

# T.S.S.C. Mini Guide

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to TSSC – whether you are a new, or long established member. We hope you will find this mini-guide helpful in describing the rights and responsibilities of membership, and the facilities and help available to you. A full handbook can be found in the Clubhouse.

We are a small, family sailing club, offering a variety of activities for dinghy and board sailors, including cruising, racing, training, and fun and social events.

The Club has **NO** employees. No-one is paid to be a cleaner, cook, instructor, groundsman, builder, mechanic, etc. – all these jobs are done by **US** – the members.

This may be an old-fashioned idea, but it has worked since the Club was formed in 1973, and we believe that it can continue to succeed in the future, as long as people believe in co-operation and teamwork.

Sailing is **FUN**. Please enjoy your time at TSSC, and please do your bit to ensure that others enjoy their time too.

The Committee.

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## THE CLUB RULES

A copy of the full rules is available for inspection in the clubhouse, or copies may be obtained on request from the Secretary. What follows here are either extracts from the rules, or shortened versions of the things you need, or ought, to know.

## OBJECTS

The objects for which the Club is formed shall be the encouragement and promotion of amateur sailing.

## MEMBERSHIP

All persons of either sex, whether the owners of a yacht or dinghy or not, shall be eligible to be members of the Club.

As a member you will have seen the range of membership types available. The main practical implications are these:

Full, family, affiliated groups and cadet members are required to do duties (see below). Social members may do duties if they wish.

Only full, family and cadet members have a vote at the AGM.

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> March each year. Any member whose fees are unpaid on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year shall be deemed to have resigned.

*Not paid? Don't come! Don't sail!!*

Boat/board owners may pay a boat-parking fee to reserve a parking berth each year. Berths should be recorded on the boat park plan in the clubhouse, currently on the back of the store-cupboard door. Boats should be securely tied down at 3 points.

**All persons** present on the club premises are required to sign in. All craft on the water **must** be identifiable either by class sail number or Club sail number as allocated by the Membership Secretary. Any unidentifiable craft can be asked to leave the water by any member

## GUESTS

Members can invite a maximum of 2 adult guests in any one day, who should be signed in using the visitor's book. The same guest can only visit on four occasions per year, and cannot use their own boat or board.



## **LAUNCHING & LANDING**

Must be only from the designated area in front of the clubhouse. Please do not land elsewhere on the shore except in emergency.

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## **MANAGEMENT**

The AGM is held during February each year, when the officers of the club, + 6 other committee members are elected. There are sometimes vacancies, and willing volunteers are much appreciated. Ideas and positive suggestions are also welcome, although it would help to have them in writing – if sailing or dealing with a difficult sandwich, memories are not always perfect. Club Rules can only be changed at the AGM.

## **LIABILITY**

Members use the club premises and facilities entirely at their own risk.

Children under 18 can only be on club premises if supervised by their parent/guardian, or by an adult member acting in loco parentis. (Further details in full rules)

## **INSURANCE**

All boats/boards should be insured against 3<sup>rd</sup> party claims, and members are required to confirm this in their annual pre-season return to the Sailing Secretary.

This ends the section on the Club Rules, although there are one or two other restrictions and requirements arising from our lease agreement with Yorkshire Water.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **SAILING**

#### **TIMES**

For the first time in the Club's history, in 2002 Yorkshire Water allowed us unrestricted sailing- dawn until dusk, 7 days a week.

**Please** take care to obey the rules, especially with regard to persons fishing, so that this situation will continue!

**Please** also have regard to your own personal safety; check weather forecasts, and be sure that you are confident and capable of sailing in the prevalent conditions.

The committee strongly advises that members should not sail alone.

#### **DUTIES – SUPPORT BOAT**

Members are required to carry out duties as set by the committee, which presently requires you to share in providing rescue boat cover on Sundays, and on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays during the summer. You will have some choice in when you are on duty, and the rota is published in the newsletter and posted in the Clubhouse.

Please turn up, don't let fellow members down!

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### **CLUB BOATS**

Members may use these boats, but please read "Conditions for Use of Club Boats" posted in the Clubhouse, and treat them carefully as if they were your own. Sign equipment out before use, and report any damage.

We have, at present, 3 Optimists & 3 Toppers.

Equipment for these boats, paddles, buoys and other general items are stored in the caravan behind the Clubhouse. The key is in the store cupboard.

PLEASE DO NOT STORE PRIVATE EQUIPMENT IN THE CARAVAN OR ELSEWHERE ON CLUB PREMISES – TAKE IT HOME.

### **TRAINING**

The Club is an RYA Registered Training Establishment, and provides a range of courses for adults and children which can lead to RYA qualifications. Please check details in the sailing programme (newsletter and clubhouse) or contact the Principal.

## **RACING**

Racing takes place on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, and all are welcome to join in. There are special sessions for beginners. Anyone can use the water during racing, but please try to keep clear.

**PLEASE STAY AT LEAST 25 YARDS AWAY FROM ANYONE FISHING.  
PERSONAL BUOYANCY MUST BE WORN WHEN ON THE WATER OR JETTY.**

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## **CLUBHOUSE**

The clubhouse has a lounge/dining area, kitchen, and changing rooms with showers and toilets. All facilities are for the use of all members – but please leave them as you would wish to find them – wash-up, clean-up and mop-up!

Our water supply is metered, so please take care with consumption and report any leaks. Heating is supplied by bottled gas. For safety, please turn off the gas supply to any appliance if you are the last user.

The kitchen contains a gas cooker, kettle, catering boiler and fridge (please don't switch the fridge off!), plus pots, pans, crockery and cutlery. Please take extra care when others are using the kitchen area.

A microwave is currently stored in the ladies' changing room – it can be moved or used in situ. (If male, please knock first!) There is a barbecue outside for balmy summer social evenings.

There is a wheelie-bin for rubbish outside the clubhouse at the eastern end. The "bin men" do not come in to collect this, so if you are around on a Wednesday please put it just outside the access gate. If you find it there, empty, please wheel it back in. Otherwise, please take your rubbish home.

**NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED IN THE CLUBHOUSE.  
WE DO NOT HAVE A TV LICENCE.**

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## **GROUNDS**

Keys for the access gate and clubhouse are available on request from the Membership Secretary on payment of a small deposit.

Car parking is only allowed in the designated area to the left of the access road, and vehicles should not pass beyond the first hedge boundary.

These restrictions are part of our lease agreement, and are to protect the water from pollution – for the same reason,

**NO SWIMMING  
NO BONFIRES**

Children are the responsibility of their parents, or the adult member nominated on membership forms.

Children must be supervised; there are a number of dangers on site, including the water itself, and the quarry in the clubhouse compound.

Dogs are allowed in the grounds on a leash, but not within the clubhouse compound.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Please read your newsletters, and check details of the sailing programme. Articles and ideas will be welcomed by the newsletter editor.

**AND FINALLY - ENJOY YOUR SAILING!**

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