



# **BOUGH BEECH SAILING CLUB**

## **BYELAWS**

The Byelaws below are recorded as at 12 December 2016.

These Byelaws have been prepared by the General Committee (GC) under the authority of Rule 18(a) of the Bough Beech Sailing Club (BBSC – the Club). They have regard to the objective of the Club, Rule 2, the financial policy of the Club, Rule 37, and the covenants the Club has entered into in its lease from the landlord, Sutton and East Surrey Water Plc. (S&ESW).

### **ADMINISTRATION**

A 1. An official membership card may be issued to each member and, if so issued, must be produced on request to an officer of the Club or a representative of the landlord. Members' details will be held in a register (Rule 18(b)).

A 2. For the convenience of members with families, children under 18 are admitted to the Club premises at the risk of their parent(s). Parents shall be responsible for ensuring their children obey the Rules and Byelaws of the Club. Young members under 15 must be supervised by an adult at the Club at all times. Children aged 15 to 17 years inclusive may use the Club unaccompanied, subject to their parent or guardian signing the appropriate section of the membership application or annual renewal form. Children who are not sailing are not allowed past the signs on the slipway or onto the pontoon.

A 3. Members' boats/boards will be admitted to the reservoir and boat park only after receipt by the Club of the appropriate registration fee. Boats/boards shall at all times display the current mark(s) or sticker(s) issued by the Membership Secretary or his nominee. Places in the boat park will be allocated by the Estates Officer on an annual basis and a chart of these allocations displayed in the clubhouse. It is the member's individual responsibility to secure their boats against movement which could damage nearby boats. Where, as far as the GC can determine, a member has not used his boat for sailing at Bough Beech - either in the week or at the weekend - for the previous year, that member would be at the bottom of the list for boat space allocation in the current year.

A 4. The GC will appoint an Officer of the Day (OOD) at weekends, on public holidays and at other appropriate times. The OOD will wear an armband (or similar) for identification and have the delegated authority of the GC to take charge of sailing, to be responsible for the opening and closing of the clubhouse and running all aspects of Club activities in accordance with the Rules and Bye-laws during his/her day of duty. Members and visitors shall obey his/her directions in these respects at all times.

A 5. The Club shall not be held responsible for any damage or loss to any article or property (including in particular, motor vehicles and their contents) deposited or left on the Club premises.

A 6. The Club, through its members, is responsible at all times for maintaining the Club's premises in a state of tenantable repair. Any member wilfully or accidentally destroying or damaging any article or property of the Club or for which the Club is responsible shall on request pay the cost of repairing or replacing the same.

A 7. No member shall remove from the Club premises any article which is the property of the Club or for which the Club is responsible without the prior permission of an officer of the club, being a Flag Officer, Hon Secretary or Hon Treasurer. In the event of such permission being given, the member shall return such article immediately on being requested to do so by a Club officer.

A 8. Members undertake to use the premises so that no nuisance or disturbance is caused to S&ESW, the tenants or the owners and occupiers of neighbouring property.

A 9. Members shall conform with, perform and observe the requirements of the Licensing Authority (as advised from time to time by the GC) in every respect to ensure that the Club's licence or registration certificate is not forfeited, suspended or cancelled.

A 10. Members shall not use the Club premises or facilities for the purpose of furthering their business interests except with the written permission of the Hon. Secretary. Such permission shall be available for inspection by the OOD or an officer of the Club.

## THE RESERVOIR

B 1. Members shall do nothing whereby their actions may cause the reservoir or the water flowing into to be fouled, causing a deleterious effect on the quality of the water. They undertake to keep their boats and launching trolleys clean with this objective in mind.

B 2. In order to minimise the risks of contamination of the water and damage to other craft, road trailers shall not be used for launching dinghies or powered craft. The Sailing Committee may in exceptional circumstances and at its discretion authorise the use of a road trailer for launching provided it is satisfied as to its state of cleanliness, and in the case of a dinghy road trailer, that it is kept in the boat park.

B 3. Members are not permitted to fish from any place on the reservoir at any time. Members must also keep clear of any fish rearing cages at all times.

B 4. Under no circumstances shall a boat be deliberately capsized except for the purposes of training, bona-fide practice or other tests, and then only with the permission of the OOD or the Training Principal.

B 5. No swimming or paddling is permitted in the reservoir except in the event of a capsize or testing, or when launching or beaching boats.

B 6. Except in an emergency, landing is permitted only on or near the slipway in the Club's leased area at the south-eastern corner of the reservoir. No boat shall be moored or anchored on the reservoir save for the purpose of race management or training or to facilitate launching, landing or other safety purposes, except with the permission of the Hon. Secretary in writing.

B 7. No boat/sailboard shall pass to the north of the line marking the north-eastern boundary of the sailing area shown on the plan of the reservoir. This plan is posted in the clubhouse and the area is indicated by a white post on either shore and one or more marker buoys in the reservoir.

B 8. Members must clear away immediately any litter, wreckage or obstruction, r floating, submerged or partially submerged, resulting from their activities.

Any difficulties in fulfilling such obligations shall be reported to the OOD and his/her assistance sought.

## PREMISES

C 1. Since, under the terms of the Club's lease with Sutton and East Surrey Water plc, there are no rights of way or access to the dam wall, the fishermen's car park or the lands contingent with the reservoir beyond the Club premises (nor any for the general public), members shall at all times observe the boundary limits of the Club's leased area and access route.

C 2. While access to the car and boat parks is allowed at all times throughout the year, in the summer sailing season use of the clubhouse is restricted to two hours before and two hours after permitted sailing times, unless prior permission has been obtained from Sutton and East Surrey Water Plc through the Hon. Secretary or a Flag Officer.

C 3. No dogs, pets or other animals shall be allowed on the Club premises, or in vehicles on Club premises.

C 4. Members shall be responsible for keeping the Club premises, including the grassland and woods, boat and car parks, clean and tidy.

C 5. Members shall neither shoot nor cause disturbance to ground game or birds or to their eggs and nests.

C 6. No trees plants bushes or hedges shall be cut down or injured, nor may any digging or soil removal take place on the premises, except with the prior approval of Sutton and East Surrey Water Plc in writing.

C 7. Radios (including car radios), gramophones, tape recorders and other similar instruments shall not be played out-of-doors on Club premises.

C 8. No tent shall be erected, nor may any person sleep overnight on the premises, except on occasions for which the GC has arranged permission. Such occurrences will be recorded by the OOD.

C 9. Cars shall not be parked in the boat park, the clubhouse area, or the slipway area but shall be parked only in the car park. Board sailors may approach in their cars as far as the top of the slipway ONLY for as long as it takes to off-load (or reload) their boards. Permission must be sought from the OOD if members need access beyond the limits of the car park area for any reason whatsoever. The Estates Officer will advise on the parking of road trailers.

C 10. Other than properly registered boats and trailers in the boat park, property shall only be left on the Club premises during the summer months with the permission of the Clubhouse or Estates Officers.

C 11. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the clubhouse building.

## SAILING

D 1. Times of sailing in winter (October to April) will normally be from 0900 hrs until sunset. From May to September, times will be posted by the Sailing Committee on the notice board in the clubhouse. Times of access to the reservoir and the availability of safety boat cover will additionally be indicated to members by the OOD flying the Club burgee from the flagpole in accordance with the instructions posted on the clubhouse notice boards.

D 2. Members should note that access to the reservoir is shared with fishermen, using the banks and their boats, who have different priorities and fishing access times during the year. Members shall ensure therefore, that they sail only at times permitted, and always observe the minimum distance of 50 metres from any fisherman.

D 3. Centre-board monohull sailing dinghies of overall length not exceeding 20 feet (6.1metres) and sailboards may be used on the reservoir. The GC may at its discretion exclude any craft which it regards as being unsuitable to be launched or used on the reservoir. (See Important Safety Notes).

D 4. Powerboats may not be launched or used on the reservoir except for the purposes of safety cover, race management and training, without the prior written authority of the Hon. Secretary, who will have obtained the approval of Sutton and East Surrey Water Plc.

D 5. All boats must be insured for at least £2.0 million against third party risks, and evidence thereof shall be produced to a member of the Sailing Committee on request. Collisions and accidents involving boats or people sailing on the reservoir shall be the sole responsibility of the boat owners or sailors concerned. It is the relevant member's or members' responsibility to report such incidents to the OOD, who will record any incidents in the log for that day. Under no circumstances shall the Club, its Trustees, officers, Committee Members or the OOD be liable for any damage or injury arising from such incidents, nor for any loss or damage caused by safety boats and/or their crews to the boats and gear of members during rescue operations.

D 6. Boats and sailboards not taking part in an organised race must not fly racing flags and must keep clear of those that are racing.

## SAFETY ON AND OFF THE WATER

E 1. Notwithstanding the authorisation of sailing by an OOD, the decision to go afloat as helm or crew in their own or someone else's boat shall at all times be the sole responsibility of the individual member. [RRofS Fundamental Rule 4.] It is for each member to decide whether his or her competence and experience are sufficient for the prevailing weather conditions, and it is for each skipper to be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear, and that they are complying with Club safety requirements. In making such decisions, each member and visitor must also take into account his or her own personal state of health and fitness to go afloat.

E 2. Every member shall give all possible assistance to any person sailing or windsurfing and who is, or appears to be, in distress. [RRofS Fundamental Rule 1.1]

E 3. No racing shall take place without a safety boat on standby duty. A committee boat on station to manage racing shall not count as a safety boat.

E 4. There are no restrictions on members over the age of 18 years sailing or windsurfing, at times other than those set out in Byelaw D 1. Members are reminded however, that safety boat cover is unlikely to be provided other than at Club racing times and additional periods during weekends. Members and others shall take this into account in making any decision to go afloat at other times, which such action shall be entirely at their own risk and responsibility (See Byelaw E 1).

E 5. As is well known, sailing has its inherent risks. At times when no safety boat cover is available, the Club strongly advises that a minimum of two boats should be on the water at all times. In addition, Children under 18 must always be accompanied by a responsible and competent adult on the water and, particularly if the child is under 15, they should have a competent adult in their boat. For children, the two- boat minimum rule is mandatory and the second boat must at all times be in close enough attendance to offer assistance if necessary.

E 6. Young persons (under the age of 18 years) shall not act as coxswain of any Club power boat, except when under training in a course having the approval of the Club's training co-ordinator unless the young person is instructing as a Dingy Instructor on an approved course

E 7. All boats are required to have positive buoyancy appropriate to their class, sufficient to support both craft and crew in accordance with relevant class rules where applicable. Owners and skippers must, on request, satisfy the Sailing Committee (which may subject any boat to a buoyancy test at its discretion) that the Club's requirements for safety have been met.

### **REVISED (2010) BYELAW E8**

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all persons when they are afloat or on or near the pontoon/jetty. This must be appropriate to the size/weight of the individual and the activity in which they are engaged. It is the responsibility of each individual, or in the case of a child their parent/guardian, to ensure this. Guidance on appropriate buoyancy is amended from time to time and is generally available from suppliers, the RYA or Club Officers.

E 9. Wellington boots (including yachting types) shall not be worn when afloat in sailing craft or when on safety boat duty. Suitable footwear shall be worn when ashore on Club premises, except in changing rooms.

E 10. All sailors and safety boat crews from shall wear wetsuits or drysuits when on the water between the 1st November and the 30th April. The OOD has the discretion to relax this rule for the months of November and April only.

### **Important Safety Notes**

#### *Hypothermia*

(A) During cold weather, there is a very real danger of hypothermia when wet. Wind chill can accelerate the onset of the condition. The importance of wearing a wetsuit or drysuit cannot be over-emphasised. If not wearing either, clothing must be changed as soon as possible, especially after an immersion following a capsize.

(B) While waiting for rescue, keep as still as possible. Vigorous activity in cold water dissipates body heat more quickly than it can be generated. If you are in the water and a safety boat is not close at hand, it is important that you get out of the water as soon as possible, even if you only sit on top of the upturned craft. On no account allow yourself to become separated from the craft; stay with it and its buoyancy until assistance arrives.

(C) It is imperative that persons receiving assistance from a safety boat obey the instructions of the coxswain immediately and without question. There will be times (e.g., other persons needing urgent assistance at the same time) when

crews will be ordered to leave their craft temporarily unattended and board the safety boat. The Club policy states that safety of persons has absolute priority over the recovery of property.

*Catamarans*

No catamarans will be admitted to the Club.

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Honorary Secretary, December 2016