

## ROA ISLAND BOATING CLUB LTD 2017 RULES and BYELAWS.

- 1 All annual subscriptions should be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
By renewing your membership, you are agreeing to abide by the Rules, Bye laws, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Bye Laws of the RIBC or is guilty of any misconduct or gross misconduct or fails to abide by the RIBC's Code of Conduct or Safeguarding policy, shall be liable to disciplinary action. Any penalties for such disregard or misconduct will be decided by the RIBC Council. The RIBC Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure will apply.  
Copies of the above documentation are available in the Club House or the Club website. ribc.info.
- 3 On the recommendation of the 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 to such election. Every life member shall be entitled to all the privileges and be subject to all the duties of a member of the RIBC without any further payment, annual or otherwise.
- 4 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 being more than 15 days apart, the said person may so use the premises.
- 5 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 twenty four hours before and after the race or event in which they are competing.
- 6 All boats using RIBC premises and or facilities, whether belonging to Club members or Guests, **must carry adequate Third Party Insurance**. It will be necessary to show the appropriate documentation to the Berthing Master annually. If this documentation is not presented the Club will assume that current insurance is not held. In these circumstances, any such boat will not be allowed to use any RIBC facilities and should be removed from RIBC premises immediately.
- 7 Any persons using Club equipment must be competent to use it and must adhere to all operating procedures and regulations; copies are available in the clubhouse and on the website.  
If you do not know how to use the equipment correctly and safely, then **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.
- 8 Club facilities or premises will **NOT** be used by members or non members for commercial activities without the approval of the RIBC Council.
- 9 The wearing of Wellington Boots, soiled work clothes or footwear, overalls, wet clothing, wet or dry suits etc in the Club house is **NOT** allowed. Animals are not allowed in the Club house; assistance dogs excepted.
- 10 No boat launched from the Roa Island Boating Club is to tow a water skier.  
Water skiing and the use of Jet skis or Personal Water Craft (PWC) are strictly forbidden.  
All members shall abide by the Harbours Authority's rules while in the Barrow Channel regarding boat speed, currently **8Kts** and no wash.
- 11 Members leaving vehicles and or trailers on RIBC premises will leave them so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to other Club members and not obstruct any access roads, berths and slipways.
- 12 The parking of caravans and or camper vans on Club premises for the purpose of overnight accommodation is not normally allowed. However, in special circumstances should a member or guest wish 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.
- 13 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> April and the 30<sup>th</sup> September.  
And must only burn clean fuel, no plastics, oil, painted wood etc, and must be operated in accordance with the manufactures instructions.

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- 14 Widows of late RIBC members who subscribed to "Family Membership" will be allowed to continue their membership as Honorary Members.
- 15 Welding and metalwork of any description is forbidden in the Spar Shed.  
This building is for dinghy repairs, painting and woodworking only.
- 16 The dragging of heavy weights, ie. Mooring roots and large chain etc on Club roads or the concrete slipways is forbidden.
- 17 Any dog on Club premises above the High water mark must be on a lead and any fouling must be cleaned up.
- 18 The RIBC shall allow the use of the Club house for public or private functions not organised by the Club itself. These occasions must be approved by the RIBC council and be sponsored by an attending member. Applications for such events must be made in writing to the RIBC Council.
- 19 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 names appear on the approved users list. The safety boat is only to be used for RIBC Scheduled events or an emergency.
- 20 All Kubota drivers must be over 21 years of age and must have held a full UK driving license for 12 months. The Kubota compact tractor is only to be driven by Members who have received the appropriate training. Only members who have the approved Kubota training are allowed to use the front loader bucket. The Kubota compact tractor is taxed as an agricultural vehicle and must only be used on public roads when passing between different areas of land owned by the RIBC Ltd.  
The maximum load allowed in the loader bucket is 233 kg (480 lbs)  
The maximum weight on the 3 point linkage is 330 kg (680 lbs)  
The carrying of passengers on the tractor is NOT allowed.  
The tractor must NOT go into the water.  
Any member found to be misusing the tractor will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 21 The tractor is available for the use of all members, primarily to launch and retrieve vessels one or two times each year. In order to limit wear and tear, a fair usage policy is imposed and each launch or retrieval is recorded by the tractor driver. At the Council's discretion, excessive usage of this facility will incur a charge of £5 per additional launch or retrieval.
- 22 All tractors drivers must be over 21 years of age and must have held a full UK driving license for 12 months. The tractor must only be driven by RIBC members who have received the appropriate training and whose names appear on the approved list. No passengers are allowed in or on the tractor. The John Deere tractor is taxed as an agricultural vehicle and must only be used on public roads when passing between different areas of land owned by the RIBC Ltd.  
The tractor must **not** be used on the foreshore between Roa Island Causeway and Foulney Island, this is a SSSI, SAC and a SPA Environmentally Protected area.
- 23 The RIBC will provide fuel for all Club owned vehicles and equipment. The user should check fuel and oil levels before use, Club vehicles must **NOT** be taken off the approved pathways and must be thoroughly washed down after use.
- 24 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 including those for boarding and sailing dinghies must be kept clean and tidy.  
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:
  - The berth does not automatically transfer with the sale of the boat.
  - Once the boat has been sold and removed from Club premises the berth returns to RIBC ownership for reallocation.For more information, please contact the Berthing Master or the Club.
- 25 Berthing charges are based on the area covered by the boat and trailer combination.  
ie. Maximum length multiplied by maximum width (in feet) multiplied by the current rate per square foot. One boarding dinghy per cruiser is included in the berthing fee, all other dinghies will be charged at the current rate. This rate may vary and will be shown in the Club Year book.
- 26 Due to restricted roadside parking spaces, any person wishing to join the club intending to launch their craft from a road trailer will have to arrange for a permanent berth to park their trailer following the launch of their craft.

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- 27 Any boat or trailer on an allocated berth 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, 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.  
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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>)
- 28 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 RIBC.
- 29 The finger jetty is **not** to be used as an overnight berth, it is for loading and unloading only, If it is essential that you need an overnight berth please contact the Berthing Master for permission to stay.
- 30 The electrical supply to the berthing area's is by means of prepayment re-usable smart cards that activate the Rolec electrical pedestals and wall mounted units, 5% of your berthing fee will be credited to your card as a one off payment by the RIBC. You can add more credit to your card via the facility located in the Club house.
- 31 All Sailing and Boarding dinghies must be securely tied down when Berthed on RIBC premises.  
Boarding dinghies not racked or kept under the owners boat must be kept on the boarding dinghy park. All Boarding dinghies should be marked with the boat or owners name.
- 32 Any member whose boat length is exceeding 35 feet and is requiring berthing facilities must make special representation to the RIBC Council in writing.
- 33 All trailers used on RIBC premises must be well constructed and have sufficiently adequate wheels and tyres so as not to damage the Club roadways. They must be easily identifiable by displaying the owners and boats name.  
The RIBC and or the tractor driver has the right to refuse to move any trailer deemed unfit for purpose or in a dangerous condition or that might cause damage to RIBC property or other boats if moved. **Boat insurance must have been shown prior to boat movement by the tractor.**  
Any enquiries to be directed to the Berthing Master.
- 34 A boat or trailer Berthed or parked on RIBC premises may be moved at any time should the Club deem it necessary.
- 35 Trailers that become submerged when launching or retrieving a boat must be identified with a substantial marker buoy to indicate its position.
- 36 When launching and retrieving boats, 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 the purposes of towing and to be aware of the risks and hazards if steering the trailer on the slipway incline. Children and animals must be kept clear of all boat movements.
- 37 Masts must **NOT** be stored on the Club Patio and it is **NOT** to be used to carry any sort of work on a mast. All standing masts must have their running rigging tied away so as to reduce noise to a minimum.