



Pewsey Wharf Boat Club

RULES

Name

Rule 1 The name of the club shall be: "The Pewsey Wharf Boat club".

Aims and Objectives

Rule 2 The aims and objectives shall be

- (a) to provide private club moorings and facilities for members on the Long Pound of the Kennet and Avon Canal;
- (b) to promote common interests among boat owners;
- (c) to develop a club spirit between members and encourage mutual assistance and self help;
- (d) to foster other canal-side activities which will engender respect for other canal users; and
- (e) to promote members' lawful and considerate use of inland waterways and adjoining properties.

These aims and objectives shall be achieved within the guidelines of the Health and Safety Policy statement to be issued to and accepted by all members

Affiliation

Rule 3

- (a) The club shall be affiliated to the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust and the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs.
- (b) The Pewsey Wharf Boat Club shall be empowered to offer hospitality to members of other boat clubs affiliated to the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs up to a maximum of 21 days in any 12 month period.

General Committee

Rule 4 The management of the club shall be vested in the General Committee.

Rule 5 The General Committee shall consist of the Officers, namely the Commodore, General Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than seven other members.

- (a) One member shall be Mooring Secretary
- (b) One member shall be Membership Secretary
- (c) One member shall be Social Secretary
- (d) One member to be elected from the floor at the AGM. This position is short term only and not available for re-election in subsequent years.

In addition an appointment of President and two Vice-Presidents may be made honouring persons who have served the club in a worthy capacity.

- Rule 6** Officers and General Committee members will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Any two members may nominate and second any other member to stand as a member of the committee. Nominations, with the signed agreement of the candidate, must be sent in writing to the General Secretary at least 28 days before the AGM. A list of candidates will be made available to club members at least 21 days in advance of the AGM. Candidates may be nominated for a particular position from the floor at the AGM if that position is without prior nominations, with one exception as defined in Rule 5 (d).
- Rule 7** Lists of Officers and Members of the General Committee shall at all times be available to members. All notices posted on the club Notice Board shall be authorised by a Committee member.
- Rule 8** The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional or replacement members where necessary to serve for a period no longer than to the next Annual General Meeting. In committee, a quorum shall be deemed to be not less than 50% of the total number of persons on the Committee, one of whom must be an Officer.
- Rule 9** The General Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees (which may include co-opted members) for any particular purpose. The term of office of the sub-committee shall be no longer than that of the General Committee.
- Rule 10** The General Committee may from time to time make, vary and revoke such bylaws and mooring regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the club and the conduct of members, and the bylaws for the time being in force shall be notified to and be binding on all members.
- Rule 11** The General Committee may authorise a capital expenditure not to exceed £5000 in total in any one year. This amount shall be reviewed as required at Annual General Meetings. This figure may be exceeded in response to any obligation arising from the agreed conditions in the PWBC lease with the Canal and River trust (CRT).
- Rule 12** Indemnity of the General Committee: The Officers of the club and the General Committee, whilst acting in the discharge of their duties on behalf of the club, shall be indemnified by the club against all costs, losses and expenses which they enter into on behalf of the club. This indemnity shall not extend to any act of gross negligence, misconduct, misappropriation or any other illegal act committed by them.
- Rule 13** The club shall not be held responsible for any injury, loss or damage that may be sustained from any cause whatsoever to members, their boats or any other property.

Membership

- Rule 14** Membership of the club shall consist of full and honorary members.

Full Members.

- (a) The spouse /partner of a full member shall also be a full member and they and all their children under 18 years of age shall be covered by a single (family) membership subscription. Members shall be aged 18 years or over.
- (b) The annual subscription shall be fixed by the committee.
- (c) There shall be no joining fee for new members.

- (d) Application for membership must be approved by the General Committee, who may call the applicant for interview. On approval and after payment of the first annual subscription the Member will receive a membership card, a copy of the Rules and a copy of the Health and Safety Policy.
- (e) During the first year of membership a full annual subscription shall apply. The General Committee may waive this requirement for applications granted after 1 November.

Honorary members

- (f) Honorary members will be appointed by the committee in recognition of outstanding service to the club.

Rule 15 Subscriptions shall be for one year and shall be renewable on 1 January. Any member whose subscription has not been received by the Treasurer by 1 February, following the date due shall not be entitled to any privileges of membership and shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member. Mooring rights at the club's moorings shall be terminated.

Rule 16 Expulsion of Members: The General Committee shall have the power to terminate a particular membership for conduct which is prejudicial to the prestige of the club or the object of the club, or for any reason they may consider such expulsion justifiable. Such proposed expulsion shall be notified to the member concerned, who shall be invited to offer orally, or in writing, the explanation or defence which he or she may think fit. He or she shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting of the club, when the will of the majority shall be final. If a member is subsequently expelled under this rule, he or she forfeits all rights in and all claims on the club and no repayment of subscriptions shall be made. Repayment of any unexpired mooring fees shall be refunded for any full months outstanding.

Rule 17 All moneys due to the club, including subscriptions, shall be payable to the Treasurer (or where appropriate to the appropriate Committee Member on the Treasurer's behalf), who may sue for the recovery of same on behalf of the club and its other members.

Rule 18 No member shall remove from the club without just cause, equipment or any other article which is either the property of the club or in its keeping. Any member damaging club property shall be held liable for the cost of reinstating such damage.

Meetings

Rule 19 Calling and Holding of Meetings.

- (a) The General Secretary shall at any time call a General Meeting on receiving instructions from the General Committee. On requisition signed by six or more members of the club, the General Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting of the club and the object of such a meeting shall be stated on the circular convening the meeting.
- (b) Quorum: Ten full members shall form a quorum at a General Meeting and in the event of there not being a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned. At the subsequent General Meeting, the business may proceed irrespective of the number present. Any subject of the meeting not approved by all members present shall be decided by a Majority of votes. The Chairman shall only vote if the votes for and against are equal.

Rule 20 The club's Annual General Meeting shall be held in March of each year to receive the Treasurer's audited Financial Statements up to the 31 October and the General Secretary's report, to elect the General Committee and to transact any other business that may be necessary.

Rule 21

- (a) No alteration or addition to the rules shall be made except by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting. Any member wishing to propose an amendment to the rules must give notice to the General Secretary in writing of such proposed alteration or amendment at least 28 days before such meeting. Particulars of such proposed alteration or amendment shall be given to members with the notice convening the meeting.
- (b) A member who wishes to have any item placed on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting must provide a proposal in writing supported by full details to the General Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. Particulars shall be given to members with the notice convening the meeting.

Moorings and Boats

Rule 22

- (a) Members with a club mooring must apply annually for retention of their mooring, must sign an agreement and accept the terms therein.
- (b) Mooring fees for boats at club moorings unpaid after 14 days following the renewal date or the licensing of boats other than through the club shall result in loss of mooring rights.
- (c) Members with club moorings shall purchase their CRT Licences from the club's Licensing Secretary and from no other source.
- (d) Members with a boat on the club moorings shall keep their craft in good order and of tidy appearance. Failure to do so could result in expulsion from the club in accordance with Rule 16.
- (e) Members are responsible for maintaining the bottom 1.5 metres of sloping bank along the length of the mooring allocated to them in a tidy condition with the vegetation under control.
- (f) Fishing from the moorings or from boats on the club moorings is not permitted.

Rule 23 All members must have at least Third Party Insurance for their craft. The amount insured shall be no less than that required by the Canal & River Trust.

Rule 24 Members must always have a valid CRT Licence (or cover note) displayed on their craft. Similarly, members with craft at club moorings must always display a valid Mooring Permit (or cover note).

Rule 25 CRT rules and speed limits must be adhered to at all times by members.

Rule 26 Members must at all times respect the natural wild life of the canal, and do all in their power to preserve it.

Company Directors

Rule 27 Directors will comply with Companies House requirements. They will be members of the standing committee and will be elected annually by the committee at the first meeting following an Annual General Meeting. A meeting of directors will be held at least once a year.