder.
13. Upon receipt of an application for membership, the Honorary Secretary shall enter such applications in a register of candidates and shall cause the application form to be prominently displayed in the Club premises for at least 7 days before the meeting of the Committee at which the application is to be considered. The election of all classes of members is vested in the Management Committee and shall be a simple majority vote of those members present and voting at the relevant meeting of the Management Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall inform each candidate in writing of the candidate's election or non-election. He shall furnish an elected candidate with a copy of the Rules and By-laws of the Club and make request for such payments as are necessary.
14. Upon election a candidate shall pay, within one calendar month, such Entrance and other fees as shall be requested. In default of such payment, the election shall be void unless sufficient cause for delay be shown.
15. A member who, for any reason, anticipates inability to use the Club or its facilities for the whole of any one year shall be excused payment of the annual subscription and other annual fees -provided that notice in writing is given to the Honorary Secretary before the last day of November in the previous year. A member wishing to be re-instated during the year in question shall pay such portion of the annual subscription as the Committee shall require

16. A member desirous of retiring from membership shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the last day of November and shall not then be liable to pay the Subscription for the following year. Upon re-election by a past member, the Committee may, at its discretion, excuse the payment of an Entrance Fee.
17. The Committee may cancel, without notice given, the membership of any member whose Annual Subscription is not paid by 31 March provided that the Committee may, at its discretion, re-instate such member upon payment of arrears. No member whose annual payments are in arrears may enter any Club event or regatta nor vote at any meeting.

Conduct of Members

18. Every member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club Rules and the current By-laws, Regulations and Safety Rules of the Club. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee. Provided that, before expelling a member, the Committee shall call upon such member for a written explanation of the member's conduct and shall give the member full opportunity of making explanation to the Committee, or of resigning. A resolution to expel a member shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Management Committee present and voting on the resolution.

Appeal against expulsion or non-renewal of membership may be made to the members in General Meeting

Upon expulsion of a member, the Committee may dispose of the former member's boat and/or trailer in accordance with Clause 48

19. Members shall enter the names of all guests in the Visitors' Book. Not more than 3 guests may be introduced in any one day and the same guest may not be introduced more than 6 times in any calendar year.
20. A member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon instruction of the Committee.
21. A member shall not cause any communication in whatever form to be exhibited on Club notice boards or premises without the permission of the Honorary Secretary
22. A member shall settle any indebtedness for refreshment or otherwise before leaving the Club premises, or in accordance with any by-law relating to the settlement of such indebtedness
23. All suggestions shall be entered in the Suggestion Book and signed by the member
24. (a) Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the Club premises shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Under no circumstances shall a servant of the Club be personally reprimanded by a member

(b) Complaints of any nature relating to the behaviour of any member of the Club that may be considered detrimental to the Club shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary and such complaints shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 18

25. A member of any Club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association (a list of which is published by the said Association) may be authorised to use the Club by any member of the Committee of the Club. Such authorisation shall specify between which dates (not being more than 14 days apart) the said person may use the premises.
26. Any person who is a participant or crew member in any special event sponsored by or on behalf of the Club is entitled to the use of the Club premises within a period of 24 hours before and after the event in which they are participating
27. The Honorary Secretary or any other person who has received the authority of two members of the Committee may expel, temporarily or permanently, any person who has the right to the use of the Club premises only under Rules 20 and 21

Limitations of Club Liability

28. All references to the Club in this Rule shall mean each and every individual member of the Club from time to time

Members are bound by the following Rule which shall also exhibit in a prominent place within the Club premises:

Members of the Club, their guests or visitors may use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept:-

- (a) The Club will not accept liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club
- (b) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club either sustained by members, their guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the Officers, Committee or servants of the Club

29. Membership of the Club and acceptance of these rules by the member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Acts

Section 4 – Management Committee - Constitution and Procedure

30. The Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) shall consist of the Officers (Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer), ex-officio (President and Retiring Commodore) and up to 9 members of the Club (who have attained the age of 18 years) or 10 members in any year where there is no retiring Commodore standing.
31. Candidates for election to the Committee (not being Officers of the Club) shall be those members of the retiring Committee eligible to offer themselves for re-election and such other members whose nominations (duly proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Club) with their consent

shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year. Such nominations, together with the names of the Proposer and Seconder shall be posted to the Club premises at least 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

32. If the number of candidates, duly proposed and seconded, shall exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the election at the Annual General Meeting shall be held by ballot.
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34. If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled, then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected by the majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election.
35. In the event of the ballot failing to determine the members of the Committee because of an equality of votes the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.
36. If, for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur, the Committee may co-opt a member to fill such a vacancy until the next following Annual General Meeting.
37. A retiring Commodore shall if willing serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee in the year immediately following his retirement.
38. The Committee shall meet at least every 2 months making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Commodore, or in his absence a Chairman elected by those present shall preside
39. Voting (except in the case of a resolution relating to the expulsion of a member) shall be by a show of hands. In the case of an equality to votes, the Commodore or the Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.
40. Five members personally present shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.
41. At any EGM of the Club members are permitted to cast their vote either, by proxy in writing to the Commodore or any other Committee Member they may wish to appoint, or by postal vote provided such postal vote in writing is received by the Honorary Secretary at the address of the Club no later than the day of the Meeting, or by attending the meeting and raising the hand in the normal way.

Powers of the Committee

42. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and shall cause the funds of the Club to be applied solely to the objects of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by General Meeting.
43. The Committee shall make such By-laws and Regulations as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises for 14 days before the date of implementation. Such By-laws and Regulations shall remain in force until approved or set aside by a vote at a General Meeting of the Club.

44. The Committee may appoint such Sub-committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate such of its powers as it may think fit upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed expedient and/or required by law. Such Sub-committees shall consist of such members of the Committee or of the Club as the Committee may think fit. Officers of the Club shall be ex-officio members of all such Sub-committees.
45. A member of the Committee, of any Sub-committee or any Officer of the Club, in transacting business of the Club, shall disclose to third parties that he is so acting.
46. The Committee, or any person or Sub-committee delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its members, shall enter into contracts only so far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication by the members. No one shall without the express authority of the membership in General Meeting borrow money or incur debts on behalf of the Club or its membership.
47. (a) In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by the members of the Club, members of the Committee and the Trustees are entitled to be indemnified by members of the Club against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club.

The limit of an individual member's liability in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate for that category of membership unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limited by a General Meeting of the Club.

(b)The Committee shall endeavour to ensure that the following clause is incorporated in every contract, lease, licence or other agreement entered into by the Committee and/or Trustees of the Club as appropriate.

The liability of the Committee/Trustees for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club.

48. The Committee may nominate for election at an Annual General Meeting such Honorary members as the Committee may think fit. The total of such Honorary members shall not, however, at any time exceed 5% of the total number of members.
 - (a) The election of Honorary members shall be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting each year and such Honorary members shall be duly elected if the majority of those present and entitled to vote, vote in favour of election
 - (b) The Committee may nominate for election at the Annual General Meeting not more than three Life Members who have given long and loyal service to the Club. Provided that they have been subscribing members throughout the ten years immediately preceding their election and are of the age of 65 years or over. The total number of Life Members shall not exceed three at any one time
49. If, at any time, any fees payable to the Club by any member or former member (whether by way of arrears of subscription or facilities fees, dinghy park fees or otherwise) shall be one month or more in arrears and a boat and/or trailer the property of a member or former member remains upon the Club premises then the member or former member shall remove the boat and/or trailer from the

Club immediately. If the member or former member fails to remove the boat and/or trailer then the Committee may:-

- (a) Move the boat and/or trailer to any part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused
- (b) Give three months' notice in writing by registered post to the member or former member at his last known address as shown in the Club Register and thereafter sell the boat and/or trailer and deduct any moneys due to the Club from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member
- (c) Alternatively, if the boat and/or trailer is un-saleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the boat and/or trailer 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

The Club reserves the right to charge storage for the boat and/or trailer until such time as the owner collects the boat and/or trailer or until notice has been served under clause (b) above

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 boat and/or trailer 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

Purchase and Supply of Excisable Goods

50. The purchase for the Club of excisable goods and the supply of the same upon Club premises shall be exclusively and solely under the control of the Committee, or of a special Sub-committee appointed by the Committee

Alcoholic liquor may only be sold for consumption on the Club premises to persons over the age of 18 who are entitled to use the Club premises in pursuance of the Rules, By-laws and Regulations for the time being in force. No Cadet Member under the age of 18 may purchase or attempt to purchase Alcoholic liquor within the Club premises nor may a Cadet member under the age of 18 purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco or cigarettes within the Club premises

51. The Club shall be opened at convenient times at the direction of the Committee for the sale of Alcoholic liquor to the persons who are entitled to the use of the premises of the Club bar in pursuance of these Rules (except Cadet Members as aforesaid). The Club bar shall be opened only within the following hours at the discretion of the Committee:-

On Weekdays other than Christmas Day and Good Friday 11.00am until 11.00pm
On Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday 12.00 noon until 3.00pm and 7.00pm until 10.30pm

Members of other Yacht Clubs or Associations shall be entitled to purchase Alcoholic liquor when visiting the Club premises

All other visitors to the Club may have access to the Club bar, provided that their names and addresses and the name of their introducer shall have been entered in the Visitors' Book upon entry to the Club premises

52. No person shall take a commission, percentage or such payment in connection with the purchase of excisable goods for the Club. Any profit deriving from the sale of such goods shall (after deduction of the costs of providing such goods for the benefit of the club) be applied to the provision of additional amenities or the purchase of property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Club.
53. Proper accounts of all purchases and receipts shall be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such information as the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Accountant may require shall be furnished to enable any statutory return or statement and the payment of excise or other duty or tax to be made

Section 5 – Meetings of the Club (AGM's and EGM's)

54. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of October on a date to be fixed by the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall at least 14 days before the date of such meeting post or deliver to each member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat
55. No business, except the passing of the accounts and the election of Officers, Committee and Honorary Accountant and any business that the Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting shall be discussed at such meeting unless notice thereof be given in writing by a member entitled to vote to the Honorary Secretary before 1 September
56. The Committee may at any time, upon giving 21 days notice in writing, call a General Meeting of the Club (EGM) for any special business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting, and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to members
57. The Committee shall similarly call a General Meeting upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary by one fifth of the membership, or 30 members, whichever is the least. The Committee shall give 21 days notice in writing of any such Special General Meeting The discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to the members
58. At every meeting of the Club the President or the Commodore or, in their absence, a Chairman elected by those present shall preside
59. Fifteen members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Club
60. Voting, except upon the election of members of the Committee, shall be by a show of hands
61. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote on any matter other than the election of members of the Committee
62. On any resolution properly put to a meeting of the Club relating to the creation, repeal or amendment of any Rule, By-law or Regulation of the Club, such Rules, By-laws or Regulations shall

not be created, repealed or amended except by a simple majority vote of those present and entitled to vote.

Section 6 – Trustees

63. There shall be at least two and not more than four Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary at a General Meeting of the Club on the recommendation of the Management Committee from among Full or Honorary Members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his lifetime or until he shall resign, by notice given in writing to the Committee, or until a resolution removing him from office shall be passed at a General Meeting of the Club by a simple majority of the members present and entitled to vote
64. All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their names so far as is necessary and practicable, on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Trustee, the Club at a General Meeting shall appoint a new Trustee in his place, and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after such appointment. The Honorary Secretary for the time being shall, for the purpose of giving effect to such appointment within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925, confirmed by Deed of Appointment of the person or persons made by the meeting
65. The Trustees shall in all respects act in regard to the property held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Committee, and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property so held for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions (which shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee) but no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given
66. The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Committee out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them in the exercise of their duties or in relation to any property of the Club vested in them, or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club

Section 7 – Miscellaneous

67. The Burgee of the Club shall be the letters LYC following the heraldic ship of the port of Lydney either in blue on a white background or in white on a blue background

Section 8 – Dissolution of the Club

68. If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, including the repayment of any unspent grant to be made to a grant making body, any assets whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Club but shall be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes. Only the following purposes may be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the dissolution: for the purposes of the Royal Yachting Association for use in related community sport, or for the purposes of another Community Amateur Sports Club, or for the purposes of a charity.

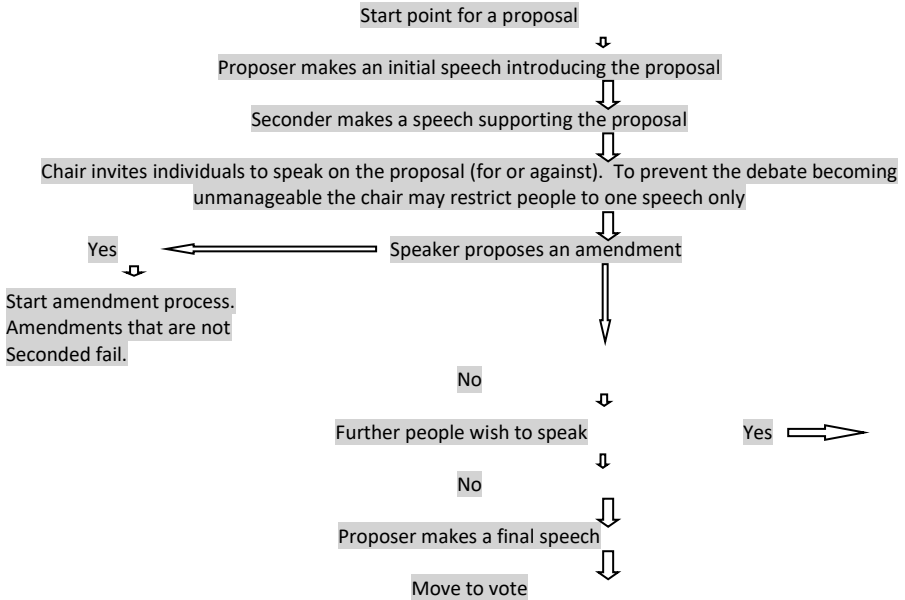
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Lydney Yacht Club – By-laws and Regulations

This document lists the by-laws currently in force within Lydney Yacht Club.

1.1 Voting Procedures

The following diagram explains the procedures that will be followed during debates during club meetings. The procedure will allow a fair hearing of all sides of the argument and enables amendments to be made to the proposal.



Notes:

- In a general meeting a proposal from the Committee need not be seconded.
- When an amendment is proposed to a substantive proposal already being discussed, the vote on the amendment changes the text of the substantive proposal which may then be further debated, amended and finally voted on.

1.2 Committee Spending Limits

In pursuance of their duties, members of the Committee may commit the Club to expenditure within the following limits of authority:

Up to £100	Approval by the Treasurer
Up to £100 to £250	A by the Treasurer and one other Officer of the Club
Over £250	Approval by the Committee

All cheques written from the Club Accounts will require 2 authorising signatures

1.3 Child Protection Policy

Children are the sole responsibility of their parents.

1.4 Members Benefits and Responsibilities

Membership of Lydney Yacht Club provides members with a number of benefits and involves members accepting a number of responsibilities.

1.4.1 Dinghy Hire

The Club boats available for hire are to be booked through the Sailing Secretary. They may be used for training, racing and cruising.

1.4.2 Boat Storage & Slippage Rules

1.4.2.1 The suitability of any boat proposed to be sailed from and/or stored at the club is entirely at the discretion of the Management Committee, and is to be supervised by the Rear Commodore.

1.4.2.2 When applying for boat storage space in the compound, the member making the request must make clear their intentions (Boat in Use, Project Progressing or Storage of Boat not in Commission).

1.4.2.3 All boats stored at the club will be subject to an individual storage fee.

1.4.2.4 All boat skippers are responsible for their own launch and recovery and must ensure they have the means to safely launch and recover before approaching the slip with their boat.

Boat Storage Guidance

Road Trailers will only be subject to fees when they are stored at the club without a boat which has already been subject to a storage charge. Launching trolleys which can be stacked are not subject to an additional fee.

Emergency and short term storage is available following application to the Management Committee (See Rule B.4.2.1). Pro Rata fees will apply.

If new members, or existing member request storage part way through the year pro rata fees will apply.

Winter Storage where applicable is October – March inclusive.

All Boats and Empty Trailers must display a valid storage sticker.

A “Boat in Use” must be launched at least annually.

A “Project Progressing” boat will be given a maximum of two years to complete before additional “Boats not in Commission” fees apply. This will not be retrospective for current boats stored in the compound.

Appeals regarding individual storage decisions can be made to the Management Committee.

1.5 Regulations for Use of Slipway

- a) The slipway may only be used by members of Lydney Yacht Club and other authorised bodies except in the case of an emergency
- b) When there is a conflict of interest on the slipway, dinghies will take precedence
- c) Members of the public may use the slipway for launch and retrieval of craft on the payment of a fee of £10
- d) Members of the Club may use the slipway and leaning posts to carry out essential repair or maintenance work for a period of one week without charge, thereafter a charge of £1 per day shall be levied for a short extension period to be agreed by the Club Officers beyond which the charge shall be £5 per day
- e) The Vice Commodore is responsible for controlling the use of the slipway and no member may use the slipway for boat repair without agreement of the Vice Commodore.

1.6 Equipment Storage

Members may make use of limited shared storage areas for storing sailing equipment. The storage of explosive, flammable or other potentially hazardous items is not permitted e.g. gas canisters, petrol cans, batteries etc.

1.7 Responsibilities

General Responsibilities

- a) All boats stored at the Club or participating in a Club event shall have Third Party Insurance to the value of at least £2 million. Any committee member may ask to see the Certificate of Insurance.
- b) All vehicles entering the Club compound must be maintained in a road legal condition.
- c) Members parking vehicles in the compound should do so with due consideration for other members. If asked by a member of Committee to move their vehicle members should do so immediately. Members leaving their vehicle for an extended period should ensure that they do not block other vehicles or boats.
- d) Any member manoeuvring a vehicle within the compound is to have Third Party Insurance suitable for the purpose.
- e) Any member discovering something that might endanger either person or property must report it to a Committee member without delay.

1.8 Duties

Members are required to carry out sailing duties (OOD, Safety Boat Helm and Crew). If a member is unable to attend their specified duties they are responsible for finding a suitable replacement.

Members are also asked to participate in work parties arranged to maintain the clubhouse and compound.

1.9 Use of Electrical Power

Within the Club Compound

The following restrictions apply to the use of electrical power within the compound:

- a) When using trailing cables members should take all appropriate precautions to avoid creating trip hazards
- b) Members should be aware of the hazards of using power tools, especially when there are children in and around the compound

- c) No live electrical cables should be left unattended

Dockside

Use of electrical power at the dockside is restricted by the health and safety policies of the Environment Agency and Club rules are designed to comply with those policies

1. Members must seek permission in writing from the Committee to use the Club electrical supply beyond the perimeter of the compound. The Committee may impose additional restriction on a case by case basis.
2. Any electrical supply beyond the perimeter of the compound must be stepped down to 110v
3. Any cables crossing pathways should be covered by an appropriate cover to prevent a trip hazard
4. No live electrical cables should be left unattended

1.9 Dinghy Sailing Rules

The following sailing rules must be complied with by all dinghies when participating in club events.

- The skipper of each craft is responsible for observing safety precautions
- All dinghies should have adequate buoyancy
- Lifejackets or buoyancy aids with attached whistles must be worn
- Paddles (oars) and bailers must be carried and attached to the hull
- Suitable flares must be carried and only used if assistance is required
- A lone dinghy must carry means of communicating with shore
- All dinghies whether racing or not, must sign the race sheet when racing is being carried out. Dinghies not racing should put their details on the bottom of the sheet separate from the racing dinghies. The OOD should notify the Safety Boat Helm of all the dinghies on the water
- No one under the age of 14 years may act as Skipper of a craft
- Club Officers, Sailing Secretary, Safety Officer or Officer of the day may prevent racing if prevailing forecast conditions or craft are considered unsafe
- A certificate of third party insurance must be held for all craft
- Adequate protective clothing appropriate for seasonal or forecast conditions should be worn