

New Parks Cruising Association

("Association")

Rules

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3.3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

1 Membership Fees

- 1.1 The Annual Membership Fee as set by the Committee, from time to time, shall be payable on the 1 October each year. Membership will lapse if the Membership Fee remains unpaid.

2 Conduct of Members

- 2.1 The safety of Members and their guests, when involved in Association activities, whether on land or sea, is of paramount importance. Some of the Association's requirements are outlined in the following sections; additional actions may need to be taken by members depending on prevailing circumstances.
- 2.2 Members participating in sailing events organised by the Association are expected to act at all times in a safe and seamanlike manner. They should have regard to the safety guidance issued by competent bodies such as the Royal Yachting Association, RNLI and MCA (RYA - <https://www.rya.org.uk/blog/7-common-senses>), Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI - <https://rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/yacht-sailing-and-motorboating#summary>) and (MCA - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/navigation-safety-leaflets>).
 - 2.2.1 Always wear an appropriate lifejacket / personal flotation device.
 - 2.2.2 Always carry a means of calling and / or signalling for help.
 - 2.2.3 Ensure there is an emergency action plan in place and everybody has an onboard briefing (in particular on the location and use of the safety equipment).
 - 2.2.4 Get the right level of training for your craft and activity.
 - 2.2.5 Always check weather forecasts and tide times.
 - 2.2.6 Make sure someone ashore knows where you are going, your ETA and who to call if you don't return on time.
 - 2.2.7 Always operate your boat in a manner that is appropriate to the weather conditions and proximity of other craft as well as the local environment.

- 2.3 Skippers have special responsibility for the safety of their crew. Skippers must satisfy themselves that they (the skipper) have the appropriate level of skill, experience and capability to skipper. Skippers are responsible for the decision to set sail or withdraw from a sailing activity, taking account of weather conditions and weather forecast, crew competence and characteristics, features of their vessel and any other factors that might adversely affect the safety of crew and vessel.
- 2.4 Members taking part as crew must follow the Skipper's instructions.
- 2.5 No Member shall at any time indulge in any behaviour or take any action which is intended or is likely to endanger the safety of other persons or vessels or to bring the name or the reputation of the Association in to disrepute.
- 2.6 The Committee reserves the right to withdraw Membership without refund, after following fair and transparent due process, in the event that a Member is in breach of 2.4 or 2.5 above.

3 Guests

- 3.1 Members are welcome to invite guests to any sailing rally, social function or event organised by the Association.
- 3.2 The Committee reserves the right to charge the Member a nominal sum for each guest that they bring to any function or event organised by The Association where temporary membership is not required.
- 3.3 Members bringing guests to a meeting should record the guest's name in the Association's Visitor's Book and record the appropriate fee paid.
- 3.4 Member's guests, when attending any sailing rally, function or event organised by the Association, must agree to be bound by the same Rules of Conduct applicable to Members as detailed at 2 above. The inviting Member is responsible for advising guests of the Rules and for their guest's behaviour.

4 Other Rules & Policies

These can be found on the Association's website:

<http://www.sailnpca.org/>

Members are expected to update themselves about these from time to time.