

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Every Member of Hollowell Sailing Club shall be subject to these terms and conditions

1. RULES AND BYELAWS

Club rules must be obeyed at all times. By joining the Club, members confirm their adherence to club rules and bylaws with which they must make themselves familiar.

2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & CRAFT FEES

The following membership and craft categories are available at Hollowell Sailing Club. Categories are defined in the club rules and only sailing categories are permitted to register/use craft:

- 2.1. Family
- 2.2. Single (over 24)
- 2.3. Young Adult (18-24 inc)
- 2.4. Social
- 2.5. Accompanying Non-Sailing Adult
- 2.6. Junior (8-17 inc)
- 2.7. Honorary
- 2.8. Temporary
- 2.9. Sailing Dinghy
- 2.10. Sailboard
- 2.11. Trailer (if not under boat)

3. FEE DISCOUNTS

- 3.1. A 20% discount on the membership fee, but not the craft or trailer fee, is available to those who reach state retirement age by 1st January of the year membership applies. For a Single Adult Member that one member must reach state retirement age. For a Family Membership both adult members must reach state retirement age. Members are required to apply for this discount and confirm they are entitled.
- 3.2. Exceptionally, discounts of up to a maximum of 20% on the membership fee, but not the craft or trailer fee, may be available to those who experience personal or financial hardship. Members are required to apply for approval of this discount to the Membership Committee.
- 3.3. Honorary members are relieved from paying membership fees of any category they choose and are not obliged to do duties; they do pay craft and trailer fees when applicable. Honorary membership is awarded by the General Committee to members who have made an outstanding contribution. Nominated members may be departing or no longer in active membership.
- 3.4. An early bird discount on the total membership and craft/trailer fee may be available to those whose payment or direct debit instruction is received by mid-night of the date of the AGM. Details of this discount are determined each year and are available to new members and existing members.
- 3.5. New members joining on the Open Day and paying within 7 days are entitled to a discount of £20 on any category of membership. Pro-rata discounts are available to new members on a monthly sliding scale from 1 April.

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- 3.6. New members joining after 30 September in any year, have the option to pay a complete year's subscription, in which case their membership will include the period from 1 October of the current year until 31 December of the subsequent year.

4. PAYMENT TERMS

- 4.1. The preferred method of membership application or renewal is through WebCollect.
- 4.2. Members who require support in order to access WebCollect may contact the Membership Secretary or attend membership renewal sessions early in the year.
- 4.3. Payment is accepted via bank transfer and cheque.
- 4.4. Payment in cash is accepted at no additional charge by contacting the Membership Secretary.
- 4.5. Payment by PayPal may be accepted subject to availability and an additional charge will apply.
- 4.6. Payment by direct debit is a facility available for renewing existing members only.

5. DUTY OBLIGATIONS

- 5.1. As a condition of membership all sailing members and social members with juniors in membership must carry out an obligatory number of duty days to support the operation of the club.
- 5.2. A member's duty obligation may be waived on health and safety grounds on application to the Duty Coordinator.

6. REFUNDS

- 6.1. Fees and subscriptions are not refundable.
- 6.2. If after undertaking a training course membership is applied for within the same calendar year then the difference between the members and non-members rate for training will be applied to the membership fee. However, the reimbursement of fees will not exceed the actual membership fees payable.

7. PERMITTED DINGHY CLASSES

- 7.1. The Sprint 15 (formerly known as Dart 15) is the one class of catamaran of which a limit of five in total are permitted to be on the register at any time.
- 7.2. Permitted craft will not exceed 17 feet in length.
- 7.3. Unregistered craft are not permitted on the water or on the premises except:
 - 7.3.1. Craft being raced in an Open Meeting at the Club
 - 7.3.2. Craft signed in in the visitor's book.
 - 7.3.3. Craft being brought in for organized training.

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8. STORAGE

- 8.1. Hollowell Sailing Club does not permit non-members or social members to park or in any other way store possessions being craft, trailers or any other forms of equipment on site.
- 8.2. Any person wishing to keep such items on site is required to pay a sailing membership fee in addition to the relevant equipment fee.

9. STICKERS

- 9.1. Once a craft and trailer has been registered and paid for, the owner will receive a non-transferrable sticker, which should be attached so that it is easily visible for inspection when parked.

10. TRAILERS

Only those trailers which are intended for the transport of sailing dinghies, sailboards and rowing craft are permitted on the register and if separately stored a fee is due. Trailers, which are kept underneath such craft are not required to pay a separate fee.

11. SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Social membership entitles members to access Hollowell Sailing Club at any time, attend any of the social functions or just drop in for a drink and a bite to eat and take in the stunning views from the clubhouse. Social members may sign in sailing and non-sailing guests and make purchases from the licensed bar, book the clubhouse for personal use, and use free Wi-Fi in the clubhouse. Social members may hire craft for sailing guests.

12. RESIGNATION

- 12.1. After resignation a member will remove all their possessions from the premises.
- 12.2. Where no formal resignation is received this will be understood to be the 31 December of the last year in which their membership fees were paid.
- 12.3. If a past member's possessions are still on the property within three months of their resignation these will be considered to be abandoned and contact will be made according to the Club Rules unless otherwise agreed.
- 12.4. If a past members possessions remain on the property during a period exceeding 3 months of a calendar year during which no membership or craft/trailer fees are paid, and that member wishes to rejoin, then all full fees will be due for that past calendar year and the member forfeits entitlement to all discounts.

13. DATA PROTECTION

Personal data is stored for all members for the purposes of club administration and will not be shared with third parties.

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Version Number	Date of change	Change Made
	13 November 2018	1. Removed the requirement to sign a declaration as this is no longer required. 2. Membership categories - addition of accompanying adult with a junior, removal of additional craft and kayak categories of craft; 2. Added Accompanying non-sailing adult; 4.3 Honorary Membership eligibility criteria added; 4.4-4.6 Membership fees reflect 2019 fee structure for early bird discounts, open day joining discount and pro-rata sliding scale from April; 7.2 Removed wording 'training credits' as this term is not used 7.3 Amended to take account of Open Meeting, Training and Visitors' Boats
	16 February 2019	Changed the title to read "Membership Policy" and the footer to read "Members Policy - 05FEB19 GC Approved";
6	12 November 2019	1.1. Added sentence 'However, the reimbursement of fees will not exceed the actual membership fees payable.' to 6.2
7	28 March 2020	Added clause 3.6 concerning members joining after 30 September.