

# **GIRTON SAILING CLUB LTD**

## **BYE LAWS**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

These Bye Laws use the same definitions as the Articles of Association. Additional definitions:

**Club** — Girton Sailing Club Ltd.

**Articles** — the Articles of Association of the Club.

**Directors** — the directors as defined by the Articles.

**Officers** — the Officers listed in Article 6.1.

**Member** — unless stated otherwise, includes Club Members and Associate Members.

Where any Bye Law conflicts with the Articles, **the Articles prevail.**

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## 2. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

2.1 These Bye Laws are made under Article 13.4.2 of the Articles.

2.2 They regulate membership, subscriptions, operational procedures, conduct, use of facilities, and safety.

2.3 Directors may propose changes, to be approved by Members by ordinary resolution.

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## 3. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

### 3.1 Club Members (Voting Members)

Entered in the statutory register under the Companies Act. Only Club Members may vote, count toward quorums, or stand as Directors.

### 3.2 Associate Members (Non-voting)

As defined in Article 1.2. Have no voting rights but may use facilities and join committees.

### 3.3 Categories

The Directors may establish categories including (but not limited to):

- Full Adult
- Family
- Young Adult
- Junior
- Senior
- Student
- Social (Associate)
- Honorary

### **3.4 Honorary Membership**

May be granted by Directors; status as Club Member or Associate Member must be specified.

### **3.5 Reclassification**

Directors may reclassify membership categories as required.

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## **4. SUBSCRIPTIONS & FEES**

4.1 Set annually by Directors under Article 11.3.

4.2 Due on 1 January unless varied.

4.3 Late payment may result in suspension.

4.4 No refunds following resignation or termination (Article 12.5).

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## **5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

5.1 Applicants must submit the Director-approved form and agree to the Articles and Bye Laws.

5.2 Applications are approved by Directors (Article 11.2).

5.3 The Membership Secretary shall inform applicants of decisions.

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## **6. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members may resign by giving **7 days' written notice** (Article 12.1). No refunds.

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## **7. TERMINATION & DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

7.1 Grounds include conduct undermining safety, reputation, property, or the Articles/Bye Laws.

7.2 Procedure (Articles 12.3–12.5):

1. Written notice of concerns.
2. Opportunity for the Member to respond.
3. Directors consider all representations.
4. Directors may issue warnings, suspension, or termination.

7.3 Director decisions are final (subject to statutory rights).

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## **8. DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

8.1 Directors elected at AGM or co-opted (Article 5).

8.2 Officers (Article 6.1):

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore

- Rear Commodore (Sailing)
- Rear Commodore (Bosun)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Training Officer
- Safety Officer
- Bar Manager

8.3 All Officers must be Club Members.

8.4 Committees must include at least one Director (Article 8.2).

8.5 Committees report to Directors and follow Article 8.3.

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## **9. USE OF CLUB FACILITIES**

9.1 Accessible to Members during published hours.

9.2 Members must follow safety rules and authorised instruction.

9.3 Directors may restrict access for safety, events, training, or maintenance.

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## **10. BOATING RULES**

10.1 Members must follow safety rules and directions of the Safety Officer.

10.2 Personal flotation devices must be worn unless expressly exempted.

10.3 Only registered craft may be launched or stored.

10.4 The Club may require removal of dangerous, abandoned, or non-compliant craft.

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## **11. GUESTS**

11.1 Guests must be registered.

11.2 Members are responsible for guests' behaviour.

11.3 Guests may not operate powered craft unless authorised.

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## **12. CLUBHOUSE & PREMISES**

12.1 Respect Club property and facilities.

12.2 Dogs permitted only as signposted.

12.3 Smoking/vaping prohibited indoors.

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### **13. BAR RULES**

- 13.1 Alcohol may only be sold to Members aged 18+.
  - 13.2 The Bar Manager oversees licensing compliance.
  - 13.3 Disorderly behaviour may result in disciplinary action.
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### **14. REGATTAS, RACING & TRAINING**

- 14.1 Conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing unless varied.
  - 14.2 Members must fulfil allocated duties or arrange substitutes.
  - 14.3 Training must be authorised by the Training Officer.
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### **15. DATA & COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15.1 Communications may be made as permitted by Article 16.
  - 15.2 Personal data processed in accordance with UK GDPR.
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### **16. AMENDMENT OF BYE LAWS**

Must be approved by Members via **ordinary resolution** at a general meeting (Article 13.4.2).  
Directors may propose changes.

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### **17. INTERPRETATION**

17.1 In event of conflict:

1. Companies Act 2006 prevails
2. Articles prevail
3. These Bye Laws apply thereafter

17.2 Minor typographical/logical corrections may be made under Article 13.11(f).

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