

# *Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club*

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## *Rules*

*(With amendments to October 2012)*

## **RULES**

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# CHEW VALLEY LAKE SAILING CLUB

## RULES

(With amendments to October 2011)

### 1.0 GENERAL

#### 1.1 Name:

The Club shall be called "The Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club"

#### 1.2 Objects:

The objects of the Club are:-

- a) The encouragement of all kinds of sailing.
- b) The promotion of good fellowship between Members of the Club and their friends.
- c) The maintenance and improvement of Club facilities on and off the water.

#### 1.3 Burgee:

The Burgee shall be a suit of Gold sails on a green field bordered by gold

#### 1.4 Limitation of Club liability and Indemnity given by Members:

**MEMBERS, THEIR GUESTS AND VISITORS ARE BOUND BY THE FOLLOWING RULE WHICH SHALL BE EXHIBITED IN A PROMINENT PLACE WITHIN THE CLUB PREMISES:-**

Members of the Club, their Guests or Visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities entirely at their own risk and accept that each member is solely responsible for ensuring his or her own safety at all times and the safety of their invitees, guests or other crew. The owners of any article or other property shall be entirely responsible for such whilst on the Club premises or within its control and all articles and other property shall at all times be left entirely at the risk of its owner.

The Club will not accept any liability for any damage or loss to or loss of property belonging to Members, their Guests or Visitors to the Club.

Each member agrees on joining the Club to indemnify the Club, its officers, committees and other members in respect of any damage, injury or loss (or any claim in respect of any such) arising out of an act or omission (whether negligent or otherwise) of a member or of his or her invitees or guests such indemnity to include all costs losses and expenses incurred by the Club to officers committees or any other members.

#### 1.5 The 'Company'

For the purpose of this and all other rules the 'Company' shall be the Bristol Water plc and its successors in title and the 'Regulations' shall mean the standing regulations of the company for the time being.

#### 1.6 The 'Club Year'

The 'Club Year' shall mean the period commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the following March or such other consecutive period of twelve months as the members may in General Meeting by simple majority vote of those present decide.

#### 1.7 Rules Bye-laws and Regulations

All members are required to comply with the following three sets of rules:-

The 'Rules' are those rules stated herein which have been agreed by the Members at past General Meetings and which can only be amended deleted or added to by agreement of the membership at future General Meetings.

The Bye-laws are those rules which are appended to these rules and which have been determined by the General Committee and which can be amended deleted or added to by the General Committee at any time in accordance with the Rules.

The 'Regulations' are those rules which are appended to these rules and which for the time being set down by Bristol Water plc and which can only be amended deleted or added to by the Company.

## 2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 All persons of either sex whether the owners of a boat or not shall be eligible to be members of the Club.

Every Member upon election and thereafter is deemed to have notice of and thereby undertakes to comply with the Club Rules Bye-laws and Regulations.

2.2 Categories and Votes of Membership

There shall be the following categories of Membership with power to vote at all meetings of the Club as indicated hereunder:-

- a) **A Single Member** - being a person at the date of election is over 18 years of age, shall have one vote.
- b) **A Family Member** - which, shall include one or two parents or guardians and all children (which shall include foster children) under 18 years of age or under 25 years of age if in full time education, which for the avoidance of doubt shall include apprentices or those training for a profession or vocation. The family unit shall have one vote to be exercised by either parent or guardian. Family Membership may be extended at the discretion of the General Committee to a member (or members and any children in their direct care) setting up a permanent household although not married to the other party.
- c) **Retired Family/Single Membership** - when a Single Member or either partner of a Family Membership is eligible for a State Pension and has been a member of the Club for at least 10 years he/she may upon application pay a reduced subscription as laid down by the General Committee. Retired single Members have one vote and retired Family Members shall have one vote exercised by either member.
- d) **Group Membership** - may be made available to schools, Youth Associations and other non-commercially orientated bodies on such terms that the General Committee shall decide. Each group shall be entitled to appoint in writing one of its officials to exercise the voting right of a single member. Group Members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership save and except that they shall not be entitled to:-
  - 1) Share in any property of the Club
  - 2) Summon a General Meeting
  - 3) Propose or second a member for election to the Club or to the General Committee.

- e) **A Junior Member** - being a person over 12 years of age and under 18 at the date of election. Application for this category must have written consent of a parent or guardian. Upon reaching the age of 18 the member will, at the discretion of the General Committee, be considered for Student Membership so long as the that person meets the criteria for Student Membership; Para .2.(f). A Junior Member shall enjoy all the privileges of Membership save and except for the following:-
- 1) Share in any property of the Club
  - 2) Summon a General Meeting and or exercise a vote on club matters
  - 3) Propose or second a member for election to the Club or to the General Committee.
  - 4) Undertake any mandatory duties
- f) **A Student Member** - being a person over the age of 18 years and under the age of 25 years at the date of election in full time education. Satisfactory evidence that he/she is undergoing full time studies and is not earning a salary nor receiving an income, other than through a recognised apprenticeship or training for a profession or vocation, must be produced. Student Members shall have one vote and shall enjoy all the privileges of membership save and except that they shall not be entitled to:-
- 1) Share in any property of the Club
  - 2) Summon a General Meeting
  - 3) Propose or second a member for election to the Club or to the General Committee.
- N.B. Junior Membership (Para 2.2 e) and Student Membership (Para 2.2f) will not be offered to any applicant whose guardian/s already hold single or family membership. A guardian holding single membership will be asked to take up family membership.
- g) **Associate Membership** - may be made available by the Resolution of the General Committee to the existing or ex Members of the Club who have been full members of the club for at least 10 years, have contributed, actively, to the well being of the club and wish to continue to participate in club activities but no longer wish to sail. Activities such as training and duties may be undertaken on a voluntary basis by such members if they so declare. Exceptionally, Associate Membership may be offered to ex-Members of other Clubs who come into this category. An Associate Member shall enjoy the privileges of Membership, other than being able to sail or keep a boat on club premises, and shall have one vote.
- h) **Honorary Membership** - may be made available to such persons as the General Committee shall decide and to be elected annually for 1 year but shall be eligible for re-election at the end of the year. An Honorary Member shall have one vote and enjoy all the privileges of membership. During the period of Honorary Membership the privileges of that membership will also extend to the member's family who are named on the membership data base. Activities such as training and duties may be undertaken on a voluntary basis by such members if they so declare.
- i) **Honorary Life Membership** - may be conferred by the General Committee to Members of the Club who have rendered the Club outstanding service and whom the Commodore and other Flag Officers have proposed to the General Committee for this honour. The privileges of Honorary Life Membership will also extend to the members family who are named on the membership data base. Honorary Life Members shall enjoy all the privileges of Membership. Honorary Members shall have one vote. Activities such as training and voluntary duties may be undertaken by such members if they so declare.
- j) **Candidates For Membership** - shall have no privileges whatsoever in relation to the use of Club or premises.

- k) No member may use the Club premises or any of the facilities of the Club until 48 hours have elapsed from the date of posting of Notice of Election relating to that member.
- l) **Membership Limitations** - In accordance with the terms of the lease the membership is limited to 550 members. However, by agreement with Bristol Water, Corporate Groups, Junior Membership and Associated Membership increases this membership total from 550 to 629. The categories of membership and numbers of members allocated to each category by the General Committee are as follows.

Single Member	)	
Family Member	)	530
Retired Member	)	
Corporate Groups		14
Honorary Member		15
Honorary Life Member		5
Junior and Student member		50 (see definition para 2.2e and para 2.2f)
Associate Member		15(see conditions of membership para 2.g)
Total		629

2.3 Application for Membership

An application for Membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the General Committee and shall include the name, address and type of boat owned (if any) of the Candidate.

2.4 Election of members

Upon receipt of an application for Membership the Membership Secretary shall enter such application in a register which shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises for at least 14 days before the meeting of the committee at which such application shall be considered. The power to elect to all Classes of Membership is vested in the General Committee and shall be by a simple majority vote of those Members present and voting. The General Committee may refuse applications only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. The Membership Secretary shall inform each Candidate in writing of the candidate's election or non-election. He/She shall furnish the Candidate with a copy of the Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Club and make request for such payments as are necessary.

2.5 Appeal against refusal to elect

Candidates may appeal against a refusal to elect them to membership by writing to the Membership Secretary. Such appeals shall be heard by the General Committee at the next scheduled Committee meeting and decided upon by a simple majority of votes of those Members present and voting.

2.6 Payment of Fees upon Election

Upon election a Candidate shall pay within 1 calendar month such entrance and other fees as shall be requested. In default of such payment the election shall be void unless sufficient cause for delay can be shown.

## 2.7 Cessation of Membership

A member of the Club shall cease to be a Member in any of the following events:-

- a) On his notifying the Membership Secretary in writing of his intention to resign, provided such Member shall be liable for all subscriptions for the Club year in which such intention is notified together with all arrears of subscriptions. The rights of such a Member shall cease on such notification being received by the Membership Secretary.
- b) If the entrance fee or any subscription to the Club shall not be paid within 1 calendar month of falling due despite a written reminder from the Membership Secretary, Honorary Secretary or Treasurer addressed to the last known address of such Member.
- c) On the Company cancelling the Membership Card of such a Member pursuant to the Regulations.
- d) Any person ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all claims upon the Club and its property and no proportion of his/her entrance fee or annual subscription shall be returned.
- e) On a Member ceasing to be a Member of the Club in any of the foregoing events the members of the family shall cease to enjoy the facilities of the Club.
- f) Former Members of the Club desirous of rejoining the Club may be allowed to do so by resolution of the General Committee by a simple majority of the General Committee present at the meeting.

## 2.8 Suspension and Expulsion of Members

The General Committee shall have the power to call any Member to appear before it to discuss any matters relevant to the Club including a prima facie case of refusal or neglect to comply with these Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations or any other act or omission which could be unworthy of a Member or injurious or harmful to the Club. Notice to attend a meeting of the General Committee shall be dispatched to the Member concerned at the last known address stating the details of the matters or allegations to be discussed and the place and time at which the meeting will take place at least 21 days in advance of the date of the meeting. The Member may elect to bring one observer and/or make such representations in writing in defence of the matters of concern to the General Committee. After hearing and/or reading the evidence which may be reasonably available to it the General Committee shall take such action as it thinks fit including suspension or expulsion of the Member. The General Committee shall have absolute discretion in applying this rule.

## 2.9 Club Duties

As a condition of Membership, all Members, except Honorary, Honorary Life, Associate and Junior (up to the age of 18 years) are required to undertake the duties of Officer Of The Day, Assistant Duty Officer, Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Rescue Helm at the Club. These duties are allocated on a rota basis. Failure to carry out a duty without good cause may result in such penalty and re-allocation of the duty as the General Committee shall at its discretion decide. Failure to accept the penalty or comply with the re-allocated duty may result in expulsion from the club at the discretion of the General Committee. However, other than mandatory duties allocated on a rota basis by the Duties Secretary, additional duties for Open Events, Evening Racing, manning the bar, or for members reaching the age of 75, are treated as voluntary duties and may be undertaken by members if they so declare or agree. In the event of there being an absence of one or more of the scheduled Officers then the following shall apply:

- a. **On race days** the Duty Back-Up Fleet system shall be applied and the individual fleets shall be: the Laser Fleet, the Solo Fleet, the Flying Fifteen Fleet, the A and B Handicap Fleet.



- b. The sailing committee shall provide scheduled dates for each back-up fleet in each sailing year and shall take into account the numbers of boats that are normally sailed in each fleet and weight the schedule accordingly.
- c. **On casual sailing days** the 'Buddy System' shall apply whereby the assembled members will determine amongst themselves who will provide the necessary cover; usually on a shared basis. Whilst it may be acceptable to sail without a Duty Officer or Assistant Duty Officer being present, no sailing shall take place unless there are two Rescue Boats on the water and two qualified Rescue helms providing cover.

#### 2.10 Damage to Club Property

A Member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club and shall make restitution of the same if called upon to do so by the General Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon instructions of the General Committee.

#### 2.11 Exhibition of Notices

A Member shall not cause any communication in whatever form to be exhibited on Club notice boards or premises without permission of the Honorary Secretary.

#### 2.12 Complaints procedure

All complaints from members must be in writing and sent to the club Hon Secretary with minimum delay. The Hon Secretary will maintain all notes appertaining to the current complaint and present such details to the General Committee for resolution. The complainant may be invited to attend the said meeting.

In the event that the complainant is dissatisfied with the outcome of his complaint the club President will appoint a suitable arbitrator whose decision shall be final.

### 3.0 ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

#### 3.1 Generally

- a) There shall be entrance fees and annual subscriptions of such sums as the General Committee may from time to time prescribe.
- b) The entrance fee, first annual subscription and other charges shall be paid on election and thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March (or the first day of the calendar month preceding the month in which the Club year commences).
- c) Existing Members shall be eligible to renew their membership of the Club each year.
- d) New applicants who have previously been members of the club, will not be required to pay entrance fees.
- e) Members who wish to obtain a key to the entrance gate must pay a deposit, as decided upon by the General Committee from time to time, which will be returned to the member when they return the key to the Membership Secretary on leaving the club. Keys must be returned to the Membership Secretary within 3 months of a member leaving the club, after which time the key deposit will be surrendered to the Club.

#### 3.2 Members Addresses

Every Member shall furnish the Membership Secretary with an up to date address which shall be recorded in the register of Members and any Notice sent to such address shall be deemed to have been delivered.

#### 3.3 Dissolution of the Club

If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the members present then the General Committee shall immediately or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Club and shall not divide such property amongst the Members of the Club but shall:-

- a) Give such property to an Institution or divide such property amongst Institutions as may be determined by the Members of the Club by resolution passed by a majority of the Members present at the said General meeting (or a subsequent General Meeting prior to dissolution of the Club).
- b) In the event that there should be no resolution of the Members of the Club giving effect to paragraph a) above within a reasonable period as the General Committee shall in its absolute discretion see fit then give or divide such property amongst such charity or charities having amongst their objects the encouragement of sailing amongst disadvantaged persons as the Members of the Club shall resolve by majority of those present at the said General Meeting prior to the dissolution of the Club or (in the event of no such resolution) then to such a charitable object as is described above as the General Committee shall at its absolute discretion determine.

#### **4.0 OFFICERS**

##### 4.1 Officers of the Club

The Officers of the Club shall consist of:-

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Commodore
- d) Vice Commodore
- e) Rear Commodore
- f) Honorary Secretary
- g) Honorary Treasurer
- h) Honorary Sailing Secretary
- i) Honorary Membership Secretary

The Flag Officers shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore.

##### 4.2 Election of Officers

All Officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve on or report to the General Committee as required by their list of duties. No Candidate for any office shall be proposed unless the name of such Candidate and his/her proposer shall have been sent to the Honorary Secretary at the address printed on the proposal form, at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting together with a signed statement of his or her willingness to serve.

##### 4.3 Duties of the Officers

The General Committee shall identify the Officers of the Club and maintain a written list which shall be displayed in a prominent position in the Clubhouse.

#### **5.0 COMMITTEES**

##### 5.1 General Committee

The General Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Sailing Secretary, Corporate Group Representative and Honorary Membership Secretary of the Club and not more than five single or Family Members of the Club, all of whom shall have the right of a single vote. The Committee shall invite any other Member to a Committee meeting for any specific matter under discussion. The Committee shall be elected annually by the Club in a General Meeting as General Committee Members. Elected Officers and general Committee Members shall take up office immediately following the Annual General Meeting and hold office for 1 year. No Member shall hold one particular office for more than three consecutive years. However in the event of there being no other candidate(s) forthcoming at the AGM, and subject to the concurrence of the General Committee, members, other than the

President the Vice-president and the three Flag Officers, may be asked to continue in office for up to 2 further years, making a total of 5 years in one post.

#### 5.2 Quorum

Six Members of the General Committee including Officers shall form a Quorum except as otherwise provided by these Rules.

#### 5.3 Committee Meetings

The General Committee shall meet at least every 2 months and shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary giving reasonable notice to all Members entitled to attend and other meetings shall be convened in the same manner if requested to do so by an Officer or two other members of the General Committee

#### 5.4 Casual Vacancies and Co-option

The General Committee or any sub-committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring amongst the Officers or amongst its Members during its year of office and to co-opt not more than three Members to serve on the General Committee. Any Members chosen to fill a casual vacancy or co-opted under this Rule shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting but may stand for election. Members co-opted to the General Committee shall be entitled to vote at general committee meetings.

#### 5.5 Chairman

The Commodore or in his absence a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.

#### 5.6 Voting at Committee

In the event of equality of votes cast on any resolution which, in accordance with the Rules, may be decided by a simple majority, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

#### 5.7 Candidates for Election to Committee

Candidates for election to the General Committee shall be those Members of the retiring General Committee who shall offer (subject to Rule 5.1) themselves for re-election and such other Single or Family Members of the Club. In all cases nominations proposed by Single or Family Members in writing and accompanied by a signed statement of willingness to serve shall have been sent to the Honorary Secretary at the address printed on the proposal form not less than 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

#### 5.8 No Contest for Election

If the number of Candidates for Election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected by simple majority vote by those present at the Annual General Meeting and entitled to vote.

#### 5.9 Election to the Committee by Ballot

Election shall be by the Members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting. If the number of Candidates for the General Committee shall exceed the number of vacancies to be filled or if there is more than one nomination for any office the election shall be by ballot and if the number of votes cast for any two Candidates shall be equal the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

## **6.0 MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB BY COMMITTEE**

### **6.1 Management**

The General Committee shall manage the business of the Club according to the Rules and cause funds of the Club to be applied solely for the benefit of Members of the Club as it sees fit but subject to Rule 3.3.

### **6.2 Powers to make Bye-laws**

The General Committee shall have power to make, amend or rescind such Bye-laws as they from time to time think necessary for the management of the club. The posting of a notice in the club shall be deemed sufficient intimation to a Member of any amendment, revision or issue of any Rule or Bye-law in accordance with these Rules.

Any case arising which is not provided for by these Rules or Bye-laws of the club shall be referred to the General Committee whose decision shall be final

### **6.3 Power to Charge and Raise Subscriptions (and to Borrow)**

In accordance with Rule 3.1 the General Committee shall have the power to charge subscriptions to Members for various categories of Membership of the Club as the General Committee shall from time to time decide; for the avoidance of doubt the General Committee shall have the power to increase the rates of such subscriptions as the General Committee shall from time to time decide.

If at any time the Club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the General Committee to borrow the money then the General Committee shall be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution and the Trustees shall at the direction of the General Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part of the Club property and enter into such agreements in relation to the Club property as the General Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All Members of the Club whether voting on such resolution or not and all persons becoming Members of the Club after the passing of any such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the resolution as if they had voted in favour of it.

### **6.4 Books of Account**

The General Committee shall keep proper books of account which shall give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Club and be available for inspection by any Member on giving sufficient notice.

### **6.5 Sub-Committee**

The General Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate such of its powers as it may think fit upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed expedient and/or required by law. Such sub-committees shall consist of Members of the Committee or of the Club as the General Committee may think fit. All such Sub-Committees shall be responsible to the General Committee and shall report to it at each General Committee meeting and shall be established on an annual basis. Immediately upon the acceptance of the Rules there shall be four Sub-Committees as listed below.

#### **6.5.1 Sailing Committee**

The Sailing Committee shall be appointed by the General Committee and shall consist of the Vice Commodore, who shall be the Chairman, Honorary Sailing Secretary, Honorary Bosun, representatives nominated by each class of dinghies regularly participating in Club Races or

activities and such other Members as the General Committee thinks fit. Subject to overall ratification by the General Committee it shall be responsible for:-

- a) The management of the Club Races
- b) Preparation of sailing programmes
- c) Sailing Instructions
- d) All club training programmes
- e) Handicapping
- f) All aspects and matters relating to club sailing
- g) The procurement, placement and maintenance of all race marks, flags and boundary buoys
- h) It shall present a report at the Annual General Meeting
- i) Maintaining expenditure within their agreed budget

#### 6.5.2 House and Grounds Committee

The House and Grounds Committee shall be appointed by the General Committee and consist of the Rear Commodore who shall be the Chairman and up to 6 Club Members. Subject to overall ratification by the General Committee it shall be responsible for the following matters:

- a) Domestic facilities in the club, Club Bar, Club Galley, Car parking, access roads, slipways etc.
- b) Structural alterations and maintenance of Club premises.
- c) Expenditure on maintenance of Club property replacement and renewals.
- d) Health and Safety matters.
- e) It shall present a report at the Annual General Meeting.
- f) Maintaining expenditure within their agreed budget

#### 6.5.3 Advisory and Finance Committee

This Committee will consist of the President, Vice President, and Commodore who shall be Chairman, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and the Trustees. It shall be responsible to the General Committee for the following:

- a) Advising on the administration and investment of the Club funds.
- b) Monitoring of all income and expenditure.
- c) Review of all charges made to Members by way of services facilities and subscriptions. The General Committee shall be informed of any changes recommended.
- d) It shall have the power to deal with any matter delegated to it by the General Committee and have authority to decide any emergency matters for and on behalf of the General Committee.
- e) It shall liaise with Bristol Water plc on any matter upon which it may be instructed.

#### 6.5.4 Social Committee

This Committee shall consist of the Social Secretary who shall be Chairman, the Newsletter Editor both of whom shall be appointed by the General Committee and up to three other Members appointed by the General Committee. It shall be responsible for all social events and for the production of a newsletter for distribution to the Membership at intervals decided by the General Committee.

## 6.6 Disclosure of Interest to Third Parties and to the Club

- a) A Member of the Committee or of a sub-Committee or any Officer of the Club shall disclose to third parties when transacting business for the Club that he or she is so acting in that capacity and on behalf of the Club.
- b) Unless specifically authorised in writing by the General Committee (or as evidenced by its approved minutes of its meetings) no Member of the Club or of the General Committee or of any Sub-Committee or any Officer shall have authority to bind the Club or its Members.
- c) No Member or any spouse or any other immediate member of any Member's family or household shall on any pretence or in any manner receive any profit, salary, emolument or other financial benefit from any business dealings with the Club its General Committee or Sub-Committee or Officers or Members unless the Member shall first have disclosed to the General Committee the nature of the financial or personal interest of the Member and also where the General Committee has nevertheless authorised the transaction or business dealing concerned to proceed. Such a provision shall not preclude the reimbursement of expenditure incurred with the prior authority of the General Committee.
- d) No Member shall pledge the credit of the Membership or any part of the Club or any of its Committees or Sub-Committees without the express authority of the Members by resolution in General Committee.

## 6.7 Limitation of Members' Liability

The Committee or any person or Sub-Committee delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its Members shall enter into contracts only as far as expressly authorised or authorised by implication by the Members. No one shall without the express authority of the Membership in General Meeting pledge the credit of the Membership.

## 6.8 Members' Indemnification of the General Committee

In pursuance of the authority invested in the General Committee by Members of the Club, Members of the General Committee are entitled to be indemnified by Members of the Club against liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club. Limit of individual Members' indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to 1 years subscription at the current rate for that category of Membership unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club.

## 6.9 Minutes

The General Committee shall keep formal minutes of its meetings and copies shall be displayed in the Club premises immediately following approval at the next meeting of the Committee as being a true record. The Honorary Secretary shall keep custody of full minutes of all meetings of the Club committees and Sub-Committees.

In the event that a particular minute is of a personal nature or of some matter requiring discretion then such minute may be erased from within those displayed and a note added to that effect. A Club Member wishing to have access to that minute may do so by making a request to the Honorary Secretary. The minute is to be reinstated in the approved minutes which are retained by the Honorary Secretary for record purposes.

## 7.0 **BAR**

### 7.1 Purchase and Supply of Excisable Goods

The purchase by the Club of excisable goods and the supply of the same upon Club premises shall be exclusively and solely under the control of the General Committee or of a special Sub-Committee appointed by the General Committee. Intoxicating liquor may only be sold for

consumption on the Club premises to persons over the age of 18 years who are entitled to use the Club premises in pursuance of the Rules Bye-laws and Regulations for the time being in force. No Junior Members under the age of 18 may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor within the Club premises nor may any Junior Members under the age of 16 years purchase tobacco or cigarettes within the Club premises.

#### 7.2 Hours of Sale of Excisable Goods

The permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor will be in accordance with the licensing regulations and as determined by the General Committee.

#### 7.3 Profits from the sale of Excisable Goods

No person shall take a commission percentage or other such payment in connection with the purchase of excisable goods for the Club. Any profit deriving from the sale of such goods shall (after deduction of the costs of providing such goods for the benefit of the Club) be applied to the provision of additional amenities or the purchase of property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Club.

#### 7.4 Accounts relating to excisable goods

Proper accounts of all purchases and receipts shall be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such information as the Honorary Secretary or Auditors may require shall be furnished to enable any statutory return or statement and the payment of excise or other duty or tax to be made.

### **8.0 AUDITORS**

At the Annual General Meeting each year there shall be appointed a qualified Auditor whose duty it shall be to audit the Accounts of the Club for the then current year. A certified copy of the Audited Accounts shall be displayed on the Club premises at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

### **9.0 MEETINGS OF THE CLUB**

#### 9.1 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of October in each year on a date to be fixed by the General Committee. At least 21 days notice of such AGM shall be given to all Members of the Club. Such notice shall remind Members of the dates by which nominations for Officers and Members of the General Committee are to be made pursuant to the Rules.

9.2 a) Subject to paragraph (b) below no business except the passing of accounts and the election of Officers, General Committee and Auditors the receipt and approval of reports of the General Committee and Sub-Committees and any business that the General Committee may order to be inserted in the Notice convening the Meeting shall be discussed at such Meeting.

b) Business at any Annual General Meeting shall include such business as is the subject of a Notice given in writing by a Member entitled to vote to the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days before the date of the last General Committee Meeting before the AGM.

#### 9.3 Special General Meeting

The General Committee at any time upon giving 21 days notice in writing may call a General Meeting of the Club for any special business the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the Meeting and the discussion at such Meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the Notice sent to Members.

#### 9.4 General Meetings upon request of Members

The Committee shall similarly call a General Meeting upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary by either at least 30 Members (or 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the total Membership whichever is least). The discussion at such Meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the Notice sent to Members. Such meetings must be called within 28 days and held within 56 days from the receipt of the request.

No disciplinary action may be taken against a Club Member for attempting to gain support from amongst the Membership for such a Meeting.

#### 9.5 Chairman at Meetings

At every Meeting of the Club the President or in his absence, the Commodore or in their absence a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.

#### 9.6 Quorum at meetings

Thirty-three Members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any Meeting of the Club.

#### 9.7 Entitlement to vote at meetings

Only those Members as defined in Rule 2.2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g), (h) and (i) shall vote at any Meeting of the Club. Other Members may attend but are not entitled to vote.

#### 9.8 Voting at Meetings

Voting, except where otherwise required by the terms of Rule 5.9 in relation to the election of Members of the Committee, shall be by a show of hands of those present and entitled to vote. Except where these Rules require specifically to the contrary Resolutions shall be carried or not in a simple majority vote.

#### 9.9 Equality of votes

In the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

#### 9.10 Notice of Meetings

A Member shall be deemed to have received Notice of any Meeting four days after the date of posting if the notice is sent to the Member by prepaid ordinary post to his last known address.

#### 9.11 Effect of Resolutions of Meetings

The decision of the Members at a General Meeting properly convened and held and resolved with the necessary majority shall be binding on all Members.

### **10.0 TRUSTEES**

#### 10.1 Numbers and Terms of reference.

There shall be at least two and not more than four trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the General Committee of the Club from among the Single, Family and Honorary members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during lifetime or until his/her resigning by Notice in writing given to the General Committee, or until a resolution of removal from office shall be passed at a Meeting of the General Committee by a majority comprising 2/3rds of the Members present and entitled to vote.

A Trustee shall automatically be disqualified from his or her office as Trustee in the event of:

- a) The Trustee being declared bankrupt.
  - b) The Trustee being expelled from Membership of the Club.
- or



- or c) The Trustee absenting him or herself from meetings of Trustees for a period of at least two years without the written consent of the other Trustees.

A Member of the Club who is a Trustee shall not be eligible for election as a Flag Officer of the Club. However, in the event of the Committee being unable to find a suitable new Trustee, the Commodore shall become the new Trustee but only for a period not exceeding twelve months and on condition that he or she is acceptable to Bristol Water plc. The Club shall pay all costs associated with the change of Trustee.

#### 10.2 Property in the Club vested in the Trustees

All property of the Club including land and investments shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own names so far as is necessary and practicable on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. On the Death Resignation or Removal from Office of a Trustee the General Committee shall have the power to discharge any such Trustee from office and appoint a new Trustee and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practical steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the remaining Trustees or such Trustees as are constituted after any such nomination. For the purposes of giving effect to any such discharge or nomination the President and the Commodore (or should they be unavailable, such other persons as the General Committee shall appoint) shall have the power to discharge and/or appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of sections 39 and 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 respectively and shall duly discharge any Trustee agreed to by the General Committee and/or appoint the person or persons so nominated by the General Committee.

#### 10.3 Powers of the Trustees.

The Trustees shall in all respects act in regard to any property of the Club held by them in accordance with the directions of the General Committee and shall have power to sell lease mortgage or pledge any Club property so held for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the General Committees directions (which shall be duly recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings of the General Committee) but no purchaser lease or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given. Trustees are entitled to attend such meetings of the General Committee (or any sub-committee) as they wish and see fit. However, they are not entitled to vote at such meetings other than at special General Committee meetings held under Rule 10.6 and meetings of the Advisory and Finance Committee.

#### 10.4 Indemnity of the Trustees from Club Funds

The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the General Committee out of assets from the Club from and against any liability costs expenses and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred by them in exercise of their duties or in relation to any property of the Club vested in them or in relation to any legal proceedings or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club.

#### 10.5 Attendance of Trustees

Trustees shall meet at least once a year, making such arrangements as to the conduct place of assembly and holding of such Meetings of the Advisory and Finance Committee.

#### 10.6 Powers of the Trustees to call a General Committee meeting

Any two Trustees may at any time upon on giving 14 days' notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary call a special General Committee Meeting at which the discussion shall be confined to the business stated in the notice. At such special General Committee meetings, the Trustees shall have the right to vote.

### **11.0 GUESTS IN THE CLUB**

#### 11.1 Guests

Members may on payment of such fees as the General Committee shall from time to time decide introduce guests. Such Guests must at all times be accompanied by the Member introducing them. The names and addresses of all Guests must be entered in the Visitors' book. No Guest will be admitted unless in possession of a Permit which must be produced on demand in accordance with the Regulations.

#### 11.2 Categories of Guests

There shall be the following categories of Guest:-

- a) Ordinary Guest
- b) Crewing Guest
- c) Sailing Guest (In Members boat)
- d) Sailing Guest in own boat.

The times and frequency that these categories of Guest shall be allowed to visit the Club will be laid down by the General Committee. Before using the facilities of the Club Guests in Category (d) must be authorised by a Member of the General Committee of the Club. Sailing Guests must comply with the sailing Instructions and rules of the Club. Guests sailing their own boats must comply with the insurance requirements of the Club.

#### 11.3 Competitors in Club Races, Open Meetings or Training Events.

Any person who is a competitor or crew Member in any race or event sponsored by or on behalf of the Club is entitled to use the Club premises and to purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises by such person or his guest, within a period of 24 hours before and after the race in which they are competing or event in which they are taking part. All such visitors' names are to be entered into the appropriate register on every occasion on which they are present on club premises.

#### 11.4 Power to expel those admitted under Rule 11.3

The Honorary Secretary or any other person who has received authority of two Members of the General Committee may on reasonable grounds expel temporarily or permanently any person whose only right to use of the Club is under Rule 11.3.

### 12.0 ALTERATION TO RULES

12.1 Any alteration or addition to the Rules shall be made at a General Meeting of the Club at which at least 2/3rds of the voting Members present vote for such alteration or addition. Such General Meeting may be an Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting convened specially for the occasion but in any case the proposed amendment(s) in detail shall be circulated with a notice convening the Meeting and shall be displayed in the Club premises at least 14 days prior to the Meeting.

12.2 Where alterations or additions to the Rules are proposed other than by the General Committee then those proposals are deemed to have complied with the above requirements provided that the proposals are received by the Honorary Secretary not later than twenty-four days before the proposed time of the General Meeting.

12.3 Any alterations or additions enacted in accordance with this Rule shall be binding on all members.

### 13.0 CONTROL OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

13.1 Power of General Committee to impound, move, disable or have boats and equipment removed from the boat park

- a) The general Committee shall have the power to move, impound, disable or to require any Member to remove from the Club premises and from the premises of Bristol Water plc any dinghy or part of a dinghy or any equipment or chattel whatsoever (any

such dinghy, equipment, trailer or chattel being hereafter referred to as 'the article') in the event of any of the following circumstances:

- 1) Within 28 days of cessation of his/her membership
  - 2) If the article is unusable or unsuitable.
  - 3) Continued failure of the member to identify his/her article with a current identification plaque in pursuant to Bye-law 6
  - 4) Moving an article to make maximum use of available boat spaces
- b) A resolution recorded in the Minutes of a Meeting of the General Committee at which there is a quorum that the General Committee or a majority of them are satisfied that the article is unusable or unsuitable shall be conclusive evidence of fact.
- c) The power given to the General Committee by sub-clause a) 1) aforesaid shall be exercised by Notice in writing sent to the Member who has ceased to be a Member or to whom the article belongs by ordinary post at his last known address. Such notice is hereinafter referred to as a 'Notice of Removal'.
- d) If no mark or sign by which the owner of the article can be identified appears on the outside of the article when it first comes to the attention of the General Committee Notice of Removal shall be deemed to have been sent if a Notice referring to the article in such terms as the Honorary Secretary shall decide is displayed in the Club premises.
- e) If the article shall not have been removed from the Club premises or the premises of Bristol Water plc within 21 days of the Notice of Removal being sent or within 28 days of the Notice being displayed at the club premises, the General Committee shall have the following powers:
- 1) To offer the article for sale in the Club premises and to accept the best offer received for the article within 21 days of the offer being exhibited.
  - 2) To destroy the article or appropriate it for the benefit of the Club if no such offer is received within such period.
  - 3) To appropriate the proceeds from the sale for the benefit of the Club if not claimed within 3 Months of such sale. No interest shall be payable on such sum so claimed.
- f) No claim for damages or other loss shall lie against the Club or the General Committee or any Member Agent or Servant of the Club arising out of any act or omission in the exercise or purported exercise of the powers conferred by this Rule (including any failure to comply with the terms hereof).

#### **14.0 INTERPRETATION**

The decision of the General Committee upon any question of the interpretation of these Rules or any matters affecting the Club and not provided for by these Rules shall be final and binding upon the Members.

## **BYE -LAWS**

### **1. RACING**

All races shall be under R.Y.A. and I.Y.R.U. rules which may be amended by the Sailing Committee.

### **2. HANDICAPPING**

The Sailing Committee shall be responsible for all handicapping in all races and their decision shall be final.

### **3. BUOYANCY AIDS**

Members shall be responsible for ensuring that all occupants of their boats wear buoyancy aids in accordance with and as provided by Regulations 4.4. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that buoyancy aids are worn by children under the age of 11 if allowed to walk/play at the water's edge.

### **4. BOAT BUOYANCY**

All boats must have positive buoyancy sufficient to support both craft and crew. No boats shall be used which are not of an acceptable standard and which are not to the satisfaction of the sailing committee. The Committee reserves the right to prohibit the use of any item or type of boat as it may think fit.

### **5. INSURANCE OF BOATS**

All boats shall be insured against third party risk to a minimum as shall be laid down by the General Committee and specified on the current Craft Details Form

### **6. BOAT REGISTRATION**

All boats (and sailboards during their season, see bye-law 15 below) must, each year, be registered at a fee laid down by the General Committee. A plaque displaying the Member's membership number will be issued by the Membership Secretary and shall be displayed on the boat as directed by the Committee. Boats not displaying a current plaque on their hull shall be deemed not to be registered and will not be allowed to be launched or used at Chew. Nor shall they be entitled to a place in the dinghy park or the undercover boat storage.

### **7. SAFETY**

No sailing may take place unless the safety boats are operational and manned. Two safety boats must be available at all times. Members are entirely responsible for their own safety and that of their children and guests at all times when they are on the water. Safety boats are provided to offer auxiliary assistance in case of emergency and not to absolve members from their own personal responsibilities. No sailing may take place unless the Club Burgee is flown from the Club flag mast. When the code flag 'W' is flown from the Club flag mast wet or dry suits must be worn.

### **8. SAFETY BOATS**

Safety boats should be manned by two persons, one of whom should be in suitable clothing which will enable him to become fully immersed. Children under the age of 16 will not be permitted to man safety boats other than at the discretion of the Race Officer, or an officer of the club.

## **9. USE OF CLUB BOATS**

No member may use any boat owned by the Club without the permission of an Officer of the Club or the Member delegated to be in charge of such Club boats except in an emergency for rescue purposes.

## **10. CAR PARKING**

Cars may only be parked in areas designated for such parking so as not to cause an obstruction to other cars or to the approaches to the Club premises.

## **11. DINGHY PARK AND STORAGE**

- (a) Any member wishing to keep a boat on the Club premises shall apply to the Dinghy Park Manager who will allocate a berth.
- (b) When a boat is jointly owned it shall be deemed to be kept at the Club by one of its joint owners only, who shall be so nominated in the application for consent.
- (c) A member ceasing to keep a boat at the Club or exchanging one boat for another shall inform the Dinghy Park Manager.
- (d) Charges for the under cover boat storage will be at the rate laid down by the General Committee. This storage is primarily for boats of wood construction. Boats constructed of other materials may only be admitted at the discretion of the General Committee.
- (e) Subject to availability:
  - A full member may be allocated one boat space in the dinghy park.
  - Family members may be allowed two.
  - A Junior member may be allowed to keep one boat at the club.
  - A Corporate member may be allowed to keep no more than six boats at the club.
- (f) It is a condition of the Lease that the Club grounds shall at all times be kept in an orderly state and free from litter. No loose gear is allowed in the dinghy park unless stowed in boats.
- (g) It is the Member's responsibility to ensure that boats are securely tied down. Tying down wires are only provided as an aid to members. The Club will not accept any liability for any damage or loss due to the failure, damage, or breakage of the wires whatever the cause. Members may provide their own tying down fixings with the approval of the House and Grounds Committee. The Club reserves the right to move any boat from its allotted position without notice and for whatever reasons.
- (h) If a member vacates his boat park space for more than 3 months without prior notice to the boat park manager the space could be re-allocated.  
When the member wishes to return the boat to the dinghy park, an alternative space will be made available at the first opportunity.

## **12. SECURITY**

It is the duty of a Member to ensure that the Club premises are locked when, on leaving, no other Member is on the premises.

**13. OTHER BUSINESSES**

Members may not engage on business activities on the Club premises without the express permission of the General Committee. Such authority must be displayed on the club notice board.

**14. TEACHING**

The Club is an R.Y.A. recognised teaching establishment and all activities associated with teaching must be authorised by the General Committee and controlled by the Sailing Sub-Committee.

**15. SAILBOARDING**

Sailboarding is permitted on the lake during the close season as noted on the sailing calendar and is available only to members who otherwise register and sail a dinghy at the Club. Sailboards are only permitted to remain on club premises during the sailboard season and must be kept in the owner's boat space. Sailboards not displaying an authorised and current club plaque (in accordance with bye-law 6) will be deemed not to have been registered and may be removed.

**16. KEELBOATS**

Dispensation to Regulation 5 is limited to the Flying Fifteen and CLADS boats.

**17. ORGANISED WATERBORNE ACTIVITIES**

All organised waterborne activities arranged by a member for other members and/or visitors must be discussed and agreed with the Sailing Committee prior to the event, and endorsed by the General Committee.

**18. CASUAL SAILING**

In general, casual sailing will be permitted whilst 'Open Meetings' are taking place. Exceptions are solely at the discretion of the Race Officer on the day and will be dependent upon the conditions prevailing.

**19. FLEET STATUS**

Any class of dinghy or keelboat that qualifies to sail at C.V.L.S.C. may be given fleet status if that class has a turnout of 3 or more boats in each race, in 50% plus one of the Sunday Series Events (not including the Admirals Chase) held at C.V.L.S.C. in any year. The allocation of Fleet Status will be reviewed annually in October by the Sailing Committee and be recommended for endorsement by the General Committee.

Classes of boats with Fleet Status shall have the following privilege.

- (1) A Fleet Captain with a seat on the Sailing Committee.
- (2) An exclusive Open Meeting (as of right) each year.
- (3) Their own flight (start) in series racing, where this is considered appropriate.
- (4) Their own notice board in the reception room.
- (5) Prizes for series results exclusive to that class.

Open Meetings Allocation. Open Meetings shall be granted (as of right) to Classes within C.V.L.S.C. that have Fleet Status. All other Open Meetings, Championships or Special events shall be granted only by a majority vote of the Sailing Committee.

## **20. YOUNG MEMBERS ON THE CLUB PREMISES**

Any young family member or junior member aged 15 years or under on the 1<sup>st</sup> April must be accompanied on the club premises by a parent or guardian or be in the care of a senior club member who has accepted the responsibility for the young person.

## **21. LOST PROPERTY**

All soiled garments, including undergarments, socks and old dinghy footwear will be 'black sacked' and then placed in the waste bin. Other abandoned sailing gear etc that is deemed fit for further use will be placed in the Lost Property Department for three months after which time it will be donated to or sold to another member.

## **INTERPRETATION**

The decision of the General Committee upon any question of the interpretation of these Bye-Laws shall be final.

# **CHEW VALLEY LAKE SAILING CLUB**

## **GROUP MEMBERSHIP RULES (REVISED 1995)**

### **1.0 MEMBERSHIP**

1.1 There shall be the following categories of membership within power to vote as Club Rule 2.2(d).

- (a) Junior Group Membership for Schools, School Sailing Associations, Youth Clubs, Scout Groups and any other Group concerned with young people under the age of 18.
- (b) Senior Group Membership for Further and Higher Education establishments concerned with young people over the age of 18, Universities, Disabled Persons Group, or other Association or Group which the Committee may consider acceptable.

1.2 Voting Rights

Each Group membership is entitled to one vote by a nominated representative. (Rule 2.2(d)).

1.3 Membership Limitations

Membership is limited to a maximum of 14 Groups. Group Membership does not extend to families of Group Members, neither does it cover all the privileges of Full Membership. Group Members may not invite individual guests to the Club. Only Groups owning boats may be entitled to Membership. Junior Group adult leaders are not allowed to sail at the club, or otherwise use the club premises unless accompanying junior members of their group except with the written permission of the General Committee

1.4 Suspension and Expulsion of Group Members

The Club reserves the right to withhold the membership of any Group Member or any individual of a Group to suspend their Group Membership at any time. The Club also reserves the right to take any disciplinary action against any Group Member or an individual of a Group including expulsion in the event of refusal or neglect in complying with the Rules, Bye-laws or Regulations, or failure to respond to instructions or attending to duties.

### **2.0 Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations**

All Group Members shall comply with the Club Rules, Bye-laws and Bristol water plc Regulations.

## 2.1 Membership Cards

All Group Members must supply to the Club a list of their Members. Such members must be issued with their own group Membership Cards. No person will be admitted to the Club unless in possession of a valid Membership Card signed by the owner, and which shall be produced on demand by authorised persons of the Club/Company.

## 3.0 Group Members Addresses

Every Group Member shall furnish the Club, annually, with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Senior person, Officer, or Staff member(s) who are responsible for their Group. The Club is to be notified immediately of any change.

## 4.0 Boat Registration

All boats must, each year, be registered at a fee laid down by Bristol Water plc. A current plaque displaying the Group Membership number and issued by the Club shall be displayed on the boat as directed by the Club in accordance with bye law 6. Any boat changes must be notified to the Club.

Individuals of a Group who have their own boats and who wish to sail at Chew Valley Lake must apply to join the Club as Members through the normal channels.

## 5.0 Group Members' Boats

5.1 A maximum of 6 boats only per Group Membership is permitted.

5.2 All boats must be maintained in a seamanlike and sailworthy condition. The Club reserves the right to prohibit the use of any item of equipment or boat as it may think fit.

5.3 Group members wishing to keep boats on the premises shall apply to the Dinghy Park Manager who, subject to availability, will allocate berths.

## 6.0 Responsibility

The senior person, officer or staff member nominated shall be answerable to the Club for all matters relating to their Group Membership.

## 7.0 Gate Keys

The number of gate keys issued to Group Members is entirely at the discretion of the General Committee and are to be held by nominated persons only, a list of whom is to be provided to the Membership Secretary annually on payment of group subscriptions.

## 8.0 Signing In

Under the Regulations it is a requirement that all persons entering the Club must sign in at the entrance gate. All Senior Group Members must comply with this rule and sign in individually. However, Junior Group Members may be signed in by the senior person in charge, stating the number being brought in and the membership number.

## 9.0 Duties

Senior Group members may be required to undertake a Club duty during the year or render assistance at a regatta or open meeting if so requested.

## 10.0 Club Events and Activities

All Group Members are allowed to take part in Club events and activities such as open meetings, regattas, training and social functions. They are eligible to compete for trophies in Club events and attend and receive prizes. Group Members may organise their own training,



team events, regattas or similar events. However, permission must first be obtained from the Sailing Committee prior to each event.

## **11.0 Safety**

Whenever sailing is in progress the Club has to have a Duty Officer and Rescue Boat Cox. When there is no Club organised roster for these duties any Group Member wishing to sail must arrange for such cover.

## **ADDENDUM TWO**

### **Regulations**

#### **STANDING REGULATIONS OF THE COMPANY**

### **1. Membership Cards and Permits**

- 1.1 No person will be admitted to the Premises or the sailing area unless in possession of a valid Membership Card or Permit, signed by the holder, which is not transferable and which shall be produced on demand to any authorised representative of the Club and/or Company.
- 1.2 Access to the premises is along the road provided by the Company through two gates which should only be unlocked by Members using their security key. The inner gate may be kept open provided it is manned by an authorised member of the Club. All Members are requested to ensure all gates are locked and secure at other times in their own interests as well as that of the Company.
- 1.3 A Membership Card or Permit carries no right of access for Members to Woodford Lodge, other areas of Chew Valley Lake or the Company's adjoining land.

### **2. Register**

Before entering the Premises the holder of a Membership Card or Permit must sign the register provided by the Club and available at the point of entry.

### **3. Printed on each Membership Card and Permit will be:-**

- 3.1 Regulations - This Permit/Membership Card is issued strictly subject to the Company's Regulations, a copy of which is displayed in the Clubhouse and is headed 'Standing Regulations of the Company'.
- 3.2 Cars - Cars will only be parked in the Car park provided in the Premises.
- 3.3 Sailing Days and Times:

During the Winter sailing period, that is from the 16<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> March in any year:-  
Saturdays and Sundays from 10.00 am to half an hour before sunset; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00 am to half an hour before sunset.

During the Summer sailing period, i.e. from 15<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> September:-  
Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am to one hour before sunset.

The exact times will be notified to the Club by the Company.

- 3.4 Sailing area - The sailing area as shown on a map on the Clubhouse Notice Board and clearly demarcated by marker buoys, set out in the water, shall alone be used for sailing purposes. Sailing outside the marked area is strictly prohibited.

The Company reserves the right to alter, reduce or limit the sailing area.

- 3.5 Bank Fishermen - No person sailing a boat (except in an emergency) shall approach within 50 Metres of any person fishing from the bank of the reservoir.

- 3.6 Beaching of boats - No boat shall beach, except on the banks of the lake adjacent to the Premises other than an emergency.

- 3.7 Cancellation of Membership Card or Permit - The Company reserves the right to cancel any Membership Card or Permit at any time and will consider a Membership Card or Permit invalid, unless used in accordance with these regulations.

- 3.8 Disclaimer -  
The Company shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury sustained by the holder of a Membership Card or Permit in consequence of his entering or remaining upon the premises or sailing area, engaging in sailing operations or otherwise and whether such loss, damage or injury is occasioned by the negligence or default of the Company, their representatives or Agents, or by a third party.

#### **4. Safety Rules**

- 4.1 Officer of the Day - For each sailing day an experienced adult Member of the Club shall be nominated as Officer of the Day and as such, shall be in charge of all sailing activities and responsible to the Liaison and Club Committee for ensuring that all Rules and Regulations are adhered to.

The name of the person so appointed, shall be available to the Company, if requested, not later than one day preceding the sailing day so concerned.

- 4.2 Rescue Boats - A minimum of two mechanically propelled dinghies, at least one with adequate crew shall stand by during the whole time of each sailing day for rescue purposes.

- 4.3 Prohibition of Engined Boats - Except as provided in 4.2 above, no power driven boat of any kind (save for one Committee boat) shall be used.

- 4.4 Personal Buoyancy - Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all persons going afloat and must be worn inflated. The recommended minimum standard of permitted buoyancy for persons able to swim is 50 Newtons (11.5lbs) buoyancy in compliance with European Union standard CE 50. It is recommended that persons that are poor or non-swimmers wear personal buoyancy of a higher standard than European Union Standard CE 50. It is the responsibility of Members to ensure that personal buoyancy is of an approved type and capacity.

- 4.5 Boat Buoyancy - All boats/dinghies used shall have buoyancy up to class standards, sufficient to support both craft and crew. No boat/dinghy shall be used, which has not been certified by the Manufacturers and/or recognised Yacht Authority to be in good condition when constructed and must be maintained in a seaworthy condition. Members are reminded of their responsibilities regarding Insurance cover, including third party liability, as set out in the Application Form and renewal Application Forms.

#### **5. Types of Boats**

The Company reserves the right to prohibit the use of any item or type of boat/dinghy and tackle, and in general (save in the case of sailing by disabled sailors) no fixed keel boats (except for the Flying Fifteen class of boat) or multi-hull boats will be permitted.

#### **6. Use of Gun**

A gun shall not be used for any purpose in connection with any of the Club's activities without the previous written consent of the Company.

- 7. Stowage of Boats & Equipment**

All boats, buoys, clothing and equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be removed from the water and neatly stowed away within one hour of sailing times except that the racing marks and sailing area demarcation buoys need not be removed from the water, unless specifically required by the Company.
- 8. Storage**

Boats, tackle, trailers and other equipment shall be stored or left within the Premises only in such places and at such times as the Company from time to time decide. The Company reserves the right to prohibit the use and/or storage of any boat and/or any item of equipment.
- 9. Animals**

No animals shall be brought into the Premises whether in cars or not.
- 10. Portable radios, Record players, Tapes etc.**

The Company reserves the right to restrict the use of portable radios, record players, or tape recorders within the Premises and sailing area.
- 11. Litter**

All litter must be placed in the receptacles provided or removed from the Premises.
- 12. Fishing, Shooting, Bathing & Paddling**

Fishing, Shooting, and Bathing are strictly prohibited. Paddling will only take place for the purpose of embarking and disembarking from boats. All other paddling is prohibited.
- 13. Lavatories**

Only the lavatories provided in the Clubhouse shall be used for sanitary purposes.
- 14. Risk of Pollution**

As may be determined from time to time by the Company, all boats, trolleys and equipment shall be carefully and adequately cleaned before introducing to the water, so as to obviate the risk of pollution. Nothing shall be done, either directly or indirectly which may cause pollution.
- 15. Wildlife**

No interference will take place with wildlife and/or nests.
- 16. Apparatus**

No interference shall take place with the machinery, valves, drains, fences or other apparatus or works of the Company.
- 17. Other Interests**

Sailing and activities connected with it shall not interfere with any other interests being carried out upon or near Chew Valley Lake by the Company or by authorised third parties.

## **BRIEF HISTORY**

Chew Valley Lake was officially opened by the Queen in 1956 but it was not until 1967 that negotiations were commenced with the Bristol Waterworks Company by a group of sailors from Pegasus Sailing Club and the South West Sports Council to enable sailing to take place. After lengthy talks with the Water Company a lease was drawn up and planning approval for sailing on the lake was submitted. In September a meeting for all those interested was held at Ashton Park School, Bristol. A Club was formed - to be called Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club. Entry fee was to be 10 guineas, yearly subscription 3 guineas for a single member and 5 guineas for a family.

The first sailing took place on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1967, delayed because of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease. The Club was officially opened on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1968 by Mr. R.W.Melvin, Director and General Manager of Bristol Waterworks Company, and Mr. Charles Morison, Chairman of S.W. Sports Council. The opening was followed by a pursuit race for the Anniversary Trophy.

1968 and 1969 were years of consolidation and planning: two slipways were laid; the road along the shore of the lake to the main road was built (cost £1,800); car and dinghy parks were commenced; plans were made for a new Clubhouse to replace the wooden hut. At the first AGM 98 Members attended.

1970 was a significant year, particularly for the building of the Clubhouse, begun in February and completed in November at a cost of £21,000. It was officially opened on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1970 by the Rt. Hon. Dennis Howell MP. The locked gate was introduced, saving £400 a year for the B.W.W. gatekeeper. From April 1970, all the year round sailing began. Membership reached the limit of 400 (later increased to 550) and there was now a waiting list.

From 1971 to the present day the Clubhouse and grounds have been subjected to a continuous policy of extension and improvement. Externally slipways have been extended and increased in number; every Commodore has made a concrete contribution! An electric winch has been installed at the south end to aid recovery of larger boats. Car and boat parks have been extended and a children's play area provided. Numerous improvements have been made to the Clubhouse to ease maintenance, including double glazing and replacement of the plywood facia. Other main works include the bar and lounge area, new toilets and changing areas, galley modifications, new training room, new front entrance etc.

On the sailing side the Club is now almost equally divided in numbers between those who race and those who cruise or potter. The Club is a popular venue and hosts many Championship and other events. The standard of the sailing is high, with National and World Champions coming from the Topper, Solo, Fireball and Laser Fleets. Training is not overlooked and the Club is recognised as a training establishment by the Royal Yachting Association.