

## **1. Name and Objects**

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be "The Ouse Amateur Sailing Club", hereinafter referred to in these rules as "the Club"
- 1.2 The object for which the Club is formed is to promote, facilitate and support the sport of sailing.
- 1.3 The club may provide social facilities to members and may support other non-powered water sports but these are secondary to the object of the club.
- 1.4 The Club Burgee is as shown on the cover of the rule book and is similar to a White Maltese Cross on a blue background.
- 1.5 Throughout these rules the terms 'He or him' refer equally to 'she or her'

## **2. Officers**

- 2.1 The Officers of the Club shall be Full or nominated Family members of the Club of not less than two years continuous standing immediately prior to election and shall consist of a Commodore, a Vice-Commodore, a Rear-Commodore, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Sailing Secretary. Officers shall be elected each year in the same manner as members of the Committee (Rules 4.3 to 4.6) and shall hold office until the next AGM. All Officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election. The posts of Vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodore may be held by other officers of the Club.

### **2.2 The Honorary Secretary shall:**

- (a) Keep a register of Club members' names and addresses;
- (b) Conduct the correspondence of the Club;
- (c) Keep custody of all Club documents;
- (d) Keep full minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Committee which shall be confirmed and signed by the appropriate Chairman upon the agreement of the Club or the Committee at the next following meeting of the Club or the Committee;
- (e) Administer such insurance policy or policies as may be needed fully to protect the interests of the Club, its Officers and members;
- (f) Maintain contact with the Club's Legal adviser to ensure that the Club's affairs are managed in accordance with current law;
- (g) Maintain any such certificates or registrations, and complete such non-financial returns, as may be required by law.

### **2.3 The Honorary Treasurer shall:-**

- (a) Cause such books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the finances of the Club.
- (b) Cause all returns as may be required by law in relation to such accounts to be rendered at the due time.
- (c) Prepare an Annual Balance Sheet as at 31st December in each year and cause such Balance Sheet and accounts as necessary to be reviewed at least once annually and shall thereafter cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

### **2.4 The reviewer/reviewers shall:-**

- (a) be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year and may be two appropriately experienced/qualified persons or members of the Club other than the Treasurer or Committee members;
- (b) the reviewer/reviewers shall review the accounts and Annual Balance Sheet of the Club when called upon to do so and shall give such certificate of assurance as to the accuracy of the said accounts as shall be required by law or by the Committee.

- (c) If either unwilling or unable to act, inform the committee who shall appoint a substitute to hold office until the termination of the next Annual General Meeting

### **3 Membership**

- 3.1 There shall be the following categories of membership with power to vote at all meetings of the Club as indicated hereunder. The rights and privileges of each category of members are as defined in the latest edition of the byelaws of the Club. Members voting rights commence after 12 months membership and apply only to resolutions affecting Club facilities to which they have full access.
- A FULL MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election, is over the age of eighteen shall have one vote.
- A FAMILY MEMBER - which expression shall include one or two parents (as may be) and all children under eighteen years of age residing at the same address as indicated on the membership application form or subsequently communicated to the Secretary. A FAMILY MEMBER - which expression shall include one or two cohabiting adults and all children within their guardianship under eighteen years of age on 1st January in the current year. A person who was previously a child within that family unit, who is now over 18 but under 25 and in full time education may be offered subscription free Student membership whilst their family retains their club family membership. The family unit shall have one vote, exercised by the nominated member.
- A STUDENT MEMBER – being a person over the age of 18 but under 25 still in full time education, shall have one vote.
- A JUNIOR MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election, is under the age of eighteen shall have no vote.
- AN HONORARY MEMBER - who shall be nominated and elected in the manner described in Rule 4.18 shall have one vote.
- A SOCIAL MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election, is over the age of eighteen shall have no vote.
- AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER - being one of a group or body of persons that the committee wish to grant membership to, shall have one vote per group or body of persons, held by the nominated contact person.
- WINTER MEMBERSHIP – being a person over the age of eighteen, this person has a time limited club membership and may take part in the club races from the start of the Winter Series to the end of the Spring Series. The payment shall also include boat parking for the duration. A Winter Member shall have no vote, cannot stand for any committee position, nor propose or second prospective members.
- 3.2 The rate of Entrance and Subscription fee for each category of membership shall be determined by the Committee. The current rate of Entrance and Subscription fee shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises. When a Full, Social or named Family Member reaches the age of 65 they may apply in writing to the Club Secretary for a reduced rate of annual subscription. The reduced rate for each category of membership is to be determined by the committee.
- 3.3 Members shall also make the following payments:-
- All members (except Winter members) shall pay the Entrance fee (if any) and their first annual subscription upon application to the Club and thereafter on the first day of January in each year. Provided that a member elected after the first day of July in any year shall pay half the annual subscription applicable for that year and that a member elected after the first day of December in any year shall not be required to pay any subscription in respect of the year of election, but shall pay on application the Entrance fee and the annual subscription in respect of the year following election.
- 3.4 Members may change their class of membership by agreement of the Committee on payment of the difference between the Entrance fee for the new and old classes (if applicable) plus the difference between annual subscription already paid for the current year and the subscription rate for the new class.
- 3.5 Every member shall furnish the Honorary Secretary with an up-to-date address which shall be recorded in the Register of Members and any notice sent to such address shall be deemed to have been

duly delivered. If a member also provides an e-mail address, any e-mail sent to such address and not returned shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.

- 3.6 Every candidate for membership (except Honorary Members) shall be proposed and seconded by a Member of the Club, both of whom must be personally acquainted with the candidate and who must vouch that the applicant is a proper person to be admitted to the Club.
- 3.7 An application for membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the Committee.
- 3.8 Upon receipt of an application for membership, the Honorary Secretary shall enter such application in a Register of Candidates and shall cause the application form to be prominently displayed in the Club premises for at least seven days before the meeting of the Committee at which such application for membership shall be considered. The election of all classes of members is vested in the Committee and shall be by a unanimous vote of all members present and voting at the relevant meeting of the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall inform each candidate in writing of the candidate's election or non-election. If requested he shall furnish an elected candidate with a copy of the Rules and Byelaws of the Club.
- 3.9 A member desirous of retiring from membership shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the last day of November and shall not then be liable to pay the subscription for the following year. Upon re-application by a past member the Committee may, at its discretion, excuse the payment of an Entrance Fee.
- 3.10 The Committee may cancel, without notice given, the membership of any member whose annual subscription and other annual fees are more than three months in arrears provided that the Committee may, at its discretion, re-instate such member upon payment of arrears. Any members whose annual payments are more than 3 months in arrears are not entitled to use any club facility, nor vote at any meeting.

### **Conduct of Members**

- 3.11 Every member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and impliedly undertakes to comply with, the Club Rules and the current Byelaws and Regulations of the Club. If in the opinion of the committee the conduct of the member either inside or outside the club is such as to cause injury to the club's reputation, contravenes the Club rules or bye-laws, or is against the interests of the members as a whole they may, as they think fit, warn the member as to their future conduct or suspend that person from membership. Where the member is suspended, the secretary shall send notice of the suspension to the given address of the member and shall give that member the opportunity to provide a written explanation of their conduct or attend before the committee to explain their conduct. If the committee, on hearing any evidence that may be called, and after affording the member a fair and honest hearing, decides that the offence is of a serious nature, they may either suspend that person for a period of not less than 3 months or immediately terminate that person's membership. No person whose membership has been terminated may re-apply for membership for a period of 2 years from the date of his expulsion.
- 3.12 Members shall enter the names of all their guests in the Visitors Book. The same guest may not be introduced more than six times in any year, and a member may not introduce more than three guests at any one time. The partner of a Club member residing at the same address and accompanied by the Club member does not need to be signed in. Guests wishing to sail may be charged a day sailing rate to be set by the Committee.
- 3.13 The committee may at its discretion invite, on behalf of the Club, a guest or a group of guests to join us at our premises, without the need to sign in.
- 3.14 A member of the Committee or Servant of the Club shall have the power to prohibit any activities on the Club premises which in their opinion are unlawful or which would be injurious to the Club.
- 3.15 A member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.

- 3.16 A member shall settle any debts for any refreshment or otherwise before leaving the Club, or in accordance with any byelaw relating to the settlement of such indebtedness.
- 3.17 All suggestions shall be entered in the Suggestion Book and signed by the Member.
- 3.18 Complaints of any nature shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Under no circumstances shall a servant of the Club be personally reprimanded by a member.
- 3.19 No bill, notice, placard or advertisement shall be posted or distributed in or about the Club premises without the permission of the Secretary.
- 3.20 A member of any Club affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association (a list whereof is published by the said Association) and crews of yachts visiting the area may be authorised to use the premises of the Club by any member of the Committee of the Club. Such authorisation shall specify between which dates (not being more than fourteen days apart) the said person may use the premises.
- (a) Shall have no right to enter Club races or regattas unless specifically authorised by the Honorary Sailing Secretary or Committee.
  - (b) Shall have no right to introduce visitors to the Club or the facilities thereof.
  - (c) Shall have no right to take part in the management of the Club.
  - (d) Is deemed to have notice of and impliedly undertakes to comply with the Club Rules, current Byelaws and Regulations as if he or she were a member of the Club and so far as the said Rules, Byelaws and Regulations may be deemed to apply to such person
  - (e) Shall be liable to be expelled from the Club premises or to be prohibited from using the Club facilities if, in the opinion of the Honorary Secretary or any Committee member, he or she shall not have reasonably complied with the above conditions
- 3.21 The owner / owners or crew of the winning boat may receive the trophy at a prize giving determined by the Committee. The trophy may be retained by the Club and a suitable substitution (decided by the Committee) may be given for the prize-winner's permanent retention. The Committee may allow prize-winners to hold trophies away from the Club premises, in which case the winner is to return the trophy to the Club on demand. All trophies shall be insured by the Committee.
- 3.22 Any person who is a competitor or crewmember in any race sponsored by or on behalf of the Club is entitled to the use of the Club premises within a period of 24 hours before and after the race in which they are competing.
- 3.23 The Honorary Secretary, any Committee Member or any other person who has received the authority of two members of the Committee, may expel, temporarily or permanently, any person who has the right to the use of the Club premises only under Rules 3.20
- 3.24 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 or property belonging to the 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, and any other facilities of the Club either sustained by members, their guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the Officers, Committee or servants of the Club.
- 3.25 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 General Data Protection Regulations.
- 3.26 Members should be aware of the Safety Policy contained within the Byelaws of the club and must abide by this safety policy at all times.
- 3.27 Club members are required to have and maintain 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance for at least £3,000,000 on any boat, dinghy, vessel or suchlike that they use or keep at Saddlebow whether it be ashore or afloat. This is to cover any damage caused to 3<sup>rd</sup> party equipment such as other boats, banks, slipways sluice gates etc. The club will not be held liable for any damage caused to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties by club members, their boats or equipment

## **4 Management Committee**

- 4.1 The Management Committee (herein referred to as "the Committee") shall consist of the Officers, ex officio, and up to 3 Full or Family members of the Club-elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the next following Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 No servant of the Club or their immediate family shall be eligible for nomination as an Officer or member of the General Committee
- 4.3 Candidates for election to the Committee (not being Officers of the Club) and candidates for Flag Officers shall be Full or nominated Family members of not less than two years continuous standing immediately prior to election whose nomination to Committee (duly proposed and seconded in writing by Social, Full or nominated Family members of the Club) with their consent shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year.
- 4.4 If the number of candidates for election to the Committee or Flag Officers is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled there shall be a ballot of those members present and eligible to vote at the meeting.
- 4.5 In the event of the ballot failing to determine the members of the Committee or the Flag Officers because of an equality of votes the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot.
- 4.6 If the number of candidates for election to the Committee is not greater than the number of vacancies to be filled then each candidate shall be deemed to be elected if a majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled, vote in favour of such election. If there is only one candidate for a Flag Officer post then that candidate shall be deemed elected if a majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election
- 4.7 The Committee may co-opt a club member to the Committee until the next following Annual General Meeting subject to Rule 4.1.
- 4.8 A retiring Commodore may serve as an ex officio member of the Committee in the year immediately following his or her retirement.
- 4.9 The Committee shall meet at least every two months making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Commodore or in his absence the Vice or Rear Commodore or a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.
- 4.10 Voting shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes the Commodore or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second and casting vote.
- 4.11 Four members personally present shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.
- 4.11a The Committee shall appoint a person to be OASC Welfare Officer at the first committee meeting following the AGM each year. This person reports to the Club Sailing Secretary and is responsible for the periodic review of the Club Welfare Policy and procedures, advising the Club Committee on welfare issues, as well as being the initial point of contact as detailed in the Welfare Policy. The Club Welfare Officer is a member of the committee and may be appointed from the existing committee.

## **Powers of the Committee**

- 4.12 The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and shall cause the funds of the Club to be applied solely to the objects of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by General Meeting.
- 4.13 The Committee shall make such Byelaws and Regulations as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be exhibited in the Club premises for fourteen days before the date of implementation. Such Byelaws and Regulations shall remain in force until approved or set aside by a vote at a General Meeting of the Club.
- 4.14 The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate such of its powers as it may think fit upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed expedient and/or

required by the law. Such sub-committees shall consist of such members of the Committee or of the Club as the Committee may think fit. Officers of the Club may be ex officio members of all such sub-committees.

- 4.15 A member of the Committee, of a sub-committee or any Officer of the Club, in transacting business for the Club, shall disclose to third parties that he is so acting.
- 4.16 The Committee, or any person or sub-committee delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its members, shall enter into contracts only so far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication, by the members. No one shall, without the express authority of the membership in General Meeting, pledge the credit of the membership.
- 4.17 In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by the members of the Club, members of the Committee are entitled to be indemnified by the members against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is or could be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club.  
The limit of an individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the current rate for that category of membership unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club.
- 4.18 The Committee may nominate for election at an Annual General Meeting such Honorary Members as the Committee may think fit.  
The election of all Honorary Members shall be put to the vote at a General Meeting each year and such Honorary Members shall be duly elected if two thirds of those present, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of election.
- 4.19 Any matter not provided for by these Rules or Byelaws shall be referred to the Committee whose decision is final.

## **5 Trustees**

- 5.1 There shall be between two and four Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Committee of the Club from among Full, Family or Honorary Members who are willing to be so appointed. A trustee shall hold office during his lifetime or until he shall resign, by notice in writing given to the Committee, or until a resolution removing him from office shall be passed at a meeting of the Committee by a majority comprising two-thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote.
- 5.2 All the property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as it is necessary and practicable, on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall nominate a new Trustee in his place, and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after such nomination. For the purpose of giving effect to any such nomination, the Honorary Secretary for the time being is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.
- 5.3 The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property of the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Committee, and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property so held for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions (which shall be duly recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee) but no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.
- 5.4 (a) 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 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.

(b) (To be incorporated in every contract, lease, licence or other agreement entered into by the Trustees 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.

## **6 Meetings of the Club**

- 6.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall normally be held each year in the month of April on a date to be fixed by the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting or of any General Meeting as hereinafter mentioned deliver to each member notice thereof.
- 6.2 No business, except the passing of the Accounts and the election of the Officers, Committee, Honorary Members and the Reviewers, and any business that the Committee may order to be inserted in the notice convening the meeting shall be discussed at such meeting unless notice thereof be given in writing by a member entitled to vote to the Honorary Secretary at least forty two days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.3 The Committee may at any time, upon giving twenty one days notice in writing, call a general Meeting of the Club for any special business, the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting, and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice delivered to members
- 6.4 The Committee shall similarly call a General Meeting upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary by at least 33% of the total membership. The discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice sent to members.
- 6.6 At every meeting of the Club the Commodore or, in his absence, a Chairman nominated by the Committee shall preside.
- 6.7 Ten members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Club.
- 6.8 Only members with voting rights as defined in Rule 3.1 shall vote at any meeting of the Club. Other members may attend but are not entitled to vote.
- 6.9 Voting, except upon the election of members of the Committee, shall be by show of hands.
- 6.10 In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote, on any matter other than the election of members of the Committee.
- 6.11 On any resolution properly put to a meeting of the Club relating to the creation, repeal, or amendment of any Rule, Byelaw or Regulation of the Club such Rule, Byelaw or Regulation shall not be created, repealed or amended except by a majority vote of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

## **7 Dissolution of the Club**

- 7.1 If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club, there remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General Meeting at or before the time of the dissolution and if so far as, effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

## **8 Byelaws**

- 8.1 The present rights and privileges of each category of membership shall be as follows:-  
A FULL MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities. Spouses and partners of Full Members may use the club facilities when accompanied by the Full Member or when signed in as a guest of another member  
A FAMILY MEMBER, his/her spouse and all children under the age of eighteen shall have the full his/her co-habitee (if any) and all the children within their guardianship under the age of eighteen

shall have the full use of all the Club facilities. Co-habitees of Family Members may use the club facilities without being accompanied by the named Family Member.

A STUDENT MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities.

A JUNIOR MEMBER Junior members under the age of 16 must be accompanied on site by a parent/guardian or a nominated adult. Junior members aged over 16 may be on site, with their parents/guardians approval, without the parent or guardian being present. It must be clearly noted that the OASC and its officers and members are not assuming responsibility for unaccompanied junior members in anyway

AN HONORARY MEMBER shall have the full use of all the Club facilities. Spouses and partners of Honorary Members may use the club facilities when accompanied by the Honorary Member or when signed in as a guest of another member

A SOCIAL MEMBER shall have the use of the social facilities provided by the Club. Spouses and partners of Social Members may use the club facilities when accompanied by the Social Member or when signed in as a guest of another member

AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER shall have use of Club facilities under the terms determined by the Committee

A WINTER MEMBER shall have full use of all club facilities during the prescribed period.

- 8.2 Persons under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult whilst on club premises.
- 8.3 The Club premises shall be open to members at such times as the Committee shall direct.
- 8.4 A tariff of charges shall be posted in the Club
- 8.5 In addition to the powers given to the Committee under Rule 3.10, and Rule 4.12 hereof if, at any time, any fees payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be three months or more in arrears and a vessel or trailer the property of a member or former member remains upon the Club premises, the Committee may:-
  - (a) Move the vessel or trailer to any part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused.
  - (b) Give one month's notice in writing to the member or former member at his last known address as shown in the Club Register and thereafter sell the vessel or trailer and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, mooring, dinghy park fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
  - (c) Alternatively, if the vessel or trailer is unsaleable, after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel or trailer in any manner the Committee may think fit and deem the cost of doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing 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 or trailers parked or moored on the Club's premises or Club moorings in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of mooring fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:-

Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member and that when and if the vessel or trailer is sold the proceeds of sale (less any indebtedness by the member or former member to the Club) shall be placed upon bank deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he be the said member or former member or otherwise) for a period of six years.

- 8.6 That every member being the owner of a boat is entitled to have such boat entered on the Club Register and to fly the Club Flag. If the boat is let, she is not entitled to the Club privileges or to fly the Club Flag unless the person to whom she is let is a member of the Club.

## **8.7 CLUB SAFETY POLICY.**

**FUNDAMENTAL RULES** The World Sailing fundamental rules include the following:

1. Helping those in danger- A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
2. Decision to race- The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.  
It is OASC policy to abide by these rules. It is an individual's responsibility to ensure that; boats are seaworthy, all gear serviceable and that competitors are properly equipped and have the experience to sail safely in the prevailing and forecast conditions.

**PERSONAL BUOYANCY** Personal buoyancy is compulsory at all times whilst afloat on the water. Wet suits are not considered sufficient.

**ORGANISED SAILING** The overall responsibility for organised sailing lies with the Race Officer (RO). Any safety boat crews will report directly to the RO. If the RO decides that safety cover is inadequate for the prevailing conditions, he may postpone or abandon the event. This is signified by flying Flag N. Manned safety boats may not always be provided

**NON-ORGANISED SAILING** Members using the water at Saddlebow at times other than when organised sailing is taking place are warned that safety cover is NOT provided, and that they use the facilities entirely at their own risk. Sailing at Saddlebow is only to take place during daylight hours.

**JUNIOR MEMBERS** Junior members are not to sail unless there is another boat on the water or a responsible person ashore who is able to render assistance if required.

**SAFETY BOATS AND FACILITIES** The OASC Officers and Committee wish it to be clearly understood that, any safety facility is provided for the convenience of members but, no liability whatsoever will be accepted, by the club or safety boat crews, for any mishap to persons or equipment, however it occurs.