



# NEWHAVEN AND SEAFORD SAILING CLUB LTD

## BYELAWS

### Safety

1. Personal buoyancy, to RYA recommended standards, must be worn on Piddinghoe Lake or sea at all times and also for children at Piddinghoe when on or near the Lake edge.
2. All craft must be insured for Third Party liability in line with RYA recommendations (currently £2M)
3. Parents are responsible for the behaviour and welfare of their children on Club premises at all times. They should ensure that young children wear personal buoyancy when on or near the water.
4. Powered craft, rubber (inflatable) boats/lilo's, and canoes etc. are not allowed on the water at Piddinghoe, apart from Club safety boats and those associated with special activities approved in writing by the Directors. Canoeists with certificates of competency from the BCU (British Canoe Union) are welcome to apply to the Piddinghoe Rear Commodore for approval to use their canoes in the support of sailing instruction.

### Management of Facilities

5. Use of Club premises for private activities must be arranged through the respective Rear Commodore and approved by the Club Directors.
6. Dogs are permitted on Club property and premises and must be kept under control and on a short lead at all times. Owners are required to immediately clear-up and remove from site any fouling. Given the health risks to young children, any breach of this rule will be treated seriously.
7. The Directors may close, or limit member's access to Piddinghoe, during training or other large events (eg Cadet Week). Such closure or limitations will be notified in advance in Mainsheet and on notice-boards.
8. No camping is allowed on Club premises unless approved in writing by the Directors (apart from agreed Open Events).
9. Members are not allowed to fish at Piddinghoe.
10. Members with model yachts and quiet model powerboats may apply to the Piddinghoe Rear Commodore for permission to use them when there are no other organised sailing activities.
11. No gas stoves, appliances or fires are allowed on the Club premises except as operated by Club Officials at formal events.
12. Members are requested to take home any rubbish, particularly food items

### Membership and Management

- 13.- 21. Not used
22. A member of any Club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association may be authorised to use the premises of this Club by any Director of the Club. Such authorisations shall specify between which dates, such dates not being more than 14 days apart, the said person may use the premises.
23. Any person who is a competitor in any Open Race sponsored or organised on behalf of the Club and any person who is a member of the crew of such competitors for the purpose of the race, may use the club premises within a period of 24 hours before and 24 hours after the race or races.
24. Guests:
  - a. Guest of all ages may be introduced by members provided that all their names are entered in the visitors Book
  - b. A member may only introduce two adult guests in any one day
  - c. No person may be introduced as a guest more than four times in any one year.
  - d. Persons who have been struck off the list of members or have been rejected for membership shall not be introduced as guests.
25. The authority of two Directors is required to expel temporarily or permanently any person who has the right to use the Club premises. Permanent expulsion must be ratified at the next Directors meeting.



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### Vehicular Access

26. Vehicles must only be parked in the designated car parks. At Piddinghoe members are especially advised that parking outside the car park gateway blocks neighbours access.
27. A current parking sticker must be displayed in the windscreen.
28. At Piddinghoe: vehicles are not allowed beyond the car park unless approved by an official of the Club. Such approval will normally only be agreed for the movement of multi-tiered trailers.
29. At Seaford: vehicles must never enter the boat park area bounded by Bosun's store, ramp and pump house due to buried piping. The seawall ramp is unsafe for vehicles, and in emergencies the concrete ramp and gate at the east end (far end) of the boat park must be used.

### Berthing

30. Members leaving or using craft on Club premises must comply with the requests of Club Officers.
31. Masts to be lowered when boats left overnight except when secured to an approved ground anchor.
32. The Club will not be responsible for the loss or damage to a member's property. Boats, trailers and other equipment are left on the Club premises entirely at their owner's risk.
33. Each berth must be kept clear of rubbish. Any grass/weeds must be cut regularly please.
34. Current berthing stickers must be visible on the stern when boats are in their berths.
35. Trailers must be parked in berths or in the designated trailer park (Seaford).
36. All access areas must be kept clear.
37. Abandoned boats will be disposed of after three months under the procedure recommended by the RYA in Schedule One the "Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977".
38. Boats longer than 4.50 metres should not be berthed or sailed at Piddinghoe.
39. PIDDINGHOE only: In addition to the berth holder's primary dinghy or sailboard, another sailboard, or dinghy less than 8' e.g. Oppie, or canoe, may be housed on the berth at no additional cost. (i.e. 2 items in total) If the member wishes to store a further sailboard or canoe on his berth he may do so at a cost of 1/3 of a full berth fee.

The use of tiered trailers is also acceptable subject to inspection and approval by the Berthmaster. Second and subsequent craft on such trailers will be charged at 2/3 of a full berth fee. Multi-tier trailers must satisfy safety requirements and be secured to ground anchors.

SEAFORD: due to the high winds and difficulty of providing adequate ground anchors, multiple craft on one berth are not normally permitted. Contact the Berth master for advice.

40. All craft stored on a berth must be registered with the Berthmaster and berths should never be used to store craft etc. for other people
41. Craft and trailers must not overlap other berths or access areas
42. Only full sailing members may have a berth and launch a boat from Club facilities, except where involved in an Open or Training event hosted by the club or being a member of an RYA affiliated club with the written approval of a Director. Members who are not full-sailing members can apply for a berth (with a reason) but this will need board approval
43. No new berths will be allocated until the necessary documentation is completed and fees paid.
44. Craft without an allocated berth may be left on the temporary 48 hour berths provided that their details have been registered with the Berthmaster beforehand. Any boats left on-site without prior registration or left outside their respective berths may be subject to confiscation of equipment or removal of the craft by club officials.
45. Berths may not be transferred and should a craft be sold the Berthmaster must be informed.



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### SOCIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The aim of the NSSC is to provide its members and families with first class facilities and services for social and recreational enjoyment. In order for the club and its staff to deliver against this purpose, it is important that members understand their responsibilities and adhere to the following code of conduct.

1. Alcohol will only be sold to members or guests for the consumption on the premises during opening hours.
2. Full member can sign in any visiting member as a guest not more than four times in a calendar year. Under the terms of the licencing laws, a club member must sign non-members wishing to purchase alcohol, into the guest book. The guest book is available from the bar staff.
3. No non-member is allowed to visit the clubhouse more than four times per year, except with the permission of the board.
4. The sale and consumption of alcohol will comply with the Licensing Act.
5. The bar must be cleared 20 minutes after closing times and club premises 30 minutes after closing. If an extension has been granted for a function, all drinks must be cleared within 20 minutes and the premises cleared one hour after the time of the extension. Any variation of the hours, when agreed by the board will be published.
6. Members must pay their account before leaving the club and credit shall not be allowed beyond the length of the visit.
7. It is the responsibility of the bar management to vary opening hours within the conditions of the Licencing Act and any contract they might have with NSSC.
8. The bar and galley serving areas are out of bounds to members or visitors unless authorised.
9. No member or guest may purchase or attempt to purchase any alcohol if under the age of 18 years or on behalf of anyone else who is under the age of 18 years. However, 16 – 17 years old may consume beer, cider and wine purchased by a member aged over 18 years to drink with a table meal and whilst accompanied and supervised by an adult member.
10. NSSC / Galley Staff are instructed to refuse to sell alcohol to (or for consumption by) any member or guest, who in their opinion appears to be intoxicated or under the age of 18 years.
11. The Commodore or any other person who has received the authority of the board may expel temporarily or permanently any person whose behaviour is bringing the club into disrepute due to the consumption of alcohol or drugs.
12. The NSSC has a zero-tolerance approach to the abuse of alcohol or drugs within the boundaries of the club. Any activity considered to bring NSSC into disrepute following the consumption of alcohol or use of drugs will be reviewed by the board and could lead to dismissal from NSSC (e.g. behaviour which is considered to be drunk and disorderly by staff or contributing to the offence of drink driving).
13. Any member or visitor found breaching this code would be reported to the board. The board has the right to review any complaint made against the member or guest and terminate any membership or / and refuse any further admission or use of club facilities.