



## ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB BYE-LAWS

### **B 1 CLUB PREMISES**

B1.1 During the summer the clubhouse will be open daily from 0900 – 2300 hours.

### **B 2 BAR**

B 2.1 One or other bar (sometimes both) will be open during the summer months as follows:

Monday to Saturday 1200-1430 hours and 1800-2300 hours

Sunday 1200-1530 hours and 1800-2300 hours

From Friday through to Sunday from mid July until the end of August the bar will remain open all day.

B 2.2 The Hudleston Bar will be open during the winter months as follows:

Monday Closed

Tuesday to Thursday 1200-1430 hours and 1800-2100 hours

Friday 1200-1430 hours

B 2.3 The Upstairs Bar will be open during the winter months as follows:

Friday 1800-2300 hours

Saturday 1200-1430 hours and 1800-2300 hours

Sunday 1200-1530 hours

B 2.3 On quiet evenings the bar may close earlier than the above advertised times.

B 2.4 Variations for special occasions will be posted on the notice board and website.

### **B 3 CATERING**

B 3.1 Catering opening hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday 1200-1400 hours

Wednesday 1200-1400 hours and 1930-2100 hours

Thursday and Friday 1200-1400 hours and 1830-2030 hours

Saturday 1200-1400 hours and 1830-2030 hours

Sunday 1200-1430 hours

B 3.2 Winter catering hours are as follows:

Monday Closed

Tuesday and Wednesday 1200-1400 hours

Thursday and Friday 1200-1400 hours and 1800-2030 hours

Saturday 1200-1400 hours and 1800-2030 hours

Sunday 1200-1430 hour

B 3.3 Only food purchased from the Club may be eaten on the premises, with the exception of baby food and special needs food, unless prior permission has been obtained from the Secretary.

## **B 4 SMOKING**

Smoking is only permitted on the colonnade and on the lawn. It is not permitted anywhere else in the clubhouse or in the clubhouse grounds, which includes both balconies. The same rules apply to e-cigarettes. Rolled cigarettes may only be made in the permitted smoking areas as outlined above.

## **B 5 DRESS**

B 5.1 The General Committee does not wish to impose rigid dress rules but does consider that members and visitors should observe a reasonable standard of dress and cleanliness, appropriate to the occasion.

B 5.2 Those whose dress does not conform may be asked by a flag officer or general committee member to adopt an appropriate form of dress or leave the Club. The Steward has the discretion to refuse service to an individual who is inappropriately dressed.

B 5.3 The dress code for eating and drinking in the dining room, West Room or either bar is Smart Casual (See B5.5) or as stated in the notice for a particular event.

B 5.4 The following are examples of inappropriate dress:

- a. Wet, dirty or torn clothing, overalls, overcoats and oilskins.
- b. Singlets or sleeveless shirts (male) or clothing with inappropriate slogans.
- c. Swimming clothing or naked torsos.
- d. Bare feet or inappropriate footwear.
- e. Hats or caps for gentlemen.
- f. Coats should be left on the secure hangers provided in the cloakrooms. They are not to be piled on tables upstairs nor heaped on the floor, but the owner may leave their own on the back of the chair on which they are sitting. This rule may be relaxed during the winter weather when the wearing of coats upstairs may be necessary.

B 5.5 Dress Code Definitions:

- a. Black Tie: Dinner jackets or National Dress with bow tie. Ladies should wear appropriate evening dress.
- b. Jacket and Tie: Suit, reefer, blazer, sports jacket with a tie. Long trousers, shoes and socks are to be worn; sandals and shorts are not acceptable. Ladies should be smartly dressed in skirts, dresses or trousers with a suitable top.
- c. Smart Casual. Gentlemen may wear a shirt and trousers with or without a tie or cravat; with or without a sweater or jacket. Ladies should be dressed appropriately in skirts or trousers. Bare feet are not acceptable at any time. Tailored shorts may be worn during the summer months (April-September).

## **B 6 CHILDREN AND JUNIOR MEMBERS**

B 6.1 Children under the age of five are allowed into the Club only if accompanied by an adult, who will be responsible for their behaviour. Should the standard of behaviour be inappropriate, an official may ask for the child or children to leave the premises.

B 6.2 Children under 14 must be accompanied in the bar. Young members aged 14-17 are only allowed to purchase non-alcoholic drinks and order food.

B 6.3 No persons under the age of 18 will be permitted to purchase or consume any alcoholic beverages on the premises except where B6.4 applies.

B 6.4 Members wishing to supply alcoholic beverages for their family members under the age of 18 may do so if the following conditions apply:

- a. The minimum age of 16 will apply.
- b. Beer, wine and cider may only be supplied by a parent or guardian for consumption by a child during their presence in the Club at a meal table.
- c. The Steward or senior bar person on duty has the right to refuse the above if they think fit.

## **B 7 MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Mobile electronic devices (such as mobile phones, tablets, laptops etc) can be used upstairs in the clubhouse in silent mode only. Their use should be discreet and unobtrusive. They can be used quietly downstairs. The Steward or Senior Staff Member present has the discretion to ask an individual who breaks this bye-law to comply or leave. Members or visitors whose phones emit a ring tone whilst on the first floor are liable to a fine of £10.

## **B 8 IDENTIFICATION**

Members and visiting yachtsmen are expected to produce their club membership cards when requested to so by an official of the Club.

## **B 9 GUESTS AND VISITORS**

B 9.1 No guest may come into the Club more than seven times in any one year.

B 9.2 All visitors and guests must sign the Visitor's Book on every occasion that they visit the Club.

## **B 10 DOGS**

With the exception of guide or assistance dogs, dogs may not be brought into the clubhouse (including the balcony). They can be brought into the grounds, provided that they are kept on a lead.

## **B 11 BOOKS AND PERIODICALS**

Books and periodicals are not to be removed from the clubhouse.

## **B 12 CONDUCT**

Members are expected to behave correctly and courteously at all times, particularly towards members of staff. Rudeness to staff will not be tolerated.

## **B 13 SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

B13.1 All suggestions should be made in writing and signed by the initiator. A box for suggestions is available in the hall outside the office. Alternatively suggestions can be logged at: [suggestionbox@royalsolent.org](mailto:suggestionbox@royalsolent.org)

B 13.2 Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the premises should be addressed to the Secretary. Under no circumstances should a member reprimand a member of staff.

## **B 14 CAR PARK**

B 14.1 The car park is for the use of members and some members of staff. Parking by guests and visitors is not permitted unless a flag officer or the Secretary has given prior permission.

B14.2 The control of the barrier is via the use of a card available only to members, including some staff members. These are not transferable and can be obtained from the Office upon payment. Barrier cards remain the property of the Club and must be returned when a member resigns, a member of staff leaves, or if payment for the current year ceases.

B14.3 All cars using the car park must display a current sticker, available from the office. These must be renewed each year. Members are asked to provide relevant car details to the office staff.

B 14.4 Special permits for extended parking may be obtained from the office. These will be strictly limited in number and will not guarantee space availability. Not more than one special permit will be issued to members of the same family.

B 14.5 Between May and October the boatsheds may be let as garaging although their use as boat sheds will take priority. Any permit holder wishing to have the use of a garage should contact the office. Priority will be given to garage users during the previous year.

B14.6 Members may leave their cars overnight but should remove them by 1000 hours the following morning unless the owner wishes to use B 14.7.

B14.7 Members wishing to park their cars for more than 48 hours are asked to notify the office in advance to obtain permission. Keys are to be left in the office, should it become necessary to move the vehicle.

B14.8 The General Committee has delegated the responsibility of administering the car parking bye-laws to the Secretary.

B14.9 Cars are parked entirely at the owner's risk.

## **B 15 DINGHY PARK**

B 15.1 The dinghy park is for the storage of sailing dinghies up to 16 feet in length, which are the property of RSYC members. Neither motor boats nor RIBs are to be kept in the dinghy park.

B 15.2 An annual charge will be made for using the dinghy park. Charges will be levied at the discretion of the General Committee.

B 15.3 Spaces will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. However, preference will be given to boats that race at the Club.

B15.4 Either the Secretary or Honorary Sailing Secretary is to be notified in the event of a member wishing to use the dinghy park.

B 15.5 Every boat and trailer is to display a dinghy park sticker. These will be issued once the dinghy park fee has been paid.

B 15.6 Dinghies are to be kept on the appropriate launching trolley, which are to be returned to the appropriate space once the dinghy has been launched and should not be left obstructing the slipway.

B 15.7 The General Committee reserves the right to remove any dinghy kept in the dinghy park if it is not being used regularly or not displaying a current sticker.

B 15.8 To allow dinghy park maintenance to take place, it will only be available for use from 1st March to 1st October each year, less those Lasers that race who can remain on site until 31st December. Dinghies and associated trailers are to be removed outside of this period. The Club reserves the right to remove all dinghies and trailers left in the park during the winter without permission and arrange for them to be stored off-site at the owner's expense.

B 15.9 In the case of a dinghy or trailer abandoned on Club premises, the following procedure will be adopted:

- a. The Secretary will attempt to trace the owner by all reasonable means.
- b. If appropriate, the boat or trailer will be removed to another part of the premises.
- c. If the Secretary is unable to trace the owner, the object in question will be scrapped or sold.

B 15.10 The Club expects any dinghy left on the premises to be adequately insured and accepts no responsibility for any damage, howsoever caused.

## **B 16 SAFETY**

The Club and employees of the Club accept no responsibility for the safety of persons sailing from Club premises and it is for those using the slipway to ensure that they take every precaution for their own safety and that they are capable of coping with prevailing weather and sea conditions.

It is the responsibility of every club member and employee to ensure that all safety related incidents, hazards or bad practices, are reported to the Secretary as soon as possible.

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