



Roa Island Boating Club Limited

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RULES and BYELAWS

1. All annual subscriptions should be paid by January 31st. By renewing your membership, you agree to comply with the Rules, Byelaws, Articles of Association and all policies, procedures and Codes of Practice of the RIBC Ltd. A 10% surcharge will automatically be levied on any overdue subscriptions until March 31st after this date membership will be terminated. The RIBC shall be entitled to move any boat or trailer belonging to a member who is in arrears to another area of club premises without being responsible for any damage to the boat or trailer however caused. In accordance with Article 21 (6) membership may be reinstated at the discretion of the RIBC Council if a written request with payment of all arrears is made to the council.
2. Any member who refuses or neglects to comply with the requirements of the Articles of Association or the Rules and Byelaws or is guilty of any misconduct or gross misconduct or fails to comply with the RIBC's Code of Conduct or Safeguarding policy shall be liable to disciplinary action. The RIBC Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure will apply where applicable. Copies of these documents are available in the clubhouse and online at RIBC.info.
3. Any member using club equipment must be competent and able to use it correctly and safely. If you do not know how to use the equipment correctly and safely do not use it. Members should be aware that Section 4 of the Health and Safety at Work act 1974 applies to all activities carried out when using any of the equipment owned or supplied by the RIBC or when using any of their own equipment on RIBC premises. You have a Duty of Care to other members to act responsibly and safely.
4. Members leaving vehicles and/or trailers on RIBC premises will leave them to cause as little inconvenience as possible to other club members and not obstruct any access roads, berths or slipways.
5. All boat trailers for trailerable boats must be returned to their respective berths immediately after launching and should not be left parked on the slipway or pitching's. This is with the exception of tender and dinghy trollies which should be kept clear of all access for other users.
6. On the recommendation of the RIBC Council any person being a member of the RIBC may, at any general meeting of the RIBC, be elected a Life Member of the RIBC without any special payment for such Life membership. A two thirds majority of those present and voting shall be necessary for such an election. Every Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges and subject to all the duties of an Ordinary Member of the RIBC without any further payments, annual or otherwise.

7. The RIBC Council, at their discretion, may appoint any person as an Honorary Member.
8. Club facilities and premises will not be used by members or non-members for commercial activities without the approval of the RIBC Council.
9. The RIBC will allow the use of the clubhouse for public or private functions not organised by the RIBC itself. These occasions must be approved by the RIBC Council and be sponsored by an attending member.
10. The wearing of Wellington boots or soiled clothing or footwear, overalls, wet clothing, wet or dry suits etc. in the clubhouse is not allowed. Animals are not permitted in the clubhouse; assistance dogs are exempt.
11. A member of any club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association may be authorised to use the premises of the RIBC by any member of the Council and such authorisation shall specify between which dates, not more than 15 days apart, the said person may so use the premises.
12. Any person who is a competitor in any race sponsored or organised by or on behalf of the RIBC or in a race starting from or finishing at Roa Island and any person who is a member of the crew of such competitor for the purposes of the race is entitled to the use of the RIBC premises within a period of 24 hours before and after the race or event in which they are competing.
13. All boats on RIBC premises, whether belonging to club members or guests, must have a minimum of Third-Party insurance
14. No boat launched from RIBC is to tow a water skier. Water skiing and the use of jet skis are strictly forbidden. All members shall abide by the Harbour Authority's rules while in the Barrow Channel regarding boat speed, currently 8kts and no wash.
15. The RIBC safety boat is only to be used by club members who have acquired a minimum qualification of RYA Power Boat Level 2 and whose name appears on the approved users list. The safety boat is only to be used for RIBC scheduled events or in an emergency.
16. All tractor drivers must be over 21 years of age and must have held a full UK driving license for 12 months. All the tractors are only to be driven by members who have received the appropriate training. All the tractors are taxed as agricultural vehicles and must only be used on public roads when passing between areas of land owned by the RIBC. None of the tractors must go into the water. Leaving any tractor hitched to a trailer for a significant time whilst the driver is absent is not permitted; the tractor must be unhitched and returned to the club parking area for use by other members. None of the tractors must be used below MHWS between Roa Island Causeway and Foulney Island, this is a SSSI, SAC and SPA environmentally protected area. Any member found to be misusing any of the tractors will be subject to disciplinary proceedings.
17. The John Deere JD 1026 has a maximum towing capacity of 1600kg, a maximum weight on the 3-point linkage of 310kg and maximum weight in the loader bucket of 235kg. Only members who have received approved John Deere training are allowed to use the front loader bucket. The carrying of passengers on the JD 1026 is not allowed. The Kubota RTV-X900 has a maximum towing capacity of 1000kgs and a payload capacity of 679kg.

The RTV-X900 can carry a total of 3 persons if safe to do so. Both Kubota tractors are fitted with trailer safety chains to be used in the event of trailer unhitching.

18. The RIBC will provide fuel for all club owned vehicles and equipment. All club equipment must be signed for and users instructed in its operation. Contact any Council member for further information. The club takes no responsibility for its use. The user should check fuel and oil levels before use. There is a £5 charge to use the petrol pressure washer. Club vehicles must not be taken off approved pathways and must be thoroughly washed down after use.
19. When launching and retrieving any boat all persons are requested to act in a safe and responsible manner during the launch or retrieval operation. Keep a safe distance from any tensioned ropes or wires attached to the trailer for towing purposes and be aware of the risks and hazards if steering the trailer on the incline. Children and animals must be kept clear of all boat movements. The John Deere tractor is available for the use of all members primarily to launch and retrieve one or two times a year. To limit wear and tear a fair usage policy is imposed and each launch and retrieval will be recorded by the tractor driver. At the Council's discretion excessive usage of this facility will incur a charge of £15 per additional launch or retrieval. When launching vessels using the John Deere tractor the vessel must be lowered down the slipway; the tractor must never be in front of the vessel. A safety line must be attached between all tractors and the boat trailer in case of failure or unhitching of the boats own towing connection.
20. The allocation of all berthing facilities is at the discretion of the RIBC Council. Berthing facilities cannot be guaranteed; please check with the Berthing Master. Members must not bring any boat onto the club without prior permission. Berthing spaces will be allocated at the discretion of the Berthing Master. All berths must be kept clean and tidy. Unless by special committee permission no high energy hot work i.e. welding, grinding cutting etc. is permitted on any berthing space and must be carried out at the designated area outside the Tank House. The club will charge a £30 removal fee for any large waste item, scrap metal, old trailer wheel etc. if their owners do not remove them from site within 1 month of being informed to do so by the committee. Any member selling a boat that is on an allocated berth is to inform the club of their intent and be advised of the following conditions: a.) the berth does not automatically transfer with the sale of the boat b.) Once the boat has been sold and removed from the club's premises the berth returns to RIBC ownership for reallocation. For more information please contact the Berthing Master or any Council member.
21. Any member whose boat length exceeds 35 feet (10.7m) and is requiring berthing facilities must make special representation to the RIBC Council in writing.
22. Berthing charges are based on the area covered by the boat and trailer combination. i.e. maximum length multiplied by maximum width (in feet) multiplied by the current rate per square foot. One boarding dinghy per cruiser (max 4mtrs excluding launching trailer) is included in the berthing fee and all other dinghies will be charged at the current rate. This rate may vary and will be shown in the club's yearbook. New boats given a berth part way through the year will be charged a full year for the remaining part of that year. Any boats removed from site or sold to a new owner, the remainder of the year's fees paid will be forfeit. The only exception to this is if the boat being removed or sold is being replaced by the occupant of the berth.

23. Under Section 12 of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977 any boat or trailer deemed abandoned or where berthing and membership fees for such remain unpaid the RIBC Council will notify the member or ex member in writing giving them 3 months' notice to pay any monies owing and to remove the goods from RIBC premises. If the goods are not removed, and monies owing are not paid within the notice period, the RIBC will be entitled to sell the goods and recover any monies owed. Any balance will be deposited in a RIBC bank account against any future claim. A Lien may be imposed on a boat, trailer or other property in respect of monies owed to the club.
24. Any boat or trailer on an allocated berth that is in a neglected state and if the berth is poorly maintained the berth holder will be issued with an improvement notice and has two months in which to comply with the notice or if the committee have not been given written notice of any extenuating circumstances then the berth holder will be asked to vacate the berth and remove the boat and equipment from club premises his or her membership will also be terminated.
25. Any boat that has remained unlaunched and or unused and on club premises for two consecutive years must be removed from club premises unless permission to remain is requested and obtained in writing from the RIBC Council. Should this permission be given the berthing fees will be levied as follows: Year 3 treble standard berthing fee plus £100 Year 4 quadruple standard berthing fee plus £200. Permission to stay beyond this period will be given by the RIBC Council only in extreme circumstances and a request for such an extension must be made in writing to the Council. If, in the opinion of the Council, a boat is launched or removed from club premises to avoid any of these surcharges the Council may, after due consideration, forbid the retrieval of and rescind the berthing rights of that boat. Any member that wishes to have a second berth for any craft over 7m will pay twice the normal rate for that berth. Trailers not having an allocated berth will be permitted to park on club premises for a limited time. The rules and fees applicable to the berthing of boats will also apply to these trailers. (A year unused is defined as January 1st to December 31st).
26. Club berthing is intended for boats being use locally and for club-based activities. If a berth is clearly being used as convenient, cheap storage for use elsewhere then the committee may ask for the boat to be removed.
27. A boat or trailer berthed or parked on RIBC premises may be moved at any time should RIBC deem it necessary.
28. The finger jetty is only to be used as an overnight berth with the permission of the Berthing Master.
29. All trailers used on RIBC premises must be well constructed and have adequate wheels and tyres so as not to damage the club roadways. The RIBC and or tractor driver has the right to refuse to move any trailer deemed unfit for purpose, in a dangerous condition or that might cause damage to RIBC property or other boats if moved. Any enquires should be directed to the Berthing Master.
30. Trailers that become submerged when launching or retrieving must be identified with a substantial marker buoy to indicate its position.

31. All sailing and boarding dinghies must be securely tied down when berthed on RIBC premises, boarding dinghies/tenders included in the berthing fee for larger vessels should not exceed 4 mtrs.
32. The electrical supply to the berthing areas is by means of prepayment re-usable smart cards that activate the Rolec electrical pedestals and wall mounted units. Credit can be added to your card via the facility located in the clubhouse. Replacement cards will cost £5 as will replacement fobs.
33. Masts must not be stored on the club patio and should not be used to carry out any sort of work on a mast or work of any sort without RIBC Council permission.
34. The parking of caravans and camper vans on RIBC premises for the purpose of overnight accommodation is not usually allowed. However, in special circumstances, should a member or guest who wishes to bring a caravan or campervan onto club premises for such purposes a written application detailing the circumstances must be made to the RIBC Council before approval is given.
35. The lighting of fires on RIBC premises above or below the high watermark to dispose of materials and rubbish of any sort is prohibited. This is in contravention of Environmental Byelaws and could lead to prosecution. The fire in the Spar Shed is not to be lit between 1st April and the 30th September, it must only burn clean fuel: no plastics, oil, painted or contaminated wood etc. and the fire must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
36. Welding and metalwork of any description are forbidden in the Spar Shed which is for dinghy repairs, painting and woodwork only.
37. The dragging of heavy weights i.e. mooring roots and large chains etc. on club roads or the concrete slipways is forbidden.
38. Any dog on club premises above the High Watermark must be on a lead and any fouling must be cleaned up immediately.
39. Club vehicles may only be used between the hours of 07:00 and 21:00 unless by specific authorisation from the Committee.
Club vehicles must be put away by the last user before 21:00
All members must pay specific attention to any noise created through the use of club vehicles and must not allow excessive noise to be a nuisance to neighbours. (Particular attention should be paid to closing of the Tank House shutter door as this has been noted to create the most noise)
No running or flushing of outboard motors on the slipway is to be permitted outside of these hours under any circumstances.
Any member breaking these rules may be subject to disciplinary action by the Committee.