

Ribble Cruising Club Rulebook

2023 Edition



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CLUBHOUSE

Clubhouse open every Friday from 7.30pm
On sailing days at lunchtime
Last Tuesday Talks 8pm on the last Tuesday of
Jan, Feb, Mar, Sep, Oct & Nov

CLUB OFFICIAL POLICY DOCUMENTS

Members should be aware that a number of official club policy documents are stored on the website at www.RibbleCruisingClub.org.uk

The documents include:-
RCC Health and Safety Policy
RCC Safeguarding Policy
RCC Dock. Winch Method Statement (Normal Operations)
RCC Dock. Winch Checklist
RCC Dock. Risk Assessment
RCC GDPR Policy Statement
RCC Disciplinary Procedure
Club Dinghy Sailing Safe Operating Procedures
RCC Clubhouse Fire Management Plan.

Dock Gate Key Fobs

From Dock Committee

Car Park Sticker

£1 from bar

RCC Club merchandise for sale

Sailing caps with logos	£15
Club ties	£8
Car stickers	£1
18" Club burgees	£24
24" Club burgees	£27

All available behind the bar.

Pullovers, sweatshirts and Tee shirts available to order. See main notice board for ordering and contacts.

FIRST AID

A First Aid box and a defibrillator are located at the Clubhouse (inside front door) and at the Dock (Portacabin).



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Club Rules

I Name and Objects

1 The Club shall be called RIBBLE CRUISING CLUB.

2 The object on which the club is formed is to promote and facilitate the sport of yachting and associated water sports and also to provide social and other facilities for members as may be from time to time determined.

II Management of the Club

1 The management of the Club shall be according to the rules and vested in a Committee consisting of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore and the Rear Commodore (hereinafter called the Flag Officers), the Trustees, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Sailing Secretary, the Honorary Social Secretary, the Honorary Membership Secretary, the Honorary Communications Secretary, the Chairpersons of all sub-committees, six members of the Club and the immediate Past Commodore.

2 The property of the Club shall be vested in the names of not more than four nor less than three Trustees; and the Trustees are to be permanent officials who shall respectively hold office until death or resignation and may be removed from office only by a vote of the majority of the Committee at a Special Meeting of the Committee convened for the purpose. The Trustees shall deal with the property of the Club as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Committee out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them in the exercise of their duties or in relation to any property of the Club vested in them, or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club. The liability of the Trustees for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club.

3 Assets of The Club. A record of all receipts and expenditure to be kept in recognised books of Account (including electronic). The Honorary Treasurer is authorised to make Transactions on their sole authority from the Club's 'Current Account', provided always that any payments are made for the bona fide benefit of The Club and that any payment above £1000 to be agreed with either The Commodore or The Honorary Secretary.

4 In the event of the death, resignation or removal of one or more of the Trustees the Committee shall by resolution nominate such persons as shall be approved in writing by the surviving Trustees to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Commodore is hereby nominated as the person to appoint the new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and the Commodore shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925, shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such Deed of Appointment in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or Committee shall be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

5 The Flag Officers, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be elected for one year by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, but shall be eligible for re-election, the nomination and election of such Officers shall be the same as provided in paragraph seven of this rule for the nomination and election of Members of the Committee.

6 Three members of the Committee who shall serve for two years shall be elected annually.

7 The Committee shall have the power to elect and remove from office a President, who shall serve in an honorary capacity for a non - renewable period of no longer than five years.

8 The mode of election of the Committee shall be as follows: - Any two Members of the Club may nominate any Member for the Committee in which case they must send written notice of such nomination signed by their nominee to be received by the Honorary Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting. All nominations when received shall be posted in the Club House with the names of their proposers and seconders. The Committee shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting, each member exercising the right to vote for not less than three candidates and no more. The candidates up to the number of vacancies who shall receive most votes shall be declared elected and in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall draw by lot the name(s) of the successful candidate(s).

9 Five Members shall form a quorum at the meetings of the Committee.

10 The Committee shall have power to add not more than three to their number to serve until the next Annual General Meeting and to fill vacancies among the Officers and Committee. Any Member filling such a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired period of such vacancy.

11 In all matters relating to the Club the authority of the Committee shall be paramount until overborne by a General Meeting except that a Trustee, or if more than one be present, those Trustees present and acting together at any meeting of the Committee may veto any resolution before the Committee at such meeting which involves the expenditure or disposal of Club funds or property to the value of more than £100.

12 The Committee shall have power to appoint such sub-committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient for the management of the Club and may depute or refer to them such powers and duties as the Committee may determine.

13 In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by members of the club, members of the Committee and Sub-Committees are entitled to be indemnified by the members of the club against any liabilities incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the club wherever the contract is of a duly authorized nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorized nature and entered into on behalf of the club.

14 Every member authorized to act on behalf of the Club whether as Race Officer, Boatman, at the Dock, in the House or otherwise, shall in the absence of misconduct be indemnified by the Club against all costs, claims and demands rising out of the performance of those duties.

III Meetings

1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club for passing the accounts, electing Officers, Committee and auditors, revising the Rules and other general business shall be held in the months of November or December each year. Fourteen days notice of the Annual General Meetings specifying the business to be transacted thereat and accompanied by a copy of the accounts made up to September 30th and signed by the auditors, shall be sent to every Member resident in the United Kingdom.

2 Special General Meetings may be called when found necessary by the Committee or on requisition sent to the Honorary Secretary and signed by not fewer than thirty Members. Twenty One days notice of any Special General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every Member resident in the United Kingdom and no business except the business specified shall be transacted at such meeting.

3 The Senior Flag Officer shall take the chair at all meetings of the Club. If a Flag Officer shall not be present a Chairman shall be elected by the meeting.

4 Twenty Members shall form a quorum at any General Meeting.

IV Election of Members

- 1 In this and subsequent sections words importing the singular shall include the plural and words importing the plural shall include the singular. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.
- 2 The election of Members shall be in the hands of the Committee. The name, address and occupation of every candidate for membership must be provided in the form prescribed by the Committee for the purpose and attested by the signatures of the candidate and their proposer and seconder, who must both have been Members of the Club for at least a year and be personally acquainted with the candidate.
- 3 A list of all candidates for membership shall be kept by the Secretary and their names shall be posted in the Club House together with those of their proposers and seconds for a period of not less than fourteen days before the meeting of the Committee at which they come up for election.
- 4 A candidate shall only be elected by a vote of a simple majority of those present at a Committee Meeting voting by ballot.
- 5 The Committee shall have the power to decide those classes of membership that are open at any time.
- 6 Family Membership is open to married persons or partners living at the same address together with the children of either of them (if any) under the age of 18. Each adult shall have one vote at any General Meeting and shall have one share in the property of the Club.
- 7 Ordinary Membership is available to persons over the age of 18 together with their children under the age of 18 years (if any). Each Adult Ordinary Member shall have one vote and one share in the property of the Club.
- 8 Student membership is available to persons over the age of 18 but under the age of 25 who are in full time education or full time training. Each student member shall not vote on any matter relating the Club, nor have any share in the property of the Club and no entry fee shall be payable on joining. Student members shall be authorised to be admitted to the Club and use The Club's facilities as the committee shall from time to time determine.
- 9 Junior membership is open to persons between the ages of 13 and up to the age of 18. The mode of election and nomination shall be as herein before provided except that the written nomination of a Junior Member under 18 must be endorsed by a Parent or Guardian, with permission to sail. A Junior Member shall not vote on any matter relating to the Club nor have any share in the property of the club. No Entry Fee shall be payable on joining. Junior members shall be authorised to be admitted to the Club and use the Club's facilities as the committee shall from time to time determine.
- 10 Persons of 18 years of age or over may be elected as Associate Family or Associate Ordinary Members, by the same procedure and on the same conditions as Family and Ordinary Members except that they shall have no vote at any General Meeting, nor any share in the property of the Club. No Entry Fee shall be payable.
- 11 Associate Members shall be elected by the same procedure and on the same conditions as an Ordinary Member except that they shall have no vote nor any share in the assets of the Club nor hold office nor have any right to use any storage, mooring, or launching facilities provided by or on behalf of the Club for any vessel. Associate Members may not be elected to serve on any Committee.
- 12 Out of Port Membership may be offered to applicants living more than 150 miles distant from the Clubhouse, and shall have no vote nor share in the property of the Club. No entry fee shall be payable.

13 Temporary Membership may be extended to any member of a recognized yacht club, and authorization to use Club premises for normal purposes and its facilities for a maximum period of three months may be given by any Officer of the Club, and shall have no vote nor any share in the property of the Club.

14 Transitional Membership may be extended to applicants for up to 3 months only, to facilitate orderly transfer of vessels berthed on Club premises. Candidates should apply using the prescribed form attested by at least one current member of The Club along with an explanation as to why Transitional Membership should be given. Transitional membership fees will be set by Main Committee. On payment of such fees, and approval of the application by a Flag Officer of the Club, Transitional Members will be authorised to use the Club premises and its facilities for normal purposes. Transitional Members shall have no vote nor any share in the property of the Club.

15 Other than a Temporary Member, candidates for election shall have no privileges whatsoever in relation to the use of the club or premises until 48 hours have elapsed from the date of posting of notice of election.

16 The Committee may elect any person to be an Honorary Member of the Club for life or any such other period as the Committee may deem expedient. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of Membership including a share in the property of the Club without the payment of any fees, provided that the Committee may rescind the election of any Honorary Member, whereupon the proprietary rights of such Member shall become null and void ab initio and all other rights and privileges of membership accorded to him shall cease.

17 Membership of The Club and acceptance of these Rules by The Member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of The Club as defined in The RCC Privacy Policy. The Club will always comply with The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when dealing with Member's personal data. Further details on The GDPR can be found on the website for the Information Commissioner; - <https://ico.org>

V Conduct of Members

1 Every member upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and impliedly undertakes to comply with, the Club Rules and the current Bye Laws and Regulations of the club. Any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the Committee, or such lesser sanction as the Committee may decide. The Committee will act upon the recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee or as varied by the Disciplinary Appeals Committee, both of which shall be constituted by the Disciplinary Procedures which shall be available from the Honorary Secretary and may be altered by the Main Committee from time to time to reflect interpretation of such procedures.

2 Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary and at the same time shall pay all sums owing by him to the Club.

VI Subscriptions and Entrance Fees

1 The Annual Subscriptions and Entrance Fees payable by members shall be determined in accordance with the procedure described in rule (VII) 5 for alteration of the rules.

2 The first subscription of new members shall be ascertained by reference to the circumstances existing at the time of their election. For the purposes of ascertaining the annual subscriptions (except the first subscriptions of new members) in any year, the status of Members shall be determined by reference to the circumstances existing on the first day of January in such year, on which date all subscriptions shall be due.

3 The subscriptions of new Members shall accompany their Application and shall consist of a full year's subscription less a deduction of one twelfth for each completed month of the subscription year preceding the month of application. The Entrance Fee, if applicable, shall also accompany the application form.

4 No entrance fee shall be payable by Junior Members or by a Junior Member who having paid at least two years subscriptions as such without interruption transfers to other membership.

5 If any member shall fail to pay any sum due from them in respect of entrance fee or subscription within one month after such sum has become due each such fee or subscription shall upon the expiration of such period be increased by one fifth and notice shall be sent to them calling their attention thereto and if they does not pay any such sum within fourteen days of the posting of such notice they may forthwith be posted in the Club House as a defaulter and the Committee may at their discretion suspend them from the privileges of membership. If any Member shall fail to pay any sum due from them in respect of entrance fee or subscriptions within two months after such a sum has become due they shall cease to be a Member of the Club provided that if at any time they shall give to the Committee a satisfactory explanation they may upon payment of arrears be re-admitted to membership by the Committee.

6 A Member may not compete for any prize of the Club nor vote on any matter relating to the Club so long as any sum due from they in respect of entrance fee or subscriptions is unpaid.

VII General

1 Members, their guests and visitors are bound by the following Rule which shall also be exhibited in a prominent place within the Club premises:-

Members of the Club, their guests or visitors may use the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept:-

(a) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.

(b) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, any other facilities of the Club, either sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the Officers, Committee or servants of the Club.

2 The Club premises shall not be used for gambling, playing any game of chance or other unlawful games.

3 Every Member shall be bound by and submit to the rules and bye-laws of the Club and the Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and bye-laws.

4 The Committee may from time to time make, alter and repeal bye-laws regulating the use of the Club premises and facilities by Members, the admission of guests to the Club premises, the holding of Regattas, Cruises and Sailing competitions and generally for the good conduct of the affairs of the Club, such bye-laws shall, provided they are not inconsistent with the Rules of the Club for the time being, be binding on all Members and be construed as part of the Rules of the Club until they are rescinded or varied by the Club in General Meeting.

5 The Rules of the Club may be altered by a two-thirds majority of the Members voting at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. Notice of any proposed alteration of the Rules (except as suggested by the Committee) must be given to the Secretary not less than twenty-eight days before such meeting and the Secretary shall in any case with the notice convening such meeting forward a copy of the proposed alteration to Members.

Bye Laws of the House Committee

1 Each club member upon joining the club or renewing their membership is to receive a copy of the annual Club Handbook.

2 The Club House shall be open during such hours and to such extent and on such conditions as may be decided from time to time by the House Committee.

3 Notice of such hours, extent of opening and conditions shall be posted in the Club House. The permitted hours shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act, 2003, and as notified to the Magistrate's Clerk and the Chief Officer of Police, provided that, if an order is made under Section 5 (3 or 4) of said Act, the proviso to subsection 8 shall apply.

Any amendment to this rule which may from time to time be made by the Committee shall forthwith be notified in writing to the Clerk of the Justices.

4 No intoxicants shall be supplied for consumption off the Club premises except personally to a Member who is at the time on the Club premises.

5 A Member may introduce a friend or friends to the Club House as their guest or guests on entering the club their name in the Visitors Book. No guest of the Club House shall be introduced for a longer period than one day nor more than once in a period of three months unless:—

- (a) Such a guest be a candidate for election as a member of the Club and/or
- (b) Such a guest be the son or daughter of a member and under the age of 18 years.
- (c) Such a guest be a bona fide member of a RNLI Crew.

6 Members under the age of 18 may only use the Clubhouse and its facilities when accompanied by a Parent/Guardian, or an adult member accepting supervisory responsibility for them.

7 Any Member may introduce a friend or friends (provided that they be eligible for membership) to the use of the Club House on entering or causing to be entered their names in the Temporary Member's Book. Each Temporary Member's identity shall be established either by the presence of the Member introducing them or by a letter from the introducing member, or by proof of their membership of a recognised Yacht Club. Every Temporary Member so introduced shall be entitled to the use of the Club House as a guest, but shall not be entitled to the privileges of a Temporary Member until the expiration of 48 hours from the entry of their name in the Temporary Member's Book.

Each Temporary Member so introduced shall pay such fees as may be fixed from time to time by the Committee of the Club and after payment of such fees and the expiration of the period of 48 hours aforesaid, they shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club as a Temporary Member for the period appropriate to the fee paid by them.

8 The House Committee shall have the power on special occasions to suspend or vary the rules as to the introduction of Visitors and Temporary Members to the Clubhouse.

9 The Committee of the club shall have the power to disallow the admission of any person as a guest or Temporary Member.

No person shall be eligible to be admitted to the Club House who has been rejected as a member or has ceased to be a member of the Club under Rule v (i).

10 An introducing member shall be answerable for any charges or expenses incurred by their guest or

guests and any Temporary Member or Members introduced by him.

11 No paper notice or placard written or printed shall be put up in the Club House unless it is initialled by a Flag Officer, Secretary or Treasurer.

12 No Member shall take away from the Club House or shall destroy books, newspapers or any article whatever which is the property of the Club. Any loss or damage to Club property shall be made good at the expense of the person or persons causing such loss or damage.

13 The Club will not be responsible for the property of members or visitors.

14 Well behaved dogs on a lead are allowed in the clubhouse except at functions or meals.

Use of the Clubhouse for Private Functions

Availability

The Clubhouse is available for hire for private (not commercial) functions to club members who will be in attendance at the function. The premises are not available for functions for persons under the age of 21 years.

Contact

ribblecruisingclub.social@gmail.com



Bye Laws of the Dock Committee

1 In these Bye Laws the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:-

Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and words importing the plural number only shall include the singular number. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

The Dock means the entirety of the land, buildings, facilities and tidal waters at Lytham Dock, Lytham, in the ownership of the Ribble Cruising Club.

The Committee means the Dock Committee.

Vessels includes yachts, motor boats, sailing dinghies, yacht's tenders and craft of every kind.

Owner means the owner of any vessel entering the Dock.

Berth means a yacht stage and cat walk affording access to the shore and equipped with two permanent mooring points.

2 Subject to the directions of the Committee of the Ribble Cruising Club the authority of the Committee shall be paramount in all matters relating to the management of the Dock (including the approaches and access thereto) and to the berthing, mooring, slipping, storage and movement therein.

3 No vessel shall be berthed, moored, anchored, slipped or left at the Dock except by leave of the Committee and in accordance with their directions.

4 No vehicle, stores, equipment, motorised plant, lifting appliance, articles or things shall be brought into or used at the Dock except by leave of the Committee and in accordance with their directions. Only property belonging to the Club shall be stored in the Dock buildings.

5 Members using the Dock shall keep the same in neat and tidy condition and free from rubbish or effluents of any kind. Tipping of unauthorised material is prohibited. Only dry, non-hazardous waste produced at the Dock may be placed in the wheeled bin. Members must take waste oils, paint, batteries, etc. to a suitable waste collection site.

6 No vessel shall be permitted to lie aground in the bed of the Liggard Brook, Dock Channel, Wrea Brook, or Lytham Creek.

7 No vessel shall be moored within fifty yards of the Dock Bridge under Preston Road and no ropes or warps wires or chains shall be attached to the flood gates or other parts of the Bridge.

8 No vessel shall be moored within 15 yards of the 3'0" Outfall Sewer on the West side of the Dock Channel.

9 No vessel shall be:-

- (a) placed so as to obstruct the fairway or interfere with the access of any other vessel to any berth or
- (b) allowed to drift in the Dock.

10 The Committee shall have the power at risk of the owner of any vessel, to move such vessel or equipment out of the Dock or to such station in the Dock as the Committee shall select and shall not be liable for any damage cost or expenses arising out of such movement.

11 Neither the Club nor the Committee shall be liable to any member of the Club, Owner, Visitor or any other person for any injury whatsoever to persons or property arising due to fire, storm, tempest, theft or any

other cause in or about the Dock or in connection with the use of the same or any berths or moorings therein.

12 The Committee shall have the power to open or close the Dock or any part or parts thereof at such times and to such extent as they shall in their discretion think fit.

13 The use of the Dock and facilities thereby afforded shall be restricted to Members, Associate Members and Temporary Members and Transitional Members of the Ribble Cruising Club.

14 The Committee shall have power to enter into agreement with Members of the Club and take fees for the berthing, mooring, slipping and storage of vessels in the Dock or for any other services and facilities and except where expressly excluded the conditions contained in the Appendix to these Bye Laws shall apply to such agreements. Berthing / storage fees are due on April 1st each year. Applications are sent out in advance of this date. It is the owner's responsibility to inform the Berthing Officer should they not receive an application form by April 1st. Fees received later than April 28th will be subject to a 20% surcharge.

15 All Members shall adhere to safe working practices whilst carrying out any task at the Dock. Masts must only be lifted by using an authorised crane controlled by a competent person unless there is an inbuilt system incorporated for the raising and lowering function. Dry-sanding, scraping or spray painting of boats and the grinding or hot working of metal is only permitted when a full screen to protect people, vessels and vehicles and contain all dust, sparks etc. is provided around the craft and/or cradle. Electricity supply cables must be disconnected when craft are unattended.

16 Only authorised persons are allowed to operate the club winches, tug and tractor. The slipway, lifting frame and any other equipment belonging to the Club shall only be used with the prior consent of the Committee. Property and equipment belonging to the Club must not be removed from the Dock without permission of the committee.

17 No placard, poster, notice or petition shall be posted within the Dock without the prior consent of the Committee.

18 Members must inform the berthing officer or a member of the Dock Committee prior to leaving any craft or equipment on the hard-standing or placing a craft on a berth at the dock.

19 Except with the permission of the Dock Committee all vessels stored on the Dock hard-standing must be on road trailers or wheeled cradles. Members must ensure that their cradle or trailer is adequate in design and construction, properly identified with boat and owner name and is maintained in good condition. The Committee may, at their discretion, refuse to allow the movement, launching or recovery of a vessel if they deem the cradle or trailer to be unsafe.

20 The speed limit on Dock property is 5mph. Vehicles must be driven in a safe and considerate manner at all times.

21 Habitation of vessel on the pontoons or hard-standing is prohibited.

22 In the event of a waiting list for berthing being necessary, position on the list will be determined by a points system based on length of club membership and support to club operations.

23 A club member not taking up the offer of a berth or not actively using their allocated berth for a period of 1 year may have the berthing offer rescinded.

APPENDIX to Dock Byelaws

- 1 The Club may terminate this agreement (point 14 above) by written notice to the owner as follows:-
 - (a) By four weeks notice to expire at any time during the period of the agreement whereupon the appropriate proportion of any payment made by the Owner in advance shall be refunded and;
 - (b) If the Owner shall be in breach of these conditions or of the Bye Laws of the Dock Committee or shall cease to be a Member of the Club by seven day's notice to expire at any time during the period of this agreement in which event no part of any payment made by the Owner in advance shall be refunded.
- 2 The Owner agrees with the Club as follows:-
 - (1) Not to assign or transfer the benefit of this Agreement or grant any sub-licence in respect of it or in any way deal with any right hereby granted.
 - (2) To observe the Bye Laws for the time being of the Dock Committee.
 - (3) Not to damage or allow to be damaged any berth, mooring slip or other equipment or part of the Dock and to indemnify the Club against the full cost of making good any damage which may occur.
 - (4) Not to carry on any trade or business at the Dock.
- 3 In the event of the registered berth holder selling or transferring ownership of the vessel which is located at the dock, the registered berth holder shall remain liable for all dock fees until either:
 - (i) The vessel, trailer, cradle and all associated equipment is removed from the dock or
 - (ii) The new owner has become a member of Ribble Cruising Club and entered into a Berthing Agreement with the Club.
- 4 The Owner shall be answerable for the acts and omissions of any person entering upon the Dock or in charge of the Owners vessel with their authority as if the same were the acts and omissions of the Owner.
- 5 If there shall be more than one Owner the several Owners shall be jointly and severally liable for the performance and observance of these conditions and Bye Laws.
- 6 All notices hereunder to the Owner shall be deemed to have been properly given or served if left addressed to him upon their vessel or posted to the address of the Owner last known to the Club.
- 7 If at any time any mooring fees payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears:
 - (a) The committee shall be entitled to move the boat to any other part of the premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the boat howsoever caused.
 - (b) The committee shall be entitled upon giving one month's notice in writing to the member or former member, at their last known address shown in the register of members, to sell the boat and to deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscriptions or mooring fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
 - (c) Alternatively any boat which in the opinion of the Committee cannot be sold may, upon such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner the Committee may think fit and the expenses recovered from the member or former member. Any arrears as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member.
 - (d) Further the Club shall, at all times, have a lien over members' or former members' boats parked or moored on the Club's premises or Club moorings in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of mooring fees or subscriptions or otherwise'.

Bye Laws of the Sailing Committee

1 Use of the Dinghy Park

- a) Use of the dinghy park is restricted to members of the Club and is only available for the storage of boats in active use. Spaces may not be sublet.
- b) Spaces will be allocated by the member responsible for Dinghy Tanks.
- c) Spaces may only be used after payment of the appropriate fee and any other amounts owing to the Club.
- d) Any boat that is parked in the dinghy compound without permission or for which the fee is three months or more in arrears may be removed from the dinghy compound. If the annual fee is not subsequently paid by the end of the calendar year in which it is due, the Sailing Committee may seek to recover the fee by selling the boat and trailer, having first given written notice to the owner of their intention to do so.
- e) Any boat that is derelict or is clearly not in a fit state to be used will, on the orders of the Sailing Committee, be removed from the dinghy compound and stored in another location (Dock).
- f) Notices may be issued by the Sailing Committee to request that the dinghy park (or part thereof) be vacated on special occasions.

2 Liability

- a) The Club accepts no liability in any way whatsoever for any loss or damage to boats stored on the premises or any third party loss or damage caused by them.
- b) Neither the Club nor any person acting on the authority of the Club shall be liable for any loss or damage to any boat or other equipment that is moved in accordance with or as a consequence of these Bye Laws.
- c) Owners are advised to ensure that they are adequately insured for such risks during the period of storage.

3. Conditions of use

- a) Boats must only be stored in the space allocated and must be secured in such a way as to minimise risk of overturning or movement in high winds.
- b) It is the member's responsibility to keep the space allocated for their boat clean and tidy and clear of sand and rubbish.
- c) Road trailers are permitted in the dinghy compound but must be clearly marked with the owner's name and boat number.

4. Use of wash down areas

- a) Members are entitled to use the wash down hoses, but are requested to ensure that they are left tidy, with the water turned off and the hoses properly stored and secured.

5 Charges

- a) The charges for the use of the dinghy park will be set annually by the Sailing Committee.
- b) Annual fees will be due by April 30th in any year.
- c) A daily charge is levied for the use of club boats for activities other than formal training arranged and supervised by the Training Group and 'Try Sailing' organised and arranged by the Sailing committee. Boat fees will be set annually by the Sailing Committee. Boat fees should be paid to the Race Officer on race days and to a member of the Sailing Committee on any other occasion.

6 Junior Section

- a) Members under 16 years of age may only sail on the estuary in R.C.C. events, or in Club boats, when accompanied by a Parent/Guardian (ashore or afloat), or an adult member accepting supervisory responsibility for them and when, in the case of dinghies, a safety boat is in attendance..
- b) Junior members must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when on the jetty or in a dinghy.
- c) The Club boats are available to Junior members for:-

sailing instruction, practising, sailing in Club events and racing at other events. Junior Members must first obtain specific authorisation to use the Club boats, in all circumstances, from the Sailing Committee.

d) Users of Club boats must stow all movable gear in the Clubhouse after sailing and must report any damage to a Sailing Committee member as well as completing the boat log book.

e) Juniors are encouraged to race Club boats in Club events and in this case the helmsmen will score points in a series rather than the boat.

7 Race Duties

a) It is expected that all sailing members, dinghy or cruiser, will undertake a Race Duty.

Full training will be given.

This is actively encouraged within the Club and can involve either management or safety duties and will provide a wider appreciation of the capabilities of different types of yacht whilst also understanding the racing environment.

b) Race Officer

Detailed instructions are available to each member carrying out Race Officer duties.

Courses should be checked with the Dinghy Captain or Offshore Captain or in their absence with a member of the Sailing Committee.

Results must be displayed on the notice board following racing for later collection by the Sailing Secretary.

c) Safety Boat

Detailed instructions are available to each member carrying out Safety Boat duties. Substitutes must only be drawn from other members on the Safety Boat list.

The Boat must be washed down after use and left safe and secure.

Any problems must be notified to a member of the Sailing Committee.

The Safety Boat Log must be filled in after each use.

d) Average Points (see also General Sailing Regulations, point 14)

Race Officers and Assistants, Safety Boatmen and Assistants, are permitted to claim 'average points' for one day in a race series where they were prevented from competing by undertaking Race Duties. Not more than one day (which may include two races) may be claimed in any one series. Average points will be the average of their points in all other races of the series including retirements and disqualifications, even if these are subsequently discarded.

To qualify, the entrant must ensure that their name is entered on the race results sheet as having performed one of the eligible duties.

The onus rests on the claimant to make sure that the results sheet is complete.

8 Offshore Racing and Cruises

Details of the event will be displayed both in the Club and at the Dock, as far in advance as possible.

Information is obtainable from the Cruiser representative.

Participants are recommended to attend the Clubhouse on Friday evenings for the latest information.

Attention is drawn to the reference to safety equipment in the General Sailing Regulations.

General Sailing Regulations

Definition

The term “yacht” includes dinghies and cruisers. Cruisers include day boats.

1 Responsibility and Insurance

The safety of a yacht and its entire management including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and skipper. The Club will not be liable for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner, their skipper or crew or any vessel as a result of taking part in Club events. Every owner warrants the suitability of their yacht for Club events in which it takes part.

Yachts shall carry insurance protection for Third Party and Passenger Liability of not less than £3m.

2 Entrants

Races are open to yachts belonging to or under the control of a member of Ribble Cruising Club. Open races are also open to members of yacht clubs affiliated to the R.Y.A. or equivalent National Authority, and by invitation to persons who are not members of any yacht club.

3 Void

4 Rules

Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (I.S.A.F. Rules), the prescriptions of the R.Y.A. and the R.C.C. General Sailing Regulations and Sailing Instructions, and in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter

5 Compliance with Dinghy Class Rules

The owners of all dinghies racing in R.C.C. Open and Club events must either: -

- a) hold a valid class certificate incorporating current buoyancy endorsement or
- b) an R.C.C. buoyancy certificate or
- c) if the buoyancy relies on flotation bags, demonstrate that these hold air for the specified period.

An RCC buoyancy certificate can be obtained from the sailing committee upon demonstration that the boat has sufficient buoyancy when swamped to support its occupants for a minimum of 20 minutes.

6 Safety Requirements

6.1 Offshore races

All yachts competing in Club offshore races should comply with the requirements of the Offshore Racing Council Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing (RYA Publication YR9, Racing Yacht Safety).

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner’s representative on board who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.

It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue to race. The minimum Stability and Safety Screening Factors published in ORC Regulations are recommended, and the Sailing Committee may at its discretion refuse entries from yachts with SSS value below the recommended level.

6.2 Cruisers (River races)

All cruisers competing in Club races in the River Ribble shall carry: -

- a) An adequate anchor and at least 20 metres of warp.
- b) An alternative means of propulsion which must be paddle, oars, or engine.
- c) A bailer or bilge pump in addition to any self-acting bailers, except for dinghies having a fully self-draining hull.
- d) A lifejacket or buoyancy aid for each crew member

6.3 Dinghies

Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat in dinghies sailing under the auspices of R.C.C., whether racing or not.

Wetsuits or dry suits shall be worn when racing during the period 1st November to 31st March.

No dinghy race may start until the Safety Boat is afloat and operating.

7 Timing

A time shall be recorded for each yacht each time a lap is completed (see Regulation 24)

Finishing position shall be determined by the average lap time.

Alternate timing systems may be used for specific events, see Regulation 30.

8 Races Declared Null and Void

The Sailing Committee reserve the right to declare null and void any race which they deem warrants such action. A race declared null and void may be re-sailed at a later date of which not less than two weeks' notice will be posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse. It is the responsibility of members who entered the original race to ensure they are available for the re-sail if they wish to participate. Entry fees for races declared null and void may be returned on request.

9 Signing On

Only dinghies which have been signed on before a race shall be eligible to participate. Failure to do so may mean disqualification from the race being sailed. It is only necessary to sign on once for each race day.

Cruisers displaying the appropriate class flag on their backstay from the preparatory signal until finished, retired or abandoned shall be deemed to be entrants for the race with no requirement to sign on.

10 Class Racing

Races will be run as Fast, Slow or Combined Handicap Races, with Class results extracted from the handicap results. Races are subject to a minimum of two starters in a handicap group.

11 Series Points (For average points see later)

In a series of races the points scored by one yacht or dinghy will count towards the series total, rather than the points scored by individual helmsmen in different yachts or dinghies. In the series racing only those points scored where two or more boats start count towards the overall series placings.

12 Points System

In a series of races the following scoring system will apply: -

First Place	1 Point
Second Place	2 Points
Third Place, etc.	3 Points
Retirement	Number of starters
Retirement after rule infringement	Number of starters + 1
Disqualification	Number of starters + 4

Did not start in a series (4 races or less)
where a boat has previously completed
other race or races

Number of starters

Did not start in a series (more than 4 races)
where a boat has previously completed
other race or races

Number of starters + 4

Race Officers and Assistants and Safety Boat helms and crew are permitted to claim average points' for one day in a race series where they were prevented from competing by undertaking Race Duties. Average points may not be claimed for more than 50% of the races in any one series. Average points will be the average of their points in all other races of the series including retirements and disqualifications, even if these are subsequently discarded. To qualify, the entrant must ensure that their name is entered on the race results sheet as having performed one of the eligible duties.

Ties will be broken by taking into account the discarded result(s) and if there is still a tie in accordance with I.S.A.F. rule A8.2. [i.e., If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken.]

13 Race results

The number of races to count in a series shall be: -

1 race sailed	1 to count	7 races sailed	5 to count
2 races sailed	2 to count	8 races sailed	5 to count
3 races sailed	2 to count	9 races sailed	6 to count
4 races sailed	3 to count	10 races sailed	7 to count
5 races sailed	4 to count	11 races sailed	7 to count
6 races sailed	4 to count	12 races sailed	8 to count

Handicap race results will be calculated using the Portsmouth handicap system supplemented by RCC personal handicaps. Where there is insufficient data to determine a RCC personal handicap a neutral (1.00) handicap shall be used.

Overall dinghy handicap champion and cruiser handicap champion for the year will be decided on average finishing position in all races started in, divided by percentage of possible races sailed in.

14 Class Flags and Class Distinguishing Lights

R.C.C. Class flags will be as follows: -

Fast Handicap Cruisers	International Numeral '1'
Slow Handicap Cruisers	International Numeral '2'
Fast Handicap Dinghies	International Numeral '4'
Slow Handicap Dinghies	International Numeral '5'
Osprey Class	Naval Numeral Flag '0'
Mirror Class	International Numeral '6'
Topper Class	International Numeral '3'
Optimist Class	International Code Flag 'O'
Combined handicap dinghies	International Code Flag 'Z'
Combined handicap cruisers	International Code Flag 'X'

Cruisers are required to display and continue to display the appropriate class numeral flag (minimum hoist size 200mm) or a club burgee on the backstay to be recorded as entrants and finishers. Dinghies are required to have 'signed-on' at the race box.

When lights are used for race signals, flashing coloured beacons will indicate which class(es) the white light signals refer to. They do not form part of the starting sequence. The distinguishing colours are: -

Orange Flashing Beacon	Fast Handicap Cruisers (Class 1)
Blue Flashing Beacon	Slow Handicap Cruisers (Class 2)
Green Flashing Beacon	Fast Handicap Dinghies
Red Flashing Beacon	Slow Handicap Dinghies

15 Signals, general

The signals for starting and controlling the race will preferably be made using the light system described in Regulations 16 - 21. However, circumstances may dictate that flag signals in accordance with I.S.A.F. Rules are used as alternative to or in addition to light signals. For example, when it is necessary to make different signals to different classes simultaneously, then the preferred method is to use light signals for the class starting or recalled, and flags to signal a class postponed, shortened, cancelled, or abandoned.

The Light signals are in a triangle on the Clubhouse roof to the west of the flagpole. One light is at each end of the base of the triangle and one at the central apex. The central light may be constant white or flashing white. The class indicator lights are either side of the triangle.

For all signals, the visual signal governs, and sound signals in accordance with I.S.A.F. Rules will draw attention to the visual signal.

16 Starting Signals

The starting light sequence will be: -

Warning Signal (5 minutes) - Three lights on the triangle and one sound signal.

Preparatory Signal (4 minutes) - Two lights at the side of the triangle and one sound signal

End of Preparatory Period (1 minute) - One Light at top of triangle and one sound signal

Starting Signal - All lights on triangle off and one sound signal

The Class indicator light(s) will be illuminated throughout this sequence and generally from up to one minute before the warning signal.

17 Recalls

Recall numbers will not be displayed. When a yacht or dinghy starts prematurely the central light of the triangle will commence to flash and a sound signal will be made as soon as possible after the starting signal. The Class indicator light(s) will remain illuminated.

A premature starter shall return in accordance with I.S.A.F. racing rule 29.1, but the Race Committee will not inform her that she has wholly returned to the right side of the starting line. The I flag (round the ends) rule 30.1 shall not apply. The lights will be extinguished when premature starters have returned to the correct side of the line or after four minutes, whichever is earlier.

18 General Recall

In the event of a general recall both lower lights and the top flashing light will be illuminated, and two sound signals made, as soon as possible after the starting signal. One sound signal will be made when this signal is switched off and the new warning signal (5 minute) will be made one minute later. The Class indicator light(s) will remain illuminated.

19 Shortening Course

The course for any class may be shortened as the leading boat in that class comes around the mark before the finish line at the end of a lap or part of a lap. The triangle of white lights will be illuminated, and two sound signals made. The class indicator light(s) will be illuminated.

20 Postponement

In the case of a postponement the centre and lower right lights will be illuminated, and two sound signals made. At the end of the postponement these lights will be switched off and one sound signal made. The warning signal and starting sequence in accordance with section 18 will start one minute later. The class indicator light(s) will be illuminated during these signals. Postponement may be signalled using flags, followed by start signals using lights.

21 Cancellation or Abandonment

In the event of cancellation or abandonment three sound signals will be made and the following lights illuminated, together with the Class indicator light(s):

Abandonment Centre flashing and lower left lights switched on

Cancellation Centre and lower left lights switched on

In the event of a race having to be abandoned through lack of wind or any other reason, providing that at least one lap has been completed by all boats still racing at the time of the signal, then a result will be determined by reference to the times recorded at the end of the last lap completed by all such competitors.

22 Start and Finish line

(a) Dinghy Start Line, and Cruiser Start or Finish Line: -

An extension of a line through the Club Flagstaff and a yellow pole surmounted by a diagonal cross situated about 50 metres in front of the control box. For dinghies, but not cruisers, the southerly limit of the line will be marked by an outer distance mark. For cruisers the northerly limit of the start line only will be marked by an inner distance mark which shall be the dinghy outer distance mark.

(b) Dinghy Finish Line:

An extended transit of the line between the club flagstaff and the pole on the foreshore surmounted by a yellow diagonal cross and on the clubhouse side of the outer distance mark (ODM)

23 Courses

Courses will be displayed in the Clubhouse and, in the case of courses for cruisers, at the Dock at least 60 minutes before the start.

24 Completion of Lap

At the completion of each lap cruisers shall pass through the finishing line as defined in 22(a) above.

At the completion of each lap dinghies shall pass through the finishing line as defined in 22(b) above.

25 Penalties

For infringement of a Rule of Part 2 of the I.S.A.F. Rules, yachts shall comply with I.S.A.F. rule 44.1 (720 degree turns) for river races and I.S.A.F. rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty and display of flag 'Q' (yellow) to acknowledge infringement) for offshore races.

A cruiser running aground or fouling an obstruction during a race may use her motor for the minimum time necessary to get clear and as alternative to retirement she may exonerate herself by complying with the I.S.A.F. rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty and display flag 'Q' (yellow)).

26 Team Racing

In team racing events, notwithstanding the general provisions of the yacht racing rules, competing yachts or dinghies shall comply with I.S.A.F Rules Appendix D 'Team Racing Rules'.

27 Motoring before Start

A yacht which has not reached the vicinity of the starting line may proceed under power after her preparatory signal until she is in the vicinity of, but has not crossed, the starting line at which time her engine must be stopped, and the yacht made to turn through 360° under sail before crossing the starting line

in the right direction to the first mark.

Having once stopped her engine, a yacht may not restart it after her Preparatory Signal unless complying with Rule 1.1 of the I.S.A.F. Rules (Helping Those in Danger), Helping Those in Danger or motoring clear after grounding or fouling an obstruction shall comply with the penalty given in Regulation 25 above.

28 Form of Declaration

The Sailing Committee may require all or any competitors to sign a Form of Declaration before awarding any prize in any race and notice of this requirement will be intimated to the competitor concerned immediately after the event.

29 Protests

Protests are to be made in accordance with Rule 61 of the I.S.A.F. Rules on the standard R.Y.A. Form and handed to the Race Officer not later than 45 minutes (90 minutes for Cruisers) after the protesting boat crosses the finishing line. A deposit of £5 is required for each protest which will be returned unless the protest is deemed frivolous by the Protest Committee.

Entrants are advised of the need to hail "Protest" and advise the other parties involved.

30 Sailing Instructions

These General Regulations may be modified or amplified by Sailing Instructions for specific events. Whereas sailing instructions may be made available, the onus rests with the entrant to verify the existence of any such instructions which will be posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse at least two weeks before the event.

JUNIOR SECTION

1 Members under the age of 18 may only sail on the estuary in RCC events, or in club boats, when accompanied by a Parent/Guardian (ashore or afloat), or an adult member accepting supervisory responsibility for them and when, in the case of dinghies, a safety boat is in attendance. Parents are strongly advised to apply the same rules to their own children who may wish to sail their own boats independently of the Club.

2 Junior members must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when in a dinghy.

3 The Club boats are available to Junior members for: -

Sailing Instruction

Practising

Sailing in Club events

Racing at other events with the permission of a member of The Sailing Committee or Dinghy Captain
Junior Members must obtain specific authorisation to use the Club boats.

4 Users of Club boats must stow all movable gear in the Clubhouse after sailing and must report any damage to a member of the Sailing Committee as well as completing a boat log book.

5 Juniors are encouraged to race Club boats in Club events and in this case the helmsmen will score points in a series rather than the boat.

CLUB ORGANISED EVENTS ON THE ESTUARY FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

1 A safety boat shall be provided on the water on ALL occasions when club organised dinghy sailing takes place. The Officer of the Day or Race Officer (OOD or RO) shall first ensure that a suitably qualified helm and crew are available to man the safety boat.

2 A RO shall be present in the racebox at ALL times during club dinghy racing.

3 Once it is established that a safety boat can be launched, the Officer of the Day (OOD or RO) shall fly the club burgee from the clubhouse mast. In the absence of the OOD the helm of the safety boat is deemed the OOD.

4 The OOD shall also fly the Red Ensign from the gaff on the main clubhouse mast if it is not already flying.

- 5 If, due to circumstances, a safety boat cannot be provided the OOD shall inform all likely dinghy sailors that there is no safety boat cover and must formally cancel the organised sailing event by posting a notice to that effect on the race results noticeboard.
- 6 Notwithstanding items 1 to 4 above, it is the responsibility of each dinghy helm to ensure that their vessel is not launched for a club organised event until they have confirmed that appropriate safety boat cover is in attendance.
- 7 Members going afloat at other times do so entirely at their own risk.

INFORMATION FOR GUIDANCE OF RACE OFFICERS

- 1 Detailed instructions are available to each member carrying out Race Officer duties, these are provided within the Race Officer's manual located in the race box. Additional guidance is available in the 'Racing Officer' video on the Ribble Cruising Club YouTube channel.
- 2 Courses may be set to suit a particular event or may be selected from a list of predetermined courses taken from the Race Officer's manual. Courses should be checked with the Dinghy Captain or with a member of the Sailing Committee.
- 3 Race results must be displayed on the notice board following racing for later collection by the Sailing Secretary.

INFORMATION FOR GUIDANCE OF SAFETY BOAT CREWS

- 1 Detailed instructions are available to each member carrying out Safety Boat duties.
- 2 Minimum Requirements for Safety Boat Helm: -
 - a) For Practical Sail Training (dinghy) on the River. Refer to current RCC training S&OP.
 - b) For RCC dinghy racing or club organised dinghy activity on the river where juniors are involved. Helm, aged 18 plus, holds current RYA Safety Boat qualification or Advanced Instructor and current DBS clearance, crew is RCC 'competent crew' assessed.
 - c) Dinghy racing or any other club organised dinghy activity on the river where juniors are not involved. Helm, aged 18 plus, holds current RYA Powerboat Level 2 qualification, crew is RCC 'competent crew' assessed or under training for RCC 'competent crew' assessment.The Training Principal or Senior Instructor shall maintain a list of approved helms and crew by the above categories a current copy of which should be posted in the race box and notice board.
- 3 The Safety Boat(s) must be left secure and safe after use. Any problems must be notified to the Chair of the Sailing Committee or Sailing Secretary or Dinghy Captain. The Safety Boat Log must be filled in after each use.

AVERAGE POINTS

- 1 Race Officers, assistant race officers, safety boat helms and safety boat crew are permitted to claim 'average points' for one day in a series where they were prevented from competing by undertaking race duties.
- 2 Not more than one day (which may include two races) may be claimed in any one series. Average points will be the average of their points in all other races of the series including retirements and disqualifications, even if these are subsequently discarded.
- 3 To qualify, the entrant must ensure that their name is entered on the race results sheet as having performed one of the eligible duties.
- 4 The onus rests on the claimant to make sure that the results sheet is complete.

OFFSHORE RACING

- 1 Details of the race will be displayed as far in advance as possible on the clubhouse notice board.
- 2 Participants are recommended to attend the Clubhouse on Friday evenings for the latest information.
- 3 Attention is drawn to the reference to safety equipment in the General Sailing Regulations.

Safety

Emergency

If you are reporting an incident at sea please dial 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard.

Lytham Lifeboat 01253 736316

St Annes Lifeboat 01253 714900

Blackpool Lifeboat 01253 620424

Fleetwood Lifeboat 01253 874000

Southport Lifeboat 01704 501471

Holyhead Coastguard 01407 762051

Liverpool Coastguard 0151 931 3341

Weather & Tide Summary

Ribble Cruising Club

ribblecruisingclub.org.uk/community/weather/

Tides

EasyTide (7 day) easytide.admiralty.co.uk

TideTime (6 month) tidetime.org

Weather Forecasts

BBC Radio 4 FM 92.4-94.6 MHz & LW 198kHz

0048 Shipping Forecast

0052 Weather reports from coastal stations

0052 Inshore waters

0520 Weather reports from coastal stations

0527 Inshore waters

1201 Shipping Forecast LW only

1754 Shipping Forecast LW only weekdays,
FM&LW weekends

Holyhead Coastguard VHF CH63

0130, 0430, 0730, 1030, 1330, 1630, 1930, 2230

Meteorological Office

metoffice.gov.uk

Mayday

Broadcast a MAYDAY call only if a vessel or person is in grave and imminent danger and immediate assistance is required

• Check that your VHF radio is on, high power setting is selected. Select Channel 16

• Press the transmit button and say slowly and clearly: “MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY”

“THIS IS... ”

(say the **name of your vessel** 3 times. Say your **MMSI number & call sign**)

“MAYDAY, THIS IS...”

(say name of vessel)

“MY POSITION IS...”

(latitude and longitude, true bearing and distance from a known point, or general direction)

“I AM...”

(say nature of distress eg SINKING, ON FIRE)

“I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE”

“I HAVE...”

(say number of persons on board PLUS any other useful information – such as sinking, flares fired, abandoning to liferaft)

“OVER”

- Now release transmit button and listen for reply
- Keep listening to Channel 16 for instructions
- If you hear nothing then repeat the distress call

DSC Radio Emergency Procedure

• In an emergency, press the DSC radio’s red button for 15 seconds and then transmit a voice message on Channel 16.

• Prepare for sending/receiving subsequent distress traffic on the distress traffic frequency VHF Ch16

• The nature of distress can be selected from the DSC radio receiver’s menu.

Pan-Pan

If your situation is serious but **no immediate assistance is required**, make a Pan Pan call.

Select VHF Channel 16

Press transmit “**Pan-Pan, Pan-Pan, Pan-Pan.**”

Say “This is (**name of boat** three times, **call sign** once).”

Report your **location**.

Report the **nature of your urgent situation**.

Report the **kind of assistance needed**.

Report the **number of people on board**.

Describe the boat.

Wait for a response. If there is none, repeat the message.

Notes



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