

Club Rules (revised April 2026)

1. Members may sail monohulls less than 5m (16.4ft) overall with PYR 1000 and above, at all times except during Fleet Open Meetings or when either diving is in progress and/or triathletes are training in the water. Dinghies wishing to cruise during club racing should consult the Race Officer (OOD) before going afloat and cooperate with any guidance. Faster monohulls may be sailed under supervision at special Training Events subject to prior consultation/approval of the Sailing Committee.

2. Members may sail sailboards at all times except during Fleet Open Meetings, dinghy racing or when either diving is in progress and/or triathletes are training in the water. Paddleboards may be used at specified times – see Paddleboard Protocol for guidance on this.

3. The only other craft permitted on the Club water are Club standby rowing/motor boats. A standby rowing boat (green boat in lower dinghy park) is available. The club motor boat may be used only as directed by the supervising member at training sessions or the OOD on race days.

4. The main gate leading to the Club's premises must remain locked except for the period when a car or trailer is passing through. Members on entering or leaving the Club's premises are responsible, individually, for seeing the lock is secure as soon as their vehicle has passed over this section of roadway.

5. Dinghy / Sailboard parks and Clubhouse must be locked securely and remain locked whenever unoccupied or unattended. Padlocks must NEVER be hooked on anywhere UNCLASPED. This particularly applies when boats are on the foreshore or on the water, leaving Club Member's property unattended.

6. The Club slips and foreshore must be kept clear of obstructions, and space must be left on jetties and foreshore for craft still sailing to come ashore safely. Cars must not be parked on the foreshore at busy times such as race days and open days. Fishing is not permitted around the Club jetties and beaches, but might be encountered elsewhere: care must, therefore, be taken near the shores.

7. Every craft must be registered with the Club, and must have adequate buoyancy and third party insurance liability (minimum £3m) with current certificates/endorsements as applicable.

8. Club Boats.

a. Club boats can be used at Wednesday & Saturday training sessions with the supervision of experienced sailors.

b. Club boats should not be used at other times unless members are proficient and familiar with the rigging of such boats. The club advises that it is always safer to have a 'buddy' system – with another sailor on the water, or able to be so, in the event of any difficulty experienced by a sailor.

c. Capsizing boats should only be done deliberately if part of a supervised capsizing and righting training exercise.

d. All damage to club boats should be notified by posting on Who's Sailing (WhatsApp) or emailing the rear commodore.

9. All Members and their guests must wear adequate personal buoyancy when on the water and on the jetty. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy. It is the sole responsibility of the parents who allow their children to go afloat to ensure they are properly equipped with personal buoyancy and are able to swim 25 metres.

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There are club-owned buoyancy aids available on site. Appropriate sizing and fitting should be observed.

10. **Wetsuits and Drysuits.** Cold water shock and hypothermia are two significant risks after capsizing, particularly when water temperature is 15 degrees Celsius or below. The club strongly recommends that members wear wetsuits or drysuits when on the water, particularly between October and May. See the online RYA advice on 'Cold Water Shock'

11. Children under the age of 18 years may only sail when supervised by a parent or by an adult nominated by a parent of the child.

12. **Members' guests** will be allowed six sailing visits annually.

13. Racing will take place under the current World Sailing Racing Rules, the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules and the club's current Sailing Instructions/Racing Rules.

14. The Sailing Committee will appoint an Officer of the Day (OOD) and other officials required to supervise the sailing programme. It is requested that every Member of the Club should comply with the directions given by these officials to facilitate the free movement of crews and boats on the limited area of the foreshore. If mooring on the jetty take care to provide space for other boats that are returning to moor there.

15. The right of way rules for the prevention of collisions when sailing contained in the World Sailing's 'Racing Rules of Sailing' will apply at all times to all craft.

16. **Anglers** belonging to the licenced organization are entitled to fish at the Blue Lagoon when there is no racing. The licence for fishing states -

'No fishing by members of the angling organization will be allowed during the following periods:

- i) NH&EBSC Public Open days (normally 2 per year - May & August)
- ii) During any period in which dinghy racing as per the NH&EBSC published programme is taking place.'

It also states 'NH&EBSC will direct its members to take all reasonable precautions to avoid disturbing fishermen and their equipment during other times. Helmsmen and crews of all craft sailing on the Club's waters must at all times maintain a sharp lookout for fishermen's lines.'

17. Everyone is expected to help in preserving the Club's pleasant surroundings by making sure that rubbish of every kind is removed from the Club's premises and surroundings (including the water).

18. **Dogs** must be kept under control so as not to cause a nuisance. Owners are required to remove any fouling by their dogs from the premises.

19. The Management Committee may reallocate dinghy / sailboard park spaces and move craft accordingly.