

# Rossendale Valley Sailing Club Bye-Laws

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1. The Clubhouse is for the use of club members and their invited guests only.
2. All members are equally responsible for the safety and security of the Club premises. Members must make themselves aware of the locking up procedures and check to see that the premises are secure if they are the last to leave. Where access codes are given out they shall not be passed on to anyone. Do not let anyone into the building if they do not know the access code. Ensure all doors close behind you.
3. The access gate to the car park must be closed after each use.
4. All members are equally responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Club premises. Members should leave the Clubhouse clean and tidy.
5. Members shall comply with all notices erected in and around the clubhouse.
6. No dogs are allowed anywhere on the club site.
7. No smoking is permitted in the clubhouse.
8. All visitors and guests who wish to sail must become temporary members and pay the appropriate fee. Member must sign in their guests. They are then responsible for their conduct and observance of club rules.
9. Before they go on the water temporary members must a. be signed in the guest book by a member b. pay the appropriate fee c. confirm that they are currently insured for third party risks up to £3,000,000.
10. Children under 12 years of age (members or otherwise) must be accompanied by a responsible adult whilst on club premises.
11. In accordance with the Club's H&S Policy, it is the sole responsibility of any sailor to decide whether to sail, recognising the prevailing weather and water conditions and their own experience and competence.
12. Inexperienced sailors must not sail otherwise unless under supervision.
13. Members must be insured, under an appropriate insurance policy, for a minimum of £3,000,000 third party liability.
14. Adequate buoyancy must be worn at all times whilst out on the water, or on the jetty.
15. Members must not undress/change in the car or boat park.

16. All sailors should wear appropriate wet gear e.g. board sailors must wear a wet suit or other garment that gives the same or greater degree of protection when immersed in the water.
17. The layout of the boat park and rigging areas is shown in the clubhouse. Members must observe the boundaries reserved for each.
18. Only members going to and from boats/boards are allowed on the jetty.
19. The slipway must be kept clear at all times. Unattended boats, boards, rigs and trailers must not be left blocking the slipway.
20. Sailors who are racing have priority. Give way if you are not racing.
21. Boats must have a painter (tow-rope) at least 3 metres long made from rope at least 6mm diameter.
22. Members wishing to bring boats over 16ft must apply to the Council.
23. Redundant boats that are on the boat park as storage only will be given notice to remove them. The Bo'sun to contact them verbally followed by the Hon. Sec. giving 3 months notice that the boat must be removed.
24. If a members dingy is not in its berth on the 1st of June they will forfeit that berth, unless good reason is given in writing i.e. boat away for repair or being taken away for use on holiday etc.
25. Applicants for berths will be limited to one per Junior, Adult and Senior Membership and up to two berths per Family Membership. Social Members will not be allowed a berth. Each dinghy will incur a boat park fee. Family memberships wishing to berth more than one boat (maximum two) do so at the Council's discretion.
26. Members shall enjoy themselves to the utmost at all times.
27. The Council reserves the right to move, relocate or re-secure members boats during essential maintenance work or in exceptional circumstances at its sole discretion. *(Owners will be informed asap if a boat has to be moved before they can be contacted)*

DISCLAIMER: YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO BYELAWS 11 & 12. THE CLUB DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY FOR NON- COMPLIANCE, BY MEMBERS, WITH THESE REGULATIONS.

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