

Dymchurch and District Sea Angling Club rules

Founded 1959

Colours: blue and yellow



CLUB AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- A) To promote the sport of sea angling with rod and reel amongst all members of the community without prejudice
- B) To be affiliated to the Angling Trust which is recognised as the governing body for anglers in England by her Majesty's Government through 'Sport England'
- C) The club to be non-profit making, and thus all surplus income or profits to be re-invested within the club. No surpluses or assets to be distributed to members or third parties.

GENERAL RULES:

1. The club shall be called the 'Dymchurch and District Sea Angling Club' and shall consist of an unlimited number of members.
2. The headquarters of the club shall be the 'Old Mortuary', Seawall, Dymchurch.
3. The business of the club shall be conducted by the elected officers and committee; four committee shall form a quorum. the committee shall be elected annually at the AGM
4. The names of the candidates for election as officers and committee shall be duly proposed, seconded and passed to the secretary in writing not less than seven days in advance of the AGM. In the event of insufficient names being received, vacancies shall be filled at the AGM. The AGM shall be held on the last Tuesday of January every year unless otherwise notified
5. The committee shall meet at least once every calendar month, or as necessary. Should an elected member of the committee be absent from three consecutive meetings without satisfactory explanation, it shall be concluded that the member has resigned, and such a vacancy shall be filled by the committee, if required.
6. The number of attendances of officers and committee at committee meetings shall be available to members on request, prior to the AGM, before selection of officers and committee at the AGM.
7. The treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet which shall be duly audited and made available to all members of the club annually.
8. The annual subscription shall be fixed at the AGM for adult, junior, disabled and members over 65 years of age. There shall be no fixed fee for the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the club. Subscriptions shall be payable on the first day of February each year. Members who have not renewed their membership by the first day of March may be required to re-apply for their membership. Until the subscription is paid, no member shall participate in any benefits of the club.
9. A junior member becomes an adult member on their 16th birthday; adult subscriptions apply at the commencement of the following financial year.
10. All members owning boats must have a minimum of third-party boat insurance. Failure to comply with this rule will void club membership.

11. The financial year shall end on the last day of December each year.

12. All trophies and prizes will be presented annually and should be returned to the appropriate secretary by the first day of December each year. All trophies remain the property of DDSAC and cannot be won outright.

13. Any member whose conduct is objectionable to the interest of the club may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the committee at a special meeting convened for this purpose, be expelled from the club.

14. The committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules. Proposals for the alteration of the rules shall be submitted to the secretary not less than fourteen days in advance of the AGM; or taken from the floor at the AGM.

15. Illegal fishing activities, i.e. selling fish or using club facilities for commercial gain will result in instant eviction from the club. If deemed appropriate, notification will be sent to DEFRA.

16. The secretary/treasurer shall have the power to spend up to £100.00 for emergencies without having to call a committee meeting to seek authorisation for same.

17. If the club should be dissolved any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC (community Amateur Sports Club), a registered charity or the sports governing body.

18. All boats must have the following minimum safety equipment:

A life jacket of buoyancy aid for each crew member

In-date flares

A compass

Anchor and sufficient chain and rope.

VHF radio (a mobile phone will not suffice)

The following are strongly recommended:

First aid kit

Torch

Spare anchor, chain and sufficient rope

Boats are 'sea safety' inspected by an RNLI advisor

NEW MEMBERS

19. Applications for membership of the club must be made in writing to the secretary on an appropriate application form, obtainable from any committee member, club headquarters or downloaded from our club website: www.dymchurch-angling.co.uk

20. Applicants will be required to submit themselves to the committee at the monthly meeting, or as determined by the committee, in support of their application for membership.

21. Membership of the club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Sea Angling as a particular sport. The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the club's members and decided by a majority vote.

22. Membership subscriptions and tractor key costs will be divided into three month periods, to enable new members a more economic initial joining cost. Note, this only applies to new members.

23. All applicants for membership will be advised of the decision of the committee regarding their application. Successful applicants will receive a fixture card, set of club rules, fixtures and a personal membership card.

COMPETITION RULES - GENERAL

24. The committee, on advice from the Match secretary, shall decide the winners of all cups trophies and prizes

25. All weighing-in shall be carried out by the referee or an official of the club if the referee is not available.

26. In the absence of the Match secretary, a member of the committee shall be appointed with full authority to act as referee at each competition. Duties of the Match secretary/ Referee will commence one half hour before the scheduled start of the competition, and include time keeping and officiating of the weighing in.

27. All competitions shall be fished as detailed in the fixture card. In the event of conditions being considered unfavourable, the venue will be changed at the discretion of the referee in order that the competition is fished. The referee shall have the power to abandon a fixture on the basis of unfavourable conditions.

28. Any competition will be deemed void unless the referee and two members are present.

29. No mackerel or scad will be weighed-in unless otherwise decreed acceptable

30. All competitions shall be decided as per match calendar, unless otherwise decreed acceptable.

31. Minimum fish sizes shall be the same as the angling trust regional Listings, with any exceptions being as decided by the Club. Copies of the listing shall be displayed in the Club headquarters.

COMPETITION RULES - BOAT

32. Boats shall leave and return under the direction of the referee. Competitors will ensure that they are booked in for that day's competition at latest one half hour before the published start time. Any angler not intending to return at the conclusion of the competition must inform the referee

33. All boats entering competitions shall have a minimum of two persons on board

34. No juniors will be allowed to enter boat competitions unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

35. All boat anglers are advised to comply with the sea safety code. a copy of which will be available at the club headquarters.

36. Boat competitions can be fished using two rods per angler with a maximum of four hooks per angler. Pirks are banned for competitions.

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37. No more than three whiting, pouting or dogfish will be permitted to be weighed-in per angler at each competition.

38. At the 'finish time' of any given competition, boats must be within 100 metres of the tide water line.

COMPETITION RULES - BEACH

39. For casting competitions, normal fishing gear shall have a line of at least 15lb breaking strain.
40. Any member reporting in for weighing-in more than fifteen minutes after the scheduled end of any match shall be automatically disqualified.
41. All members entering the Members only Christmas Competition may be required to pay a fee, which shall be decided at the AGM.
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CLUB TRACTORS

43. The committee shall draw up separate rules governing the use of Club tractors.
44. All boat owner members or nominated crew will be key holders unless exempted by the committee.
45. Members have unlimited use of Club tractors on payment of an annual fee plus a deposit which shall be decided at the AGM.
46. This option will only available to members who have satisfied the member of the committee responsible for tractor use instruction that they are competent to use a tractor on the beach and road whilst towing; and possess a current valid driving licence, the licence must be valid for towing the weight of the boat
47. The committee shall have the right to refuse an application for such use of tractors, and to terminate at any time the exercising of this option.
48. Keys will only be issued upon receipt of the fees due.
49. Tractor key holding members may only launch other club members who are also paid-up key holders
50. The committee and designated officers of the Club, reserve the right to refuse members access to tractor use.
51. All members launching boats at times other than when a competition is in progress must complete the launch log on the wall of the club headquarters and remove upon safe return.
52. Additionally the tractor user log MUST be duly filled in EVERY time the tractor is used; this is to assist maintenance requirements
53. Only 'tractor key-holder' members are permitted to operate the tractors outside of competition days.
54. When parking boat trailers in the designated area, tractors will not be taken further than the turning bay adjacent to the toilets.; ALL trailers will be hand hauled to the trailer park.

LIFE MEMBERS

The following are life-members of the club in recognition of all the good work they have carried out over the years:

Bob Knowles and Eric Betts

Honourary members:

Nigel Packer, Wendy Packer, Peter Bithell, Steve Savage.

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Read more: <http://dymchurch-angling.proboards.com/thread/363/rules-updated-17th-march-2013#ixzz4eE5VSo3c>