

Ely Sailing Club By-Laws

1. Under NO circumstances may any Child/Cadet be near the water without acceptable Buoyancy. Boundary limits are from the gates at the top of the steps and the top of the slipway.
2. Acceptable Buoyancy aids, to conform to RYA standard, MUST be worn correctly by everyone AT ALL TIMES whilst out on the water regardless of the activity they are involved in.
3. It is highly recommended that adults wear personal Buoyancy from the boundary limits.
4. Under no circumstances may club boats be sailed on the lake without a safety boat being present and manned, club boats are not to be used outside the recognised sailing times unless prearranged by the committee.
5. It is highly recommended that private vessels do not sail without appropriate safety cover, any member who chooses to sail without safety cover do so at their own risk.
6. Sailing operations can be cancelled or postponed at the discretion of the OOD and/or Rescue Officer.
7. Motorised power craft are only to be operated by personnel who hold minimum RYA level 2 powerboat, safety killcords are to be worn at all times. Qualified Cadets may operate power craft under the direction of current RYA guidelines.
8. For general day to day operations of Ely Sailing Club, the OOD, Rescue Officer and Assistant are responsible for the enforcement of all rules and by-laws. All members of the club and their guests are to follow all reasonable requests, and/ or instructions of those duty personnel.
9. All parents/guardians are to take full responsibility for the supervision of their Child(ren)/Cadet(s) while on club premises.
10. Only Ely Sailing Club members can hire club boats unless previously agreed by the committee.
11. All club boats and equipment are to be treated with respect and every member has a duty of care while using the equipment. Any incidents must be reported to the OOD immediately. The club reserves the right to seek recompense for any damage caused by improper use.
12. Unless prior permission is given by the sailing committee, no sailing craft above 14ft or below 1000PY may be sailed or raced at Ely Sailing Club.
13. All members are to ensure that their private vessels are serviceable according to their class regulations.
14. Whilst races are in progress, members who are on the water, but not participating, must keep clear of those boats which are racing.
15. Vessels moored to the jetty are to be stowed and secured so as not to damage neighbouring moored vessels.
16. Boats left on the berthing area must be secured so as not to damage neighbouring boats.
17. No boat may be sailed in any circumstances without Third Party insurance for at least three million pounds.
18. Dogs are not allowed on club premises unless the owner can give demonstrable assurance that they will not be a nuisance. They are not allowed in the Clubhouse (Guide Dogs excepted).
19. For the comfort and wellbeing of all members and equipment, no wet clothing or equipment is to be taken onto the carpeted area of the clubhouse.

20. All berth allocation must be coordinated and agreed through the membership secretary prior to bringing the vessel to the club grounds.
21. Having taken on a berth in a usable condition, the maintenance of the berth then becomes the responsibility of the person who has been allocated it. If after a written warning, the berth is still not maintained then the vessel will be treated as an Abandoned Boat.
22. The Club shall at all times, have a lien over members or former members' boats parked at the Club premises in respect of all monies due to the club, whether in respect of arrears of berthing fees or subscriptions or otherwise.
23. If a vessel has not been sailed for the entire membership year without valid reason, then at the club's discretion, the berth holder will not be allowed to renew their berth in the new membership year.
24. Abandoned Boats- If, at any time, any fees payable to the club by any member, or former member, shall be three months in arrears, and a vessel which is the property of a member or former member, remains on the Club premises, the Committee may:
 - (a) Move the vessel to any part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused.
 - (b) Give one months notice, in writing to the member or former member at their last known address as shown in the records of the Club Secretary or the Club Treasurer and there after sell the vessel and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscription, berthing fees or otherwise) from the proceeds of the sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to a member or former member.
 - (c) Alternatively, if the vessel is unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel in any manner the committee may think fit and deem the cost of so doing, and any arrears as aforesaid, to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member.

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member, and that when and if the vessel is sold, the proceeds (if any) of the sale (less any indebtedness by the member or former member to the Club) shall be placed upon Bank Deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether they be the said member or former member or otherwise) for a period of six years.