



# **CAM SAILING CLUB**

*Founded 1899*

**RULES, BYELAWS**

**AND**

**CUP REGULATIONS**

# CAM SAILING CLUB RULES

- 1           The Club shall be called the 'Cam Sailing Club'.
  
- 2           (a)   The objects of the Club shall be to encourage the building, improvement and sailing of small boats and to promote social interaction between members.  
             (b)   The Club shall be a non-profit making organisation.  
             (c)   If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Club. The Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
  - (i)   to a sailing charity and/or
  - (ii)  to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and/or
  - (iii) to the sport's national governing body for use by it for related community sports.
  
- 3           The Club Flag shall be a burgee with two yellow triangles in the hoist and a red diamond in the fly with a yellow 'C' in the centre.
  
- 4           (a)   Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of sailing 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)   Application for membership shall be made by sending to the Membership Secretary a form provided by the Club, properly completed, together with the Entrance Fee and the Subscription payable for the current year. The Membership Secretary shall present the application to the next Committee meeting. The election of all classes of members is vested in the Committee and shall be a simple majority vote of those of the Committee. In the event of refusal of membership, the Entrance Fee and Subscription shall be returned forthwith to the applicant.  
             (d)   The Committee may refuse applications only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or Sport into disrepute.

- (e) The Membership Secretary shall inform each applicant in writing of the applicant's election or non-election. An elected applicant shall be furnished with a copy of the Rules and Byelaws of the Club.
- (f) Appeal against refusal of membership may be made to the Members in General Meeting.
- (g) Every candidate for membership shall pay an Entrance Fee equal to the annual subscription, with the exception that no Entrance Fee shall be payable by any Junior of the Club when elected a Young Adult Member.
- (h) A Member of the Club shall belong to one of the categories defined below and shall pay an annual subscription, determined by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting, appropriate to that category.

<b>Adult Member</b>	A person 25 years of age or over on 1 <sup>st</sup> September in the current Club year.
<b>Young Adult Member</b>	A person 18 to 24 years of age on 1 <sup>st</sup> September in the current Club year.
<b>Family Members</b>	A husband and wife, or two partners living at the same address, both being Members.
<b>Country Member</b>	A Member whose permanent place of residence is situated outside a radius of 40 miles (64 kilometres) from the Club premises at Waterbeach, and who applies to the Committee for Country Membership.
<b>Family Junior</b>	A person aged under 18 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> September in the current Club year whose parent is a Club member.
<b>Junior Member</b>	A person aged under 18 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> September in the current Club year for whom an Adult Member / Family Member / Country Member stands 'in loco parentis'.
<b>Block Membership</b>	A group of persons from an organisation.
<b>Honorary Member</b>	A person other than an existing Member. Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Committee and shall expire when specified by the Committee but not later than 31 <sup>st</sup> December of the year in which it is conferred.
<b>Honorary Life Member</b>	A Member elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Club, the candidate having been nominated by the Committee.

- (i) The annual subscription shall be payable on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Prospective members applying after 1<sup>st</sup> October shall have their subscriptions carried through to the following year. Any Member whose subscription is in arrears on 31<sup>st</sup> May may be debarred from the benefits of membership and from using the Club grounds and premises until the subscription for the current Club year has been paid.
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- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary (or Secretaries), Sailing Secretary and Treasurer (who shall be called the Officers) and eight Members. The quorum at Committee meetings shall be nine. Two Club members may be elected to the Office of Secretary, acting as Joint Secretaries with power for each Joint Secretary to vote at Committee meetings.
  - (b) The Committee shall have power to make Byelaws or issue Orders which in its judgment provide for the comfort and welfare of Club members generally and the successful management of Club business. The Committee shall fix conditions for Block Membership and subscriptions for each group and it shall determine the fees to be paid by Club members for moorings, bungalow or caravan site rents and other dues and privileges.
  - (c) The Committee shall hold a meeting within six weeks of the Annual General Meeting and shall appoint such subcommittees and officials as shall be necessary for the efficient running of the Club. Thereafter, the Committee shall meet at least eight times in the year.
  - (d) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy which may occur in its numbers, however arising. Such appointments shall be effective until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.
  - (e) Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the Club shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary.
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- (a) The Club year shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> November. The Officers and other persons forming the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held before 16<sup>th</sup> December. Those elected hold office until the following Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election.
  - (b) The Club accounts shall be subject to review prior to presentation at the Annual General Meeting. The Reviewers shall:
    - (i) Be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall be two appropriately experienced persons other than the Treasurer or Committee member.

- (ii) The Reviewers shall review the Club accounts and shall give such certificate of assurance as to the accuracy of the said accounts as shall be required by the Committee.
  - (iii) If a Reviewer is unwilling or unable to act, they must inform the Committee who shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the termination of the next Annual General Meeting.
  
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  - (a) The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting when any question of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a written request stating the reason for the request and signed by at least six adult members of the Club.
  - (b) The date of the Annual General Meeting shall be included in the Club fixture list and at least 14 days' notice of any General Meeting shall be sent by letter to the address in the Club Register of every Member. The letter shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting and the agenda.
  - (c) Any resolutions, business or proceeding at a General Meeting of the Club, or of the Club Committee shall not be invalidated by reason of the fact that the Secretary or other person responsible to call the said meeting shall have accidentally omitted to send a notice thereof to any Member entitled to receive such notice.
  - (d) No rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered and no new rule or subscription change (excepting Block Membership subscriptions) made save by a simple majority vote of the Members present at a General Meeting. One calendar month's written notice of a proposed new rule, proposed alteration to an existing rule or proposed subscription change shall be given to the Secretary, who shall send notice of the same to the address in the Club Register of every Member at least 14 days before the General Meeting. Amendments to proposals for changes to rules or subscription rates will be accepted at a General Meeting at the discretion of the Chairman.
  - (e) All Club Members (excepting those forming a Block Membership, Family Juniors, Juniors and Honorary Members) present at a General Meeting shall be entitled to vote. The Chairman of a General Meeting or a Committee Meeting shall have a personal vote and an additional casting vote.
  
- 8 The Real Property of the Club shall be vested in three Trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee, such appointments to be approved at a General Meeting of the Club. Such Trustees shall respectively hold office until resignation, removal or death. The power of appointing new Trustees shall be vested in the Committee for the time being, subject to approval as aforesaid.

The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property of the Club 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.

In pursuance of the authority vested in the Trustees by the members of the Club, the Trustees shall be indemnified by the members of the Club out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses or payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them or any one of them in the exercise of their duties or 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.

Should the assets of the Club be insufficient to satisfy such liability, costs, expenses or payments the Trustees shall be entitled to a personal indemnity from the individual members of the Club. The limit of any individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate of that category of membership unless the Trustees have been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club.

All or any of the Trustees may be removed by, and at, any General Meeting of the Club on recommendation of the Committee and notice thereof (if possible) being previously given to the offending Trustee or Trustees. The Trustees as such, shall not be ex-officio members of the Committee.

- 9 All prizes and property of the Club, other than Real Property, shall be vested in the Officers of the Club.
- 10 Unless specifically requested by the Committee for Club use, a Member's property brought to the Club grounds and premises shall be the responsibility of the Member.

- 11 A Member or guest 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 Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.
- 12 Every Member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and undertakes to comply with, the Club Rules and any Byelaws and Cup Regulations of the Club.
- 13 Any breach of Rule 12 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 disciplinary action by the Committee, which may include suspension for a specified period of time, or expulsion.

Before taking such disciplinary action against 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 to explain their conduct to the Committee, or to resign.

A resolution to apply any sanction shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Committee present and voting on the resolution. Appeal against suspension/expulsion may be made to the Members in General Meeting.

Upon suspension/expulsion the Member/former Member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded and must return any Club trophy or trophies held immediately.

Upon expulsion of a Member, the Committee may dispose of the former Member's boat and/or trailer in accordance with Rule 14.

- 14 If, at any time, any subscriptions payable to the Club by any Member or former Member shall be three months or more in arrears and/or a boat and/or trailer the property of a Member or former Member remains upon the Club premises one month or more after the Club has given the Member or former Member notice to remove the vessel 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 monies 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 unsaleable, 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.
- (d) 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 Rule (b) above.

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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, if the Club is unable to account to the Member or former Member for the balance of the proceeds of sale pursuant to Rule (b) above then the balance of the proceeds of sale 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.

- 15 In addition to Rule 14 the Club shall at all times have a lien over members' or former members' boats and/or trailers parked on the Club's premises in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of subscriptions or otherwise and shall be entitled to retain possession of the boat and/or trailer until such time as all monies due to the Club have been paid in full.

**Limitation of Club liability**

- 16 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 be exhibited in a prominent place within the Club premises:  
Members of the Club 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 any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to Members.
- (b) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, any other facilities of the Club either sustained by Members or caused by the said Members 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, Trustees or Servants of the Club.

17 The Members acknowledge that these Rules constitute a legally binding contract to regulate the relationship of the Members with each other and the Club.

## **CAM SAILING CLUB BYELAWS**

- 1 The Senior Committee Member of the Club present upon the Club grounds shall have power to deal with any special circumstances which may arise and which in his/her opinion call for immediate action to preserve the comfort and welfare of Members and the amenities of the Club.
- 2 Prospective members who have paid the appropriate subscriptions and fees and completed the relevant application form shall be allowed to use the Club facilities as if they had been elected to membership until the date of the next Committee meeting and shall abide by Rule 12. Such persons shall not be allowed to introduce guests to the Club. Should a prospective member not be subsequently elected by the Committee all points accrued in races shall be withdrawn.
- 3 A Member may introduce guests to the Club grounds on entering the guests' names in the visitors' book. No person shall be introduced to the Club grounds as a guest on more than four days during any one year. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests comply with the Rules and Byelaws of the Club.
- 4 All boats must have the Third Party insurance cover required by the Committee.
- 5 A Member shall not bring a boat that has not been approved by the Committee on to the Club grounds without the prior permission of an Officer of the Club. Such permission to be reviewed at the next Committee meeting. A visitor to the Club shall not bring a boat on to the Club grounds without the prior permission of the Committee except under the provisions of Byelaw 6.
- 6 A vessel on passage on the River Cam flying the burgee of a recognised Yacht Club may be invited by a Committee member to use the Club facilities without charge.
- 7 Club boats are available for use by Members and should be signed out in the book on the signing on table in the Clubhouse before the boats are rigged. For safety reasons these must not be used in winds above Force 4 (check anemometer in the Clubhouse) without permission of a Committee member and must not be on the water during the hours of darkness. Anyone taking out a Club boat must wear a buoyancy aid. Boats are to be returned to their berthing positions as marked by the signs. Enterprise, Versa and Mirror dinghies to be tied down.

Sails are stored in the downstream shed, right hand side; they should be rolled and returned after use. Note: the Enterprise, Versa and Mirror sails are stored in the boats. Any defects or breakages must also be recorded in the book, together with the date and your name.

- 8 Boats or boat gear are not allowed in the Clubhouse.
- 9 A dinghy berthed ashore shall be secured to the ground in a way that will prevent it being blown over and causing damage to other craft and/or property.
- 10 All boats, boat gear, trolleys and trailers left on the Club grounds, including in the storage sheds, must be clearly marked with owners' names, and the boat number if a class dinghy.
- 11 On days when Club racing is held, dinghies afloat should not be left unattended within 18 metres of either slipway, between half an hour before and after racing.
- 12 The Berthing Subcommittee shall, subject to the general direction of the Club Committee, in each year allocate permanent berths for all boats moored or kept at the Club.
- 13 A list showing all current fees shall be exhibited on the Clubhouse notice board.
- 14 No tent shall be erected on the Club grounds except with the consent of a Committee member. The Grounds Committee will determine where all tents shall be erected.
- 15 No caravan shall be on Club grounds except with the written consent of the Committee. The Grounds Committee shall have the authority to request temporary re-siting. The Committee expects that caravan length shall not exceed 7 metres (excluding towbar).
- 16 Cars must not be driven onto the Club lawns except with the permission of a Committee member on each and every occasion. Cars are permitted to stand at the end of the track for such period as is reasonable for loading and unloading. Cars must be kept in the car park at all other times.
- 17 No dogs are permitted on the Club grounds unless on a lead. Dogs are not permitted in the Clubhouse or on the verandah.

- 18 Fire hoses are only to be used for firefighting. The standpipe adjacent to the sheds and by the main gate may be used for boat washing.
- 19 The electricity supply to the Clubhouse is intended for use in that building alone and may not be extended outside, except with the permission of a Committee member. The supply in the upstream storage shed is available to Members for use inside or outside the shed when Club demands on the supply will permit it. Extension leads must be made easily noticeable and removed immediately after use.
- 20 The use by Members of personal audio-visual equipment and the like is only permitted on the Club grounds if it does not disturb other members.
- 21 Playing pool is permitted in the Clubhouse, but not on any day when there is a Club function or before 6.00pm on any race day. Equipment must be left in a neat and tidy condition and the table covered after use.
- 22 Smoking is not permitted in the Clubhouse, verandah, boat storage sheds or starters box.

**By Order of the Committee**

***C. Lindon***

**Hon. Secretary**

## GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING CUPS AND TROPHIES

- 1 All cups and trophies shall be the perpetual property of the Cam Sailing Club and shall not be won outright.
- 2 All cups and trophies shall be insured by the Committee.
- 3 Cups and trophies, with the exception of the Alderman Priest Trophy, shall be sailed for annually in boats that are the *bona fide* property of the Cam Sailing Club or its Members.
- 4 The owner or owners of a winning boat receiving a cup or trophy shall return same in good order and condition to the Honorary Sailing Secretary of the Cam Sailing Club for the time being, on or before a date to be determined by the Committee.
- 5 The Committee shall have power also to demand the return of a cup or trophy at any time should it consider it advisable to do so.
- 6 The entry of a boat in a race for any cup or trophy covered by these regulations shall be deemed to be acceptance by its owner of these conditions.
- 7 A boat helmed by a non-member may race but shall receive no points or trophies.
- 8 All boats racing must have a valid certificate of measurement showing current buoyancy and class membership where applicable.
- 9 Only boats for which a current Portsmouth Number is published or a provisional Portsmouth Number allocated by the Race Committee may compete; upper and lower limits will be set by the Sailing Committee.
- 10 All regulations and conditions governing races for cups and trophies will be decided annually by the Sailing Committee.

## SPECIFIC REGULATIONS GOVERNING CUPS AND TROPHIES

### CRUISER CLASS TROPHIES

*The Fachney Trophies*

*The Macfarlane Cup*

*The Lumbard Cup*

*The Macfarlane Pennant*

*The Schofield Cup*

Entries are to be accepted subject to agreement by the Cruiser Representative in conjunction with the Sailing Committee. Helms shall be members of the Cam Sailing Club. Crews need not be members of the Cam Sailing Club.

### DINGHY TROPHIES

*The Cam and Granta Cups*

All helms and crews must be members of a sailing club on the Rivers Cam or Ouse or adjacent land-locked waters, and all boats entered must be owned by members of these clubs. Boats owned by these clubs and sailed by members of these clubs are also eligible to enter. The Sailing Committee has discretionary powers enabling it to invite other clubs to participate. The Sailing Committee shall determine the relevant classes of boats eligible to enter.

*The American Cup* shall be awarded annually to the highest placed Cam Sailing Club entrant in the overall Cambridgeshire Youth Sailing League events as long as circumstances permit. Alternatively, the Sailing Committee may allocate this trophy for other purposes.

For the cups and trophies below general paragraph 10 governing cups and trophies, applies.

*The Banham Cup*

*The Cam Cannon*

*The Cam Coffee Pot*

*The Cam Shield*

*The Charity Cup*

*The Doctors' Cup*

*The Frostbite Spoon*

*The Foundling Cup*

*The Goodman Cup*

*The Jane Lane Award*

*The Ladies Cup*

*The Leaf Cup*

*The Merlin Challenge / Cam Bowl*

*The Munro Quaich*

*The Paget Cup*

*The Piggott Cup*

*The Pitteway Salver*

*The Porcher Cup*

*The Stanley Evans Cup*

*The Thirty Eight Cup*

*The Whitehead Memorial Plate*

*The Young Helm Cup*

***The Pye Gold Cup*** – Awarded annually to the helm achieving the most overall points for selected series and cup races.

***The Philip Nunn Memorial Trophy*** – Awarded annually to the junior member achieving the most overall points for selected series and cup races.

***The Alderman Priest Trophy***

The Committee has decided that the trophy shall be awarded annually to a Member of the Cam Sailing Club or to the captain of an officially sponsored Club team, who in the opinion of the Committee, acting on the advice of the Adjudication Committee (the constitution of which is detailed below), has achieved noteworthy success in sailing activities, other than those sailed on our own waters, during the previous twelve months.

The winner shall hold the trophy until the month of October of the year following presentation.

If in the opinion of the Adjudication Committee there has been no attainment of sufficient merit to justify presentation of the trophy, then it may be decided to recommend that the trophy shall not be awarded in respect of that particular year.

The Adjudication Committee shall consist of:

The Commodore

The Flag Officer I/c Sailing

The Sailing Secretary

