

THE SWAN RADCOT CRUISER CLUB CONSTITUTION

- 1. TITLE**

The organisation to which the following constitution applies shall be called The Swan Radcot Cruiser Club hereafter referred to as the SRCC.
- 2. ADDRESS**

The recognised address of the SRCC shall be that of the Secretary.
- 3. OBJECT AND AIMS**

The Object of the SRCC is to bring together those people who enjoy boating in the Upper Thames (above Sandford Lock). The Aim of the SRCC is to give support and assistance to its members, by its members and to assist them to enjoy boating in all its facets.
- 4. MEMBERSHIP**

Full membership is open to all who have, or would aspire to have a boat on the Upper Thames above Sandford Lock. Normally, but not exclusively, such membership is by 'boat', up to a maximum of 120 boats.
The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership.
Members boats must comply with all Environment Agency regulations regarding their use on the river Thames.
Existing boat members who retire from boating can remain members with full boating rights.
Any member deemed to be guilty of bringing the Club into disrepute or indulging in activities detrimental to the good name of the Club may have his/her membership terminated at an E.G.M or A.G.M.
Honorary membership is available for a person elected by a majority at an AGM and has no voting rights. This membership may also be terminated at an AGM or EGM.
Associate membership is available, free of charge, for a person/business deemed influential to the ongoing achievement of the Club's aims and objectives.
An Associated Member may be nominated by any existing Full, or Honorary Member.
An Associate Member will be invited to join the club by a minimum of 3* serving Committee Member votes.
An Associate Member will receive all the benefits of club membership, but without any voting rights.
An Associate's membership can be terminated by the Committee* at any time.
Associate Membership will be reviewed and ratified annually by the Club's Committee.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

The Club's primary means of communication with Members will be via email and the Club Web Site.
Postal communications will only be sent, upon request, to those members without email facilities.
It is the Members responsibility to keep their contact details up to date.
- 6. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions shall be reviewed annually. The club must be self-supporting. Subscriptions shall be payable annually by the 1st September each year or on enrolment.
Subscriptions more than 2 weeks overdue, without good reason, shall render the Membership terminated.
If a member then wishes to rejoin he/she must pay the full joining fee or be placed on the waiting list if membership is now full.

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7. OFFICERS

The Officers of the SRCC shall be:-

1. The President: normally an Honorary member serves 3 years
2. The Commodore
3. The Vice Commodore
4. The Secretary
5. The Treasurer
6. Auditor

The same person should not hold the position of Treasurer and Secretary.
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A minimum of two officers, who are full members, are necessary to conduct business for the club.

8. THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of the Officers in section 7 above and up to four Ordinary Committee members as necessary to conduct the affairs of the club.

Ordinary Committee members shall be subject to re-election every year, Club Officers every three.

As far as possible to assist continuity the Treasurer and Secretary, Commodore and Vice Commodore, shall not be due for re-election in the same year.

The Office of President may be terminated at an AGM.

The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to properly conduct the business of the club.

These meetings may be conducted physically, on line or via email and minutes posted in the member's area of the website.

9. SIGNING POWERS

Cheques may only be drawn against the SRCC account when signed by any two of the following officers, Treasurer, Secretary, and either Vice Commodore OR Commodore who are duly registered with the Club Bankers.

The Club's financial year will be from 1st September to 31st August.

The Majority of banking is now done securely online by the Treasure.

Any outgoing payment of £100 or more must first be notified to the Secretary.

The Treasurer will keep records of all transactions and issue a summary of the club accounts to the committee at the end of each month.

These accounts will be audited by a designated person who is a member of the Committee.

The Club's financial aim is to be self-supporting, and no loans/overdrafts are permitted without being tabled at an AGM.

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10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM shall be held annually in September at a venue to be decided by the Committee.

A quorum shall consist of not less than ten voting members, including club officers.

All members shall receive at least 28 days notice of date of AGM.

The Secretary will send copies of the Agenda to all members prior to the AGM.

The secretary must receive all items for inclusion in the Agenda, including nominations for the committee, 21 days prior to the AGM.

A draft financial statement must be available for members to view on the web site prior to the AGM, and copies of the audited financial statement must be included with the minutes of the AGM and posted on the web site.

11. VOTING

Voting at an AGM will be based on one vote per boat.

Non-boat owning members, or joint boat owners (maximum TWO) will be entitled to vote provided they are full members.

12. GENERAL

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

The data therein shall be freely available to the club officers and committee members.

An abbreviated list containing names, boat names, and telephone numbers of the club officers will be available to all members.

No Member, Full or Honorary, shall benefit financially by their association with the Club.

Knowledge of data related to Members personal details shall not be used for profit or gain or be disclosed outside the club for such purpose.

All personal data will be handled in accordance with the club's data protection policy. *A copy of which can be found on the club web site.*

The monies and chattels of the club shall belong equally to the individual members of the club as represented by membership number.

In the event of the Club being dissolved all chattels will be sold and the total monies be donated to charities agreed by the current membership.

13. CRANE OUT

Crane out and in should, under normal circumstances, be self-financing. However, any surplus monies that do arise, after all liabilities have been paid, will be put into the clubs general funds.

Likewise, any shortfall in funds for crane out/in will be made up from general club funds.

The committee will endeavour to accommodate all current club members who wish to use the crane out facility.

Members will be notified by email when the booking form is available on the club web site.

The maximum number of boats lifted for winter storage will be 45. Bookings will be suspended once this number is reached.

Only crane out requests submitted by the due date and on the appropriate form will be considered.

Requests will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Late bookings will be decided on merit if space is available.

In all cases the committee's decision shall be final.

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

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Lift out plans will be drawn up in accordance with the limitations of the cranes lifting weights and radii.

All boats must have third party insurance and the boat owner or his representative must be present at the time of lifting their boat.

At crane in, to comply with local authority planning permission all boats will be lifted back into the water and the field left vacant.

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

After boats are craned back into the water, unless there is permission and agreement from the landowner, all members boats moored on the field or other areas of the land owner's property, must be removed within one week, river conditions permitting.

Failure to do so will exclude the member from crane out for the following two years.

General Crane out rules and Health & Safety rules can be found on the club's web site and shall be deemed as being part of this constitution.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The SRCC nor its committee nor its Officers can be held responsible for any risk or injury to club members or their guests participating or attending any event organised by the Club.

Neither can the Club be held responsible for any damage or injury caused by other club members. Please make sure you have adequate insurance.

By virtue of your membership of this club you are deemed to accept this condition of membership.

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