

THE SWAN (RADCOT) CRUISER CLUB CONSTITUTION

- 1. TITLE** The organisation to which the following constitution applies shall be called The Swan (Radcot) Cruiser Club hereafter referred to as the S(R)CC.
- 2. ADDRESS** The recognised address of the S(R)CC shall be that of the Secretary.
- 3. OBJECT AND AIMS** The Object of the S(R)CC is to bring together those people who enjoy boating in the Upper Thames (above Osney). The Aim of the S(R)CC is to give support and assistance to its members, by its members and to assist them to enjoy boating in all its facets.
- 4. MEMBERSHIP** Full membership is open to all who have, or would aspire to have, a boat on the Upper Thames above Kings Lock. Normally, but not exclusively, such membership is by 'boat', up to a maximum of 120 boats. The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership. Existing boat members who retire from boating can remain members with full boating rights. If they return to boating they then go to the top of the waiting list for one of the 120 boat places in the membership for the following year if there was no place available on re-application. Any member deemed to be guilty of bringing the Club into disrepute or indulging in activities detrimental to the good name of the Club may have his/her membership terminated at an E.G.M or A.G.M. Honorary membership is available for a person elected by a majority at an A.G.M. and has no voting rights. This membership may also be terminated at an AGM or EGM. The Club's primary means of communication with Members will be via email and the Club Web Site. Postal communications will only be sent to those Members without email facilities. It is the Members responsibility to keep their contact details up to date.
- 5. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS** Subscriptions shall be reviewed annually. The club must be self supporting. Subscriptions shall be payable annually by the 1st September each year or on enrolment. Subscriptions more than 2 weeks overdue, without good reason, shall render the Membership terminated. If a member then wishes to rejoin he/she must pay the full joining fee or be placed on the waiting list if membership is now full.
- 6. OFFICERS** The Officers of the S(R)CC shall be:-
1. The President: normally an Honorary member serves 3 years
 2. The Commodore
 3. The Vice Commodore
 4. The Secretary
 5. The Treasurer
 6. The Minutes Secretary
- The same person should not hold the position of Treasurer and Secretary. The same person should not hold the position of Commodore and Vice Commodore. A minimum of three officers, who are full members, are necessary to conduct business for the club.
- 7. THE COMMITTEE** The Committee shall consist of the Officers in Para 7 above and up to eight Ordinary Committee members as necessary to conduct the affairs of the club. Ordinary Committee members shall be subject to re-election every year, Club Officers every three. As far as possible to assist continuity the Treasurer and Secretary, Commodore and Vice Commodore, shall not be due for re-election in the same year. The Office of President may be terminated at an AGM. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to properly conduct the business of the club.
- 8. SIGNING POWERS** Cheques may only be drawn against the S(R)CC account when signed by any two of the following officers, Treasurer, Secretary, and either Vice Commodore OR Commodore who are duly registered with the Club Bankers. The Club's financial year will be from 1st September to 31st August. The Club's financial aim is to be self-supporting, and no loans/overdrafts are permitted without being tabled at the AGM.
- 9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** The AGM shall be held annually in September at a venue to be decided by the Committee. A quorum shall consist of not less than ten voting members, including club officers. All members shall receive at least 28 days notice of date of AGM. The Secretary will send copies of the Agenda to all members prior to the AGM. The secretary must receive all items for inclusion in the Agenda, including nominations for the committee, 21 days prior to the AGM. A draft financial statement must be available for members at the AGM, and copies of the audited financial statement must be included with the minutes of the AGM and sent to all members.
- 10. VOTING** Voting at an AGM will be based on one vote per boat. Non-boat owning members, or joint boat owners (maximum TWO) will be entitled to vote providing they are full members in their own right.

11. GENERAL

The details of membership may be kept on computerised data files.

The data therein shall be freely available to the club officers and committee members. An abbreviated list containing names, boat names, and telephone numbers of the club officers will be sent to all members. No Member, Full or Honorary, shall benefit financially by their association with the Club. Knowledge of data related to Members personal details shall not be used for profit or gain or be disclosed outside the club for such purpose.

The monies and chattels of the club shall belong equally to the individual members of the club as represented by membership number. In the event of the Club being dissolved all chattels will be sold and the total monies divided equally between the current members' after all outstanding obligations have been met.

12. GUIDELINES FOR CRANE OUT

The committee will endeavour to assist all current club members who wish to avail themselves of the crane out facility. Only requests submitted by the due date and on the appropriate form sent to all club members will be considered. Verbal requests will be ignored; late applications will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis.

In order to ensure, as far as possible, the safety of everyone on the field at Grafton during Crane out/in a 'Safety Officer' will be allocated to supervise each crane area. Written safety precautions will also be issued prior to crane out/in. The club reserves the right to refuse crane out to anyone who deliberately ignores instructions from the 'Safety Officer' or the written precautions. It is the responsibility of the members to familiarise themselves with the safety advice.

Any activity such as Sanding, Pressure Washing etc which has the potential to contaminate neighbouring boats **MUST BE COMPLETED BY 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF CRANE IN** unless suitable precautions are taken to prevent such contamination occurring.

After the closing date for crane out applications has passed, if a different boat is requested from the one on the original application, there is no guarantee that the new boat can be accepted for crane out

At crane in, if a boat owner or his representative is not in attendance without notice, the boat will be put into the water and tied to the river bank. The club will accept no liability or responsibility for that boat.

After boats are craned back into the water, unless there is permission and agreement from the landowner, all members boats moored on the field or other areas of the land owners property, must be removed within one week, river conditions permitting. Failure to do so will exclude the member from crane out for the following two years.

In the event of there being more applicants than spaces, and after taking into account emergency requests, first consideration will be given to those who have attended a club function excluding the AGM and New Members evening during the previous 12 months unless it was not possible due to extenuating circumstances. The following priorities then apply:

- 1 Applicants who have been full members for the year (1 Sept to 31 Aug) immediately prior to the crane out AND paid their subscription prior to 14th September of that year. . *
- 2 Applicants as in 1 above, but who paid their subscription after 14th September.
- 3 Applicants who become members during the year of crane out.
*In the event of their still being more applicants than places in this category then those club members who were not craned out in the previous year shall have priority.

* In each case where numbers in any category exceed places, and after the above criteria have been met, a draw will take place. No officer or committee member will take precedent by virtue of their position, but the committee reserve the right in exceptional circumstances e.g.urgent underwater repairs, to allow any club member to take priority.

In all cases the committee's decision is final.

To give an example of how this might work in practice:

90 Applications for 60 places - 5 did not attend a single function in previous 12 months - REMOVED

Of the remaining 85 - 10 joined in last 12 months, and one did not pay their subs until December - REMOVED

Of the remaining 74 all who have been members for a full year and attended one function 8 were not craned out the previous year.This then leaves 66 members to be drawn for the 52 (60- 8) places.

Of the 10 members who could not be craned out .one was a committee member, and one was on a summer mooring. Unfortunately this does not give them any form of priority, but we will try and find them all empty moorings if required, or suggest alternative crane out sites

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The S(R)CC nor its committee nor its Officers can be held responsible for any risk or injury to club members or their guests participating or attending any event organised by the Club. Neither can the Club be held responsible for any damage or injury caused by other club members. Please make sure you have adequate insurance. By virtue of your membership of this club you are deemed to accept this condition of membership.

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